

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. Please join us in the Social Hall after the service for our Coffee Hour. If you would like to know more about Asbury, drop by our "Connection Corner" in the Social Hall. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for today's service are given in memory  
of David Gerald Eason & Irene Taylor by the Eason family.**

**Flowers were also given in memory of Janice Gantt by her family.**



### **Mission Statement**

Asbury Memorial UMC is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

### **Our Tithes and Offerings**

Weekly Budget Need - \$12,254.63

Given Last Sunday - \$34,911.76

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$612,731.50

Year-to-date Received - \$636,103.36

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Randy Canady, Church Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Chris Kincade, Asst. Youth Director

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Laura Angell, Youth Director

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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
December 23, 2018  
11:15 A.M.**



***A Red Nose  
& an Unexpected Baby***

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

INTROIT *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* Ensemble

ANNOUNCEMENTS Hermey the Elf

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Into our world, as into Mary's womb...

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: Into the forgotten places, as into the stable...

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: Into the lives of the poor, bringing hope;  
Into the lives of the sick, bringing healing;  
Into the lives of the powerful, bringing caution;  
Into the lives of the weary, bringing rest;  
Into the lives of the wise, bringing restlessness;

**All: And into our lives and longings, whatever our need...  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

\*HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 238

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-33

One: For the Word of God in scripture and story,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,

**All: we give thanks.**

ANTHEM *Long-Awaited One* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Claire Marich

Silence & Reflection

Intercessory Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever.**

Choral Amen Asbury Choir

ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE Laura Armitage & Iain Armitage

\*HYMN *Away in a Manger* No. 217

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SERMON **A Red Nose & an Unexpected Baby** Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Marich

\*HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 240

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* Congregation

The congregation is invited to "sign" and to "sing" the following:  
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

\*POSTLUDE Asbury Musicians

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\*Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Monday at 6:30 pm.  
Caroling in the neighborhood will follow.