

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshiping 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 honor of Val and Jim Utsey's wedding anniversary.
by Val & Jim.**



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 - \$8,778.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$551,458.35

Year-to-date Received - \$550,775.43

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

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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
November 18, 2018
11:15 A.M.**



*Thanksgiving Service
on Commitment Sunday*

26th Sunday After Pentecost

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100 No. 821

*HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No. 694

SCRIPTURE I Thessalonians 5:11-18 Lawrence Hyde
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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Cale Hall

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

SHARING Lyn Carden & Ashelyn Carden

LITANY OF COMMITMENT insert

OFFERING OF PLEDGES

In a prayerful spirit, the congregation is invited to bring their 2019

Pledge Cards to the altar area and place them in the basket. Please feel free to spend time in prayer at the altar also if you desire.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God,

we pray for the commitment to grow together, sharing the gifts you give us with others here and in the wider world.

Give us strength and discipline to nurture our relationship with you; to care for every part of your creation; to foster justice and be in solidarity with those in need; to work to end all violence, war, and discord; and to respond joyfully when you call, freely giving our selves as you have shown the way. Amen.

*HYMN *God the Sculptor of the Mountains* insert
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SERMON **Thankful for Commitment** Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *On My Knees* Asbury Choir

*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 Cale Hall

*HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* No. 593

*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 (1st - 5th grades)

Litany of Commitment

One: When vision fails us,
when the way is long and dusty,
we rely on our commitment to God who sustains us.

All: We are committed to the inward and outward journey.

One: Through prayer and outreach,
through peacemaking and activism,
we open our hearts and the world to God.

All: We are called to live out God's word.

One: In this faith community, the body of Christ,
we find love and conflict,
joy and sorrow.

**All: We commit to intimacy and involvement,
even when it is painful.**

One: God has blessed us with as abundance of resources.

All: We will be generous in sharing what we have received.

One: Commitment transforms
promise into reality
timidity into courage,
pain into joy,
and intention into action.

**All: In the promise of transformation,
we bring our selves to God and to this community once again.**

One: Let us pray together:

**All: Eternal God,
I come today to affirm my relationship with this community.
As a member of Asbury Memorial,
I will deepen my relationship in this local expression
of the body of Christ, sharing my gifts from God with
those who worship here and with others in the wider world.
As we approach the season of Advent
and as we approach a new year,
we pray for the people and ministries of this church
and renew our vow to support Asbury with
our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.
We pray that Asbury will continue to be a place where
God's people will be renewed, fulfilled, and challenged.
Amen.**

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

2060 God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1. God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains,
2. God the nui - sance to the Pha - raoh,
3. God the dress - er of the vine - yard,
4. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant,



God the mill - er of the sand,
God the cleav - er of the sea,
God the plant - er of the wheat,
God the calm, de - ter - mined youth,



God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,
God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,
God the reap - er of the har - vest,
God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,



God the pot - ter of the land:
God the bea - con of the free:
God the source of all we eat:
God the re - sur - rect - ed truth:



You are womb of all cre - a - tion,
You are fount of all de - liv - 'rance,
You are host at ev - ery ta - ble,
You are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment,



we are form - less; shape us now.
we are sight - less; lead us now.
we are hun - gry; feed us now.
we are search - ing; meet us now.

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