

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers or greeters. They would be glad to help you. Following the service, please join us in the Social Hall for refreshments and fellowship. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and will leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

The flowers for today's worship service are given by Catherine Gilbert in memory of her father, Jack Gilbert.



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 - \$10,192.31

Given Last Sunday - \$13,316.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$506,605.95

Year-to-date Received - \$478,897.13

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister
Randy Canady, Church Administrator
Laura Angell, Youth Director
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**Asbury Memorial
United Methodist Church
November 27, 2016
11:15 A.M.**



***When Jesus Said,
"One More Thing"***

1st Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

INTROIT *Come, Child of Light* Asbury Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Season of Advent has begun. We are called to prepare ourselves once again for the miracle of Christmas.

All: A voice is calling, prepare the way of the Lord.

One: We are called from different places, from our daily lives, to turn to God. We are called to turn from ways of destruction into ways of peace and justice.

All: A voice is calling, prepare the way of the Lord.

One: We are called to be awake and alert: God is doing something new in our midst. It is Advent—let us prepare to be changed as God comes to us once again in a new way.

All: A voice is calling, prepare the way of the Lord.

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 196

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Sanford & Judy Jones

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5 & John 13:10-17

TITHES & OFFERINGS

We recognize and bless the gifts brought to the table and those given to support the mission of the church through automatic payment.

OFFERTORY 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**

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SERMON **When Jesus Said,
“One More Thing”** Rev. Billy Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

HOLY COMMUNION

All people are welcomed at God’s table. In order to receive Holy Communion, please come forward using the side aisles as the ushers assist you. There will be three stations – the center station will have gluten free bread. If you are unable to come forward, but would like to participate, simply inform an usher. We will be happy to bring the elements to you.

CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE

After receiving the elements, you’re invited to take a strip of cloth. The cloth reminds us of the season of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. You are invited to wear or keep the cloth with you throughout the Advent season. On the 4th Sunday of Advent, we will bring our strips forward to be placed as cloth for the cradle. After receiving your strip of cloth, please feel free to pray at the altar. If you’re unable to come forward, please inform an usher. We would be glad to bring the basket of strips of cloth to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING see insert

*HYMN *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* see insert

*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 (K-3rd & 4th-6th grades)

LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Long ago our tradition says,
Jesus came in the humble birth of a child,
a child of amazing and divine love,
a child of Mary's 'yes' to God,
a child of Joseph's acceptance,
a child of our humanity.

We pledge ourselves to be embodiments of the dream he dreamed.

Long ago our tradition says, Jesus took bread,
gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This bread is broken, as my body will be'.
And he handed it to his friends inviting them to eat:
'Remember all that I have been to you'.

Long ago our tradition says, Jesus poured a cup of wine,
offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends:
'This wine is poured out as my life will be poured out.
As you drink give thanks for all I have given'.

It is through the goodness and effort of others, that
we have this bread and wine to offer...
bread, that was once scattered as grain in a field
and gathered together and baked into a loaf;
wine, that was once grapes grown on a hillside
and gathered together and pressed into juice.
May this gathering of this community of faith
be comforted and challenged during this Advent season.

**May people see in us the courage and the generosity
that characterized Jesus' life. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of abundance and mercy,
we give joyful thanks for your eternal love and healing
presence in our celebration of bread and cup.
Bless this body of Christ
that we may attend faithfully the call to love one another. Amen**

SANCTIFYING AND PERFECTING GRACE

3122 Christ Has Broken Down the Wall



1. Christ has bro - ken down the wall,
2. We're ac - cept - ed as we are,
3. Cast a - side your doubts and fears,
4. We will tear down the walls!



Christ has bro - ken down the wall. Let us join our
we're ac - cept - ed as we are. Through God's love all is
cast a - side your doubts and fears. Peace and love, free-ly
We will tear down ev - ery wall! God has called us,



hearts as one, Christ has bro - ken down the wall.
rec - on - ciled, we're ac - cept - ed as we are.
of - fered here; cast a - side your doubts and fears.
one and all; Christ has bro - ken down the wall!



wall! Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

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