

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

(*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ENTER WORSHIP

PRELUDE Asbury Ringers
INTROIT Come, Share the Lord

ADVENT WREATH MEDITATION: Hope

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

(L): The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

(P): To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

(L): The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

(P): Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation. We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

Light the first Advent candle

(P): We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING THE PEACE LAMP/PRAYER FOR PEACE

*EXTENDING PEACE TO EACH OTHER

(L): May the peace of Christ be with you.

(P): And also with you.

(L): Let us welcome one another in the name of Christ.

The peace of Christ is passed

*HYMN Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus # 196

*OPENING PRAYER Please remain standing

(ALL): Holy God, we enter this sacred space and time with expectation — expectation of your coming, expectation of hearing you speak to us a word for our lives that is new and renewing, expectation of being challenged and changed. We lay aside any expectation of being entertained, of being made comfortable, of being served rather than serving others. Your kingdom is near, and you have entrusted to us, your church, the responsibility of exemplifying the love, forgiveness,

justice, compassion and peace that are signs of it. May we embody your kingdom with faithfulness and joy, we pray. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

MISSION MOMENT

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

GOD SIGHTINGS/JOYS/CONCERNS/THE LORD'S PRAYER # 895

ANTHEM Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LESSON FOR THIS WEEK Jeremiah 33:14-16

MESSAGE The days are surly coming...

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

COMMUNION PREPARATION Time Now to Gather FWS # 2265
Please remain seated

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ALL are welcome at Christ's table.
Tithes, gifts and offerings graciously received
as you come forward

*HYMN God Almighty, We are Waiting Insert
The tune is # 196 - Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*SENDING FORTH

(L): Into the waiting time we go,
(P): open and ready for the days ahead.

(L): Into the listening time we go,
(P): attuned and attentive for voices of hope.

(L): And into the seeing time we go,
(P): alert to the unfolding presence of love. Amen.

CHORAL BENEDICTION Will We Know Him?

POSTLUDE Joy To the World arr. Ritter

RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT, WE DEPART TO SERVE

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TO ALL: We are happy you are here to worship with us today!

WELCOME CENTER: If this is your first time at Asbury, we have a gift for you at our Welcome Center. Please stop by for questions answered or if you would like a copy of our latest newsletter and/or other brochures!

RED PADS: Please take a moment to register your attendance by signing the red pads located on the end of each row. Please pass along to your neighbor.

NURSERY: Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Education Wing. Please ask an usher to show you the way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND TEACHERS

Age 3-K Myrtie Schilling and Nancy Dolloway
Grade 1 to Grade 6 Sarah Lehman
Grade 7 to Grade 12 Lou Dolloway

ASBURY UMC STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Jonda Ratigliano
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Child Care Workers: Ashley Grandjean, Georgianna Claffin, Rose Soluri
Cleaning Services: Frances Goutremout
Congregational Care Ministry: Pamela Quimby; Darlene Welbourn
Faith Community Nurse: Darlene Welbourn
Financial Secretary: Dan Webb
Maintenance: Nicholas Lynch
Music Program Leadership: Catherine Mowers – Music Director
Lynn Morgan; Melanie Rafferty; Michelle Rudd; Lisa Smith
Helen Timmerman; Bina West; Jennifer Whitenack
Treasurer: Barbara Sargent
Pastor: Rev. Penni Farrington

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters:
Franklin Street: Marie Jewson
Parker Street: Rose Durlingam
Sterling Street: Dan Webb and Jaelah
Liturgist: Lenora Forbes
Chapel Service: Rev. Penni Farrington
Fellowship Time:
Acolyte: Hannah Johnson, Olivia Lehman, Anthony Patrick, Madison Smith
Shepherdess: Marie Jewson, Bonnie Peck, Pam Quimby
Shepherd: William Littell
Ushers: John Cerow Bill Hickox Lorraine Irwin
Wayne Morris Dick Persons Orie Phillips
Bill Plemons James Rafferty Dale Scott
Bill Smith Lisa Smith Carol Stoodley
Darlene Town Patrick Town Dan Webb
Kim Welt Larry Welt

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 2, 2018**

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world*



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