

## 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  
in honor of Jim and Dottie Kluttz's anniversary.**



### 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 - \$7,878.00

Year-to-Date Budget Need - \$517,384.80

Year-to-date Received - \$486,775.13

Rev. Billy Hester, Senior Minister  
Randy Canady, Church Administrator  
Laura Angell, Youth Director  
Detective Santana Willis, Security

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music  
Claudette DeLong, Office Manager  
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**Asbury Memorial  
United Methodist Church  
December 4, 2016  
11:15 A.M.**



***Will the Real Edward Hicks  
Please Stand Up?***

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Fahey

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

INTROIT *Come, Child of Light* Asbury Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Blessed be the God who brings us together,  
whose amazing wonders fill the universe.

**All: We are greeted by a voice beyond our hearing,  
welcomed by a presence far greater than we can know.**

One: All creation speaks to us of our Creator,  
who calls us into this community of caring people.

**All: Let us come before God and learn of God's ways of peace.**

\*HYMN *God Almighty, We Are Waiting* see insert

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Choir Members  
Jamie Gifford, Greg Martin, Brittany Shirley, Rachel Veazey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Jan Durham

Silence & Reflection

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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 11:1-10  
David Alley, Ray Ellis, Cheri Hester, Pam Sears

\*HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 211  
Stanza 1 – All; Stanza 2 – Women; Stanza 3 – Men; Stanza 4 – All  
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SERMON **Will the Real Edward Hicks  
Please Stand Up?** Rev. Hester

### 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 *Creation Will Be at Peace* Asbury Choir

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
In the holy mountain of the Lord, creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and the bear will feed,  
Their young will lay together; a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more. A child will lead them all.

\*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

\*HYMN *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431

\*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-3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades)

## 3047 God Almighty, We Are Waiting



1. God Al - might - y, we are wait - ing  
 2. God In - car - nate, we are wait - ing  
 3. God the Spir - it, we are wait - ing



for a Sav - ior day to ap - pear.  
 for the feast day of your birth.  
 for your pres - ence here and now.



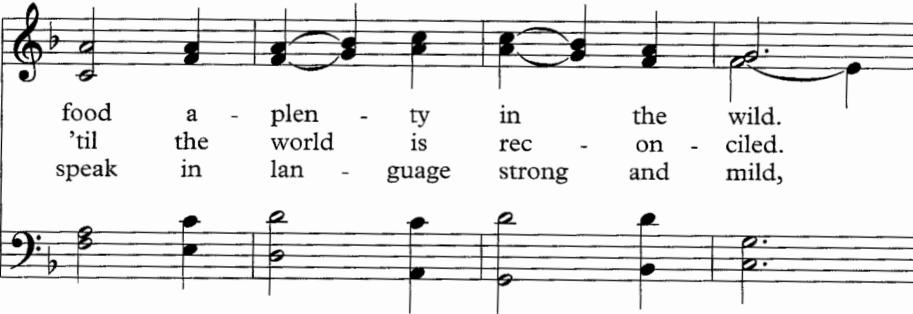
Meet us in our des - ert jour - ney;  
 Look - ing back and look - ing for - ward  
 Hum - bled by our sin - ful weak - ness,



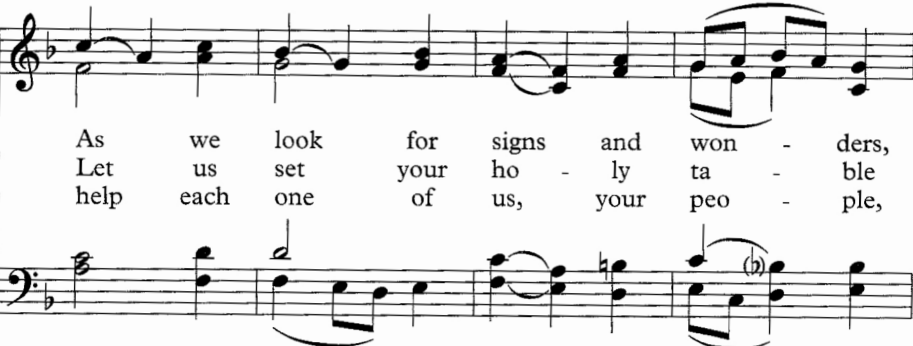
give a sign that you are near:  
 to the Christ's re - turn to earth.  
 at your mer - cy we will bow.



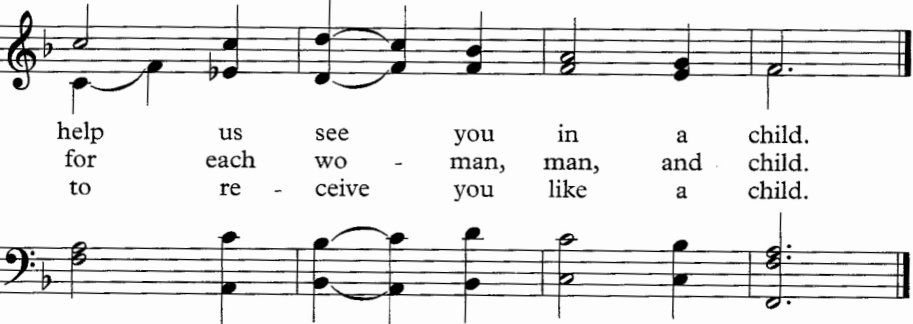
burn - ing bush - es, part - ed wa - ters,  
 Help us to pro - claim the gos - pel,  
 Search our hearts and make us read - y,



food a - plen - ty in the wild.  
 'til the world is rec - on - ciled.  
 speak in lan - guage strong and mild,



As we look for signs and won - ders,  
 Let us set your ho - ly ta - ble  
 help each one of us, your peo - ple,



help us see you in a child.  
 for each wo - man, man, and child.  
 to re - ceive you like a child.