

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 Carolyn Golden
by Sandy Golden and Catherine Gilbert.**



Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial 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 – \$13,170.00

Given Last Sunday – \$16,862.44

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$645,330.00

Year-to-date Received – \$645,454.65

Billy Hester, Senior Minister

Claire Marich, Associate Minister

Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries

Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries

Laura Angell & Chris Kincade, Youth

Ray Ellis, Minister of Music

Randy Canady, Administrator

Claudette DeLong, Office Manager

Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries

Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church
December 15, 2019
11:15 a.m.



**Expect
the
Unexpected**

3rd Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Hodges

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Isaiah 35

One: In the midst of the barren land,

All: flowers burst into bloom.

One: In the midst of the dry desert,

All: streams of water gush forth.

One: In the midst of sorrow and sighing,

All: joy and gladness dance together!

One: We shall see the glory of God!

*HYMN *In the Wonders of Creation* see insert

ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Cory & Temperance West and children: Lila, Collis, & Grayson

CHORAL RESPONSE *Come, Child of Joy* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Richard Allen

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

ANTHEM *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Asbury Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 & Matthew 11:2-6

*HYMN *Like a Child* see insert

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SERMON **Expect the Unexpected** Rev. Billy Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Joy in the Morning* 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 Rev. Allen

*HYMN *The Trees of the Field*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy!

*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.

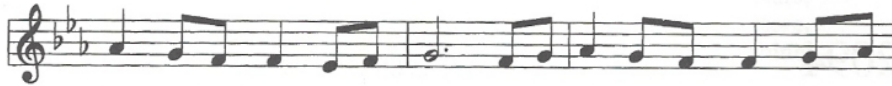
**Children are invited to attend Children's Church (1st - 5th grades)

Like a Child

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1. Like a child love would send to re - veal and to mend, like a
2. Like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dirt - y feet, like a
3. Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a



child and a friend, Je-sus comes. Like a child we may find claim-ing
child on the street, Je-sus comes. Like a child we once knew com-ing
child here to stay, Je-sus comes. Like a child we re - ceive all that



heart, soul, and mind, like a child strong and kind, Je-sus comes.
back in - to view, like a child born a - new, Je-sus comes.
love can con-ceive, like a child we be-lieve, Je-sus comes.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon (Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)

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MUSIC: Daniel Charles Damon

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In the Wonders of Creation

(Tune: *Ode to Joy*)

In the wonders of creation
we can see God's hand at work.
When it looks like things are dying,
nature has a second birth.
Streams of water in a desert...
flowers in a barren land...
life bursts forth in stunning places
and we see God's wonderland!

Mary gladly told her cousin,
"Praise the Lord! My spirit sings!
For an angel came to visit,
God was surely changing things!
God is mighty, just and holy,
and he's done great things for me.
Those who love him know the mercy
that God gives us endlessly."

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!