

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'd like to know more about Asbury, connect with members of the church, or purchase Rev. Hester's books, 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 David Eason and Irene Taylor
by the Eason family.**



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 – \$19,594.50
Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$658,500.00
Year-to-date Received – \$665,049.15

Billy Hester, Senior Minister	Ray Ellis, Minister of Music
Claire Marich, Associate Minister	Randy Canady, Administrator
Candace Jenkins, Connectional Ministries	Claudette DeLong, Office Manager
Ruthie Deffley, Family Ministries	Ashley Stroud, Children Ministries
Laura Angell & Chris Kincade, Youth	Kay Deffley, Organist/Pianist

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Assistive Listening Devices are available in the narthex.

Asbury Memorial Church
December 22, 2019
11:15 a.m.



The Unsung Hero

4th Sunday of Advent

WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE *Joy to the World* Kay Deffley &
Four Hands Piano Duet Warren Heilman

ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy McCloud

CHIMES Preparing hearts and minds for worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Billy Hester

One: Come to us, Emmanuel!
We have seen your light
and we gather here awaiting the day of your coming.

All: Let us open ourselves to the Spirit of life and new birth!
Let us worship God.

*HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* No. 238

ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE Margaret Clay & Carlton Angell

CHORAL RESPONSE *Come, Child of Love* Asbury Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Susan Karlson

Silence & Reflection

Pastoral 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 Matthew 1:18-25

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*HYMN *Away in a Manger* No. 217
Love Came Down at Christmas No. 242

SERMON **The Unsung Hero** Rev. Hester

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The King Shall Come* Asbury Choir
When Morning Dawns Sarah Povie, cello

*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. Karlson

CLOTH FOR THE CRADLE

One: We are invited to come forward with our strip of cloth to
place in the manger, symbolizing our intention to make a
place for the Christ child in our hearts and in our lives.

Let us pray:

All: Here is a place for you, Lord Jesus.
Our hands will make it ready.
May our hearts be ready to love and welcome you, too.
Be born again, not in a manger, but in us.
Make us your Bethlehem, where God is personal
and all things and all people are made new. Amen.

SONG *Grown-Up Christmas List* Cheri Hester

*HYMN *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* No. 240

*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)