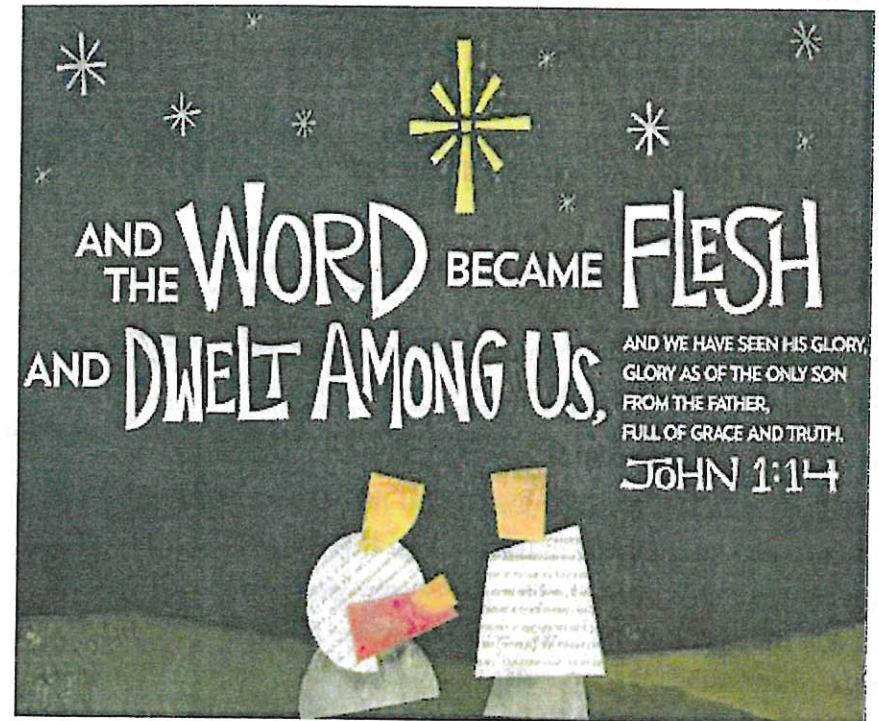


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for the transformation of the world*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Poeme Noel" arr. Richard Warner

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) Today old dreams die and new dreams come to life. The promise is fulfilled!

(P) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

(L) Hope gives way to joy and prayer to proclamation.

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*HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #224

*OPENING PRAYER: O Jesus, Christ and Redeemer, we greet your morning with joy. We lift our spirits with thanksgiving for all your mercies to us that your sharing of our human situation brings. We thank you for Christmas joy. We thank you for this Christian community which has become Bethlehem for us this morning. Even as we greet this morning with joy, we ask you to transform our joy into new lives as we find ourselves and each other in the new life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' TIME

MISSION MOMENT

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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, forever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Greensleeves" arr. Dorothy Wells
Arthur Lukomyansky, Clarinet
Ghilyana Dordzhieva, Organ

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1: 1-14

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "In the Bleak Midwinter" #221

MESSAGE: "Logos: The Word of God"

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen" by Johann Brahms

*DOXOLOGY.: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(All) We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN: "Joy to the World" #246

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Pastorale "From Heaven High to Earth I Come"
by Johann Pachelbel

The altar flowers are sponsored by William and Lisa Smith in honor of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 224

1., 2., 3. Good Christian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and

voice; give ye heed to what we say: News, news!
 voice; now ye hear of end - less bliss: News, news!
 voice; now ye need not fear the grave: News, news!

Je - sus Christ is born to - day! Ox and ass be -
 Je - sus Christ was born for this! He hath o - pened
 Je - sus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and

fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 heav - en's door, and ye are blest for - ev - er - more.
 calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

In the Bleak Midwinter 221

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2. Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign.
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim thron - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 In the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 Lord God Al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 what I can I give him: give my heart.

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns!
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow,
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

Let earth re - ceive her King; let
 Let all their songs em - ploy; while
 nor thorns in - fest the ground; he
 and makes the na - tions prove the

ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 comes to make his bless - ings flow
 glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 far as the curse is found, far
 and won - ders of his love, and

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heaven, and heaven, and na - ture sing.
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 as, far as the curse is found.
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

sing,
 joy,
 found,
 love,

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Luke 2:10

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

Provided by Max Bovee

OUR UNITED METHODIST CONNECTION PRAYER LIST:

Our Bishop, Mark Webb/family, our United Methodist missionaries Dr. Mark & Deirdre Zimmerman (in Nepal), Rev. Michael Weeden (District Superintendent) and Rev. Laura Calos.

KNOWN DEPLOYED TROOPS AND SPOUSES:

Deployed: Jack and Ryan

Asbury places in the bulletin a list of deployed troops that are connected to Asbury, along with the names of their spouses. We will not publish the last name for security and privacy reasons. If we have missed any, please contact the office.

LET US PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Our home bound and nursing home residents: Bill Lennon, Ellie Cerow, Doris Blodget, Marge Brauer, Lynn Brown, Norman/Joyce Kicherer, Jean Luttmann, Stevie Mider; Eleanor Pettit and Anne Walker. Others: Pam Quimby, Constance Benham, Linda Bennett, Jeff Blowers (a friend of Shirley Berry), Ben Cook’s improvement. Rev. Steve Deckard, David Forbes, Joliese Haynes, David Heasley, Julie, Alice Marino, Wayne Mosher, Dick Persons, Sarah Peyton, Jonda Ratigliano, Mike Roach, Michelle Scott, Tom Shannon, Sister Martha, Miyako Tanabe.

YOUR INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE THIS WEEK

There will be no Sunday School on January 3 due to Communion Sunday, Family Worship.

If you have not yet picked up your copy of Max Bovee's 2021 Activity Booklet, they are available at the Welcome Center!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/3: 2:00 P.M. – Sunday School Planning Meeting via Zoom
- 1/5: 6:00 P.M. – Membership and Evangelism Meeting via Zoom
- 1/8: 9:30 A.M. – Asbury Book Club, Contact Joanne Rhode for information
- 1/9: 8:00 A.M. – Men’s Fellowship Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel
- 1/12: 6:30 P.M. – Trustees Meeting via Zoom
- 1/13: 5:15 P.M. – PSPRC Meeting @ Wesley Hall
- 1/19: 3:00 P.M. – Finance Meeting via Zoom
- 1/20: NOON – New Day Board Meeting @ Wesley Hall

WEEKLY INFORMATION:

Attendance last Sunday: 70
 Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased last week: 336
 2020 Year-to-date total: 17,741

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ASBURY’S WEEKLY MINISTRIES

Sundays:

- 8:30 A.M. – *The Wired Word* with Aaron Johnson via Zoom. Contact Aaron, 315-408-5654, for your invitation to Zoom.
- 10:15 A.M. – Morning Service @ Sanctuary

Tuesdays:

- 10:15 A.M. – Staff Meeting @ Wesley Hall

Wednesdays:

- 11:00 A.M. – Prayer Circle @ Parlor. Masks are worn and sweet tea is served. If you have a prayer concern or would like to pray for others, please come.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND TEACHERS

Age 3-K class: Teacher - Katie Jeurissen and rotating helpers

Grade 1-6 class: Teacher - Sarah Lehman and Susan Hirst

ASBURY UMC STAFF

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| Administrative Assistant | Faith Kirch |
| Asst. to the Pastor/Disciple Development: | Max Bovee |
| Broadcast Ministry: | Bob Kurtz |
| Child Care Workers: | Ashlee Weldon |
| Cleaning Services: | Frances Goutremout |
| Congregational Care Ministry: | Pamela Quimby; Darlene Welbourn |
| Faith Community Nurse: | Darlene Welbourn |
| Financial Secretary: | Dan Webb |
| Maintenance: | Gerald Holder |
| Music Program Leadership: | Catherine Mowers - Music Director |
| | Ghilyana Dordzhieva; Lynn Morgan; Melanie Rafferty; |
| | Michelle Rudd; Lisa Smith; Helen Timerman; Bina West; |
| | Jennifer Whitenack |
| Treasurer: | Deb VanHouten |

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Greeters:

Sterling Street: Carol Stoodley, Darlene Town, Adrianna and Amanda Weldon, Sue Snell, Melanie Rafferty, and Erica Pettit

Liturgist: Orie Phillips

Organist: Ghilyana Dordzhieva

Acolytes: Hannah Johnson, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony Patrick, Abigail Patrick, Michael Rudd, Ruzena Rudd, Madyson Smith

Shepherdess: Marie Jewson, Bonnie Peck, Pam Quimby

Shepherd: William Littell

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| 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 | Leon VanWie |
| Dan Webb | Adrianna Weldon | Amanda Weldon |
| Kim Welt | Larry Welt | |