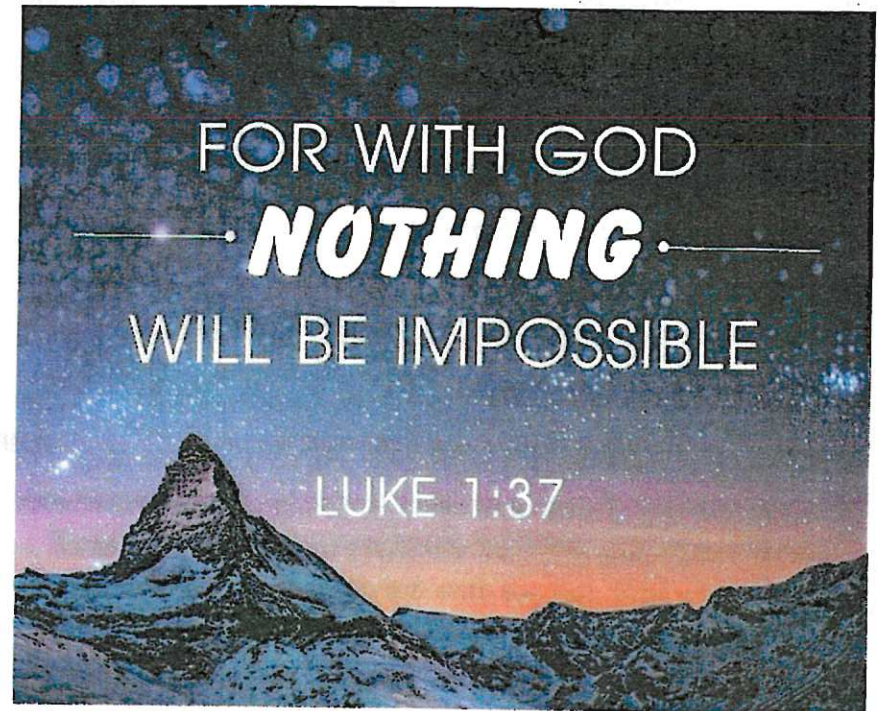


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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Please stand as you are able)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

PRELUDE: "Now Come, Savior of the Heathen" by J.S. Bach

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

(L) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

(P)The light shines even in the places where shadows touch our lives.

(L)Rejoice, then, you people, for Christ's presence lives among us,

(P)And brings light to our world.

*HYMN: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #196

*OPENING PRAYER: O God, you never sleep but always watch with infinite care over your children. Keep us from growing weary of waiting for your love, lest we miss the glory of your appearing. O Christ, bright morning star, awaken us to live today as children of the light. Even so, come quickly, to our lives and our world. 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: "Songs of Christmas" Asbury Bells
arr. Valerie Stephenson

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1: 26-38

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Tell Out, My Soul" #200

MESSAGE: "Fear Not!" – Mary

HOLY COMMUNION

OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Adagio Molto" by Alexandre Guilmant

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

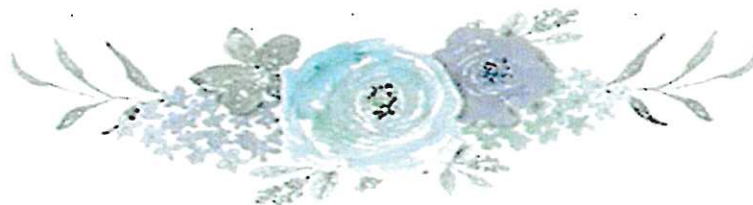
(All) We offer to you, O God, a portion of our wealth, a larger portion of our hands, a full portion of our hearts. Please receive these gifts and bless them. Put all to good use for the work of your kingdom. Amen.

*HYMN: "Away in a Manger" #217

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "A Cheerful Fire" by Joseph W. Clokey

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Lindsay Webb's parents: Rev. Donald and Mary Allnatt



Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

200 Unison Tell Out, My Soul

1. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of God's name!
3. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of God's might!
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of God's word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spir - it
Make known God's might, who won - drous deeds has
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry
Firm is the prom - ise and God's mer - cy

voice; ten - der to me the prom - ise of God's word;
done; God's mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
by; proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
sure. Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord

in God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
God's ho - ly name, the Lord, the might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,
with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

Away in a Manger

217

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Revelation 19:9

"Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

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, Rev. Dora Schneider, 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

- 12/6: 3:00 P.M. – Memorial Service for Urla Raynor via Zoom
- 12/7: 6:30 P.M. – Incarnation Advent Study with Rev. Laura via Zoom.
Contact the church office with your name and email so we can send you the weekly access to Zoom.
- 12/8: 5:30 P.M. – Membership and Evangelism Meeting @ Wesley Hall
- 12/8: 6:30 P.M. – Trustees Meeting via Zoom
- 12/9: 5:15 P.M. – PSPRC Meeting @ Wesley Hall
- 12/9: 6:30 P.M. – Church Council Meeting @ Wesley Hall and via Zoom

Many thanks to all who helped this week on the wreath sale fundraiser:

Rosemary, Martha, Krista, Pam Q., Pam H., Myrtie and Toby, Marianne and Dale, Carol, Deb and Herb, Lindsay and Dan, Sue and Glen, Bill, Max, Gerald, and Pat, and Lynn. Many hands make light work!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/14: 6:30 P.M. – Incarnation Advent Study with Rev. Laura via Zoom
- 12/15: 3:00 P.M. – Finance Meeting via Zoom
- 12/16: NOON – New Day Board Meeting @ Wesley Hall

WEEKLY INFORMATION:

Attendance last Sunday: 69 (via YouTube)
Food Pantry Items Donated and Purchased last week: 222
2020 Year-to-date total: 16,699

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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.
- 6:00 P.M. – Asbury Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary

Thursdays:

- 6:15 P.M. – Agape Ringers Practice @ Sanctuary

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

There will be no Sunday School on Dec.13 due to the Christmas pageant during church or Dec. 27 due holiday break. There will be classes on Dec. 20.

ASBURY UMC STAFF

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| Administrative Assistant | Faith Kirch |
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| | 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
- Advent Readers: Amanda Weldon and Family
- Liturgist: Lynn Morgan
- Organist: Ghilyana Dorjieva
- Acolytes: Hannah Johnson, Olivia Lehman, Jaelah Liriano, Anthony 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 |
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| 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 | |

ASBURY MEMORIAL TREE

Again, this year a Memorial Tree will be placed at the rear of the sanctuary to give people the opportunity to remember a loved one(s) during Advent. For each memorial gift, one ornament will be placed on the tree.

Please fill out the form below and return or mail it to the church office by December 6 with your check made out to Asbury UMC--Memorial Tree. Please give as you are able. Please do not include this in your regular weekly offering envelope. Thank you.

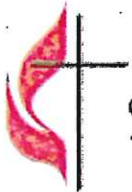
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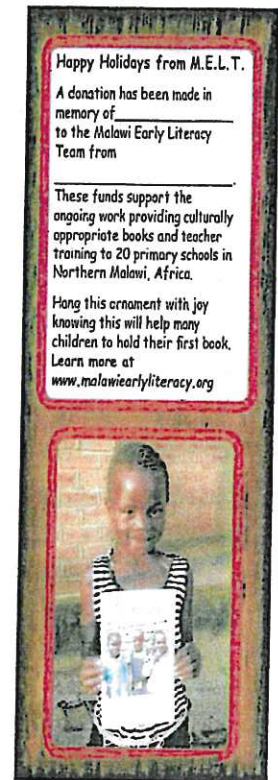
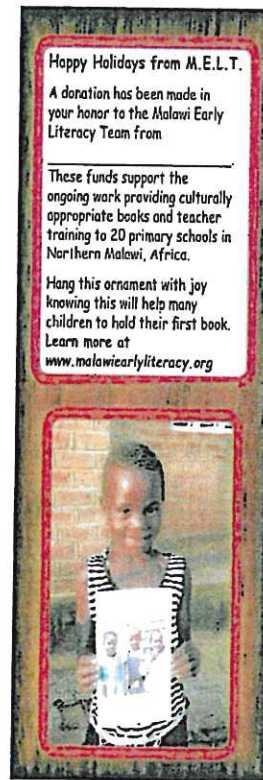
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M.E.L.T. Holiday Ornament Form

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Two Easy Ways to Order

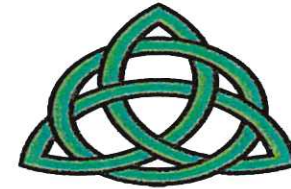
1. Download – Complete form – mail by December 11 for Christmas delivery to:

Heather White, M.E.L.T. chair
424 Paddock Street
Watertown NY 13601

Checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church
Memo: MELT ornament

2. Order online: go to: m-e-l-t-holiday-ornament.cheddarup.com

Use one form per gifted ornament. Questions? info@m-e-l-t.org
Zikomo – Thank you!



Advent Adult Study: “Incarnation”

Advent and Christmas 2020 promise to be substantially different from years past for many U.S. congregations. Worship and other activities, including Christian Education, will likely take place, exclusively or in part, online due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and its associated public health concerns. Even so, now more than ever, we need to experience the hope and joy that comes to us in Jesus Christ, whose birth we await during the Advent season. Engaging deeply in worship and study in the weeks leading up to Christmas can help us remember and recommit to this hope and inspire us to bring that same gift of hope to others.

He was called: Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and Word Made Flesh. In *Incarnation*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton examines the names of Christ and what they tell us about the child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. The four-week, churchwide study is perfect for all age groups during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

For 4 weeks, on Mondays, which began Monday, November 30, our pastor, Laura Calos, will lead us in a virtual adult study. The sessions will be for 90 minutes, beginning at 6:30 pm. No prior reading is required.

If you are interested in being part of this class, please contact the church office with your name and email, so we can send you the access to Zoom.