

**Upcoming Worship Services:**

- Sunday, December 25th—Christmas Day, “WORD,” **ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, 10:00AM, Sanctuary**—Come as you are in Christmas Pajamas, Christmas Sweaters, or Festive Attire.
- Sunday, January 1st—Epiphany Sunday, “REVEAL,” **ONE SERVICE SUNDAY, 10:40AM, Fellowship Hall.**

**Prayer Requests**

*New requests in bold.*

**Cancer Patients:** Riley Balcita; Tony Bible; Maggi Brominsk; BJ Broyles; Brenda Bruce; Shirley Carter; Chris Cowens; Max Cox; Clinton Dalton; Bob Dappert; Patsy Dority; Johnnie Eagle; Barbara Ellenburg; Lori Fawbush; Mary Louise Flanders; Mike French; Sue Garland; Charles Holland; Bea Jennings; Debbie Johnson; George Kastendike; Harper Marsh; Ken Martin; Cherrisa McInturff; Troy McInturff; Danny Morelock; Gina Myers; Mike Myers; Kathryn P; Tillery Phillips; Ellen Pilkington; Judith Plucker; Julie Proffit; Lisa Self; Gene Shepherd; Jay Smith; Ronnie Smith; Mindi Southerland; Brad Strange; Carolyn Taylor; Charlene Thomas; Tim Turner; Barbara Weller; Joyce Wills; Peggy Williams; Jeff Worley; Nancy Worley.

**Other Requests:** Sally Andrew; James Ashley; Tom Ballard; Shelley Berry; Pam Gentry; Cynthia Harris; Rev. Danny Hensley; Ralph Hensley; Rick Hilgartner; Kathy Jones; Janice Justis; Andrea Key; Derek Lund; Pam McCray; Clint McClure; Janice Moore; Jimmy Sams; Christie & Grayson Sauceman; Teresa Smith; Ashley Steele; Lois Teague; Jim Whittenburg; Jody Wiggin; Brenda Wood; Charles Worley; Asbury's shut-ins; brothers & sisters in the faith with addictions; our country. **Mary Bettis, John McGuffin, Lucas Vaden, David @Monterrey, The family of Rev. John Keller, The family of Ellen Thomas.**

**Service:** Jason Angel; Chase Bailey; Justin Bragdon; Bob Croxdale; Chase Ellenburg; John Ewing; Anthony Faitel; Paul Garritt; Connor Gulmire; Brandon Hoban; Taylor Jones; John Junio; Michael King; PFC Marshall Lane; Stephen Leifert; Jason Miller; Duncan Powell; Jacob Richey; Robert Riley; Jared Saylor; Alexander Small; Hunter Waddell; Kenny Wells; Captain David Weston; Zach Whitlock; Rob Wright.

**Note:** If you wish to add someone's name or update the information requested in this prayer request section of the bulletin, please contact the church office at 423.798.1050 or email [general@asburyumonline.com](mailto:general@asburyumonline.com)

**(Prayer concerns will remain on our list for six weeks.)**

**All names marked with an \* will be removed**



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2016**  
**5:30 PM**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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## GATHERING

Prelude  
Bringing in the Light  
Call to Worship  
On this night, Christ is born!  
**Now the Savior has appeared!**  
On this night, the heavenly chorus resounds!  
**All creation rejoices!**  
On this night, the church throughout the world joins their cry:  
**Glory to God in the highest! Alleluia!**

Mrs. Carolyn Gregg, Organist  
Acolytes  
Rev. Shannon Marie Berry

## PROCLAMATION

\*Lifting Our Voices in Praise  
*“What Child Is This”*  
*What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!*  
*Why lies He in such mean estate, Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading .*  
*This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!*  
*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.*  
*This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Pastoral Prayer  
Call to Prayer  
Prayer of Illumination

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

Rev. Jerry Jones  
Chancel Choir

Open us, O God, to hear again the message of angels, and to go in heart and mind with the shepherds to Bethlehem to see the glorious redemption you have brought to pass through the Newborn lying in a manger. Amen.

\*Scripture  
Special Music  
Sermon

Luke 2:1-20

*“O Holy Night” - Adams  
“Peace”*

Miss Mary Brooks  
Mr. Russ Crum  
Rev. Jones

## RESPONSE

A Service of Word & Table II

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Pardon cont.

Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinner;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Glory to God. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory  
Doxology

*“A Bethlehem Pastorale” - Paxton*

Mrs. Gregg  
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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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...

...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...

... 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...

Giving of the Bread and Cup

\*Hymn of Invitation

*“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight; glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!*

## SENDING FORTH

\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Benediction

Acolytes  
Rev. Jones