



Our **MISSION**: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the entire world." To fulfill our mission, we will **love** God, **grow** together, and **reach** out.

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ASBURY UMC

Loving, Growing, Reaching

5:00PM SERVICE—CHRISTMAS EVE—DECEMBER 24TH, 2017

PRAYER REQUESTS

New requests in bold.

Cancer Patients: Riley Balcita; Victoria Batts; Mary Bettis; Tony Bible; Maggi Brominsk; BJ Broyles; Brenda Bruce; Sandra Carter; Shirley Carter; Lisa Chapman; Tonya Creel; Marya Crotwell; Chris Cowens; Max Cox; Clinton Dalton; Bob Dappert; Eldon Duncan; Crystal Dykes; Lori Fawbush; Gail Fletcher; Mike French; Joe Goodman; Jason Green; Nan Hawkins; Judy Helton; Nathan House; Laine Howells; Bea Jennings; George Kastendike; Bill Langston; Gina Leach; Martha Lowery; Harper Marsh; Ken Martin; Gayle Matthews; Cherrisa McInturff; Troy McInturff; Danny Morelock; Gina Myers; Mike Myers; Beth Neas; Linda Nichols; Kathryn P; Patsy Dority; Oscar Payne; Tillery Phillips; Ellen Pilkington; Judith Plucker; Julie Proffit; **Gary Ross**; Gene Shepherd; Cheri Smith; Jay Smith; Ronnie Smith; Mindi Southerland; Brad Strange; Carolyn Taylor; Charlene Thomas; Nancy Wagner; Hugh Wells; Barbara Weller; Toni Weems; Peggy Williams; Glynn Wynne.

Other Requests: Minnie Anderson; Shelley Berry; Vicky Britton; Orland Britton; Leigh Ann Brookman; Nicole Bruce; Ryan Cloyd; Darlene Collins; Russ Crum; Michael Elswick; Nancy Elswick; *Sue Engold & her mother Jean; Sy Gallimore; Gavin Green; Laura House; Kathy Jones; Trevor Long; Cyrsta Mater; Kevin McCullough; Barbara McKenna; Janice Moore; Bernie Sams; Alan Shipley; *Ramona Shupe; *Jim Thurber; Bettye Weems; Bobby Wells Sr. Asbury's shut-ins; brothers & sisters in the faith with addictions; our country. **Brant Fitzpatrick, Hannah Hoese, June McQueen, Joyce Whittenburg, The family of Mary Louise Flanders, The family of Dr. Gether Irick Jr.**

Service: Jason Angel; Rev. Amy Beth Bartee; Bob Croxdale; Rev. Ryan Davenport; Chase Ellenburg; Ajayla Ewing; John Ewing; Anthony Faitel; Paul Garritt; Connor Gulmire; Brandon Hoban; John Junio; Michael King; PFC Marshall Lane; Stephen Leifert; Jason Miller; Duncan Powell; Jacob Richey; Robert Riley; Jared Saylor; Lincoln Taylor; Hunter Waddell; Tyler 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@asburymconline.com
(Prayer concerns will remain on our list for six weeks.) All names marked with an * will be removed.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

Prelude "Christmas Fantasy" — Stickles
Bringing in the Light
Call to Worship

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

Leader: Greetings, favored ones! Do not be afraid. The Lord is with you.
ALL: Holy Spirit, come upon us. Power of the Most High, overshadow us.

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 Advent Candle

ALL: "O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery"

Leader: God of Love...light four candles

ALL: "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Prayer "Spirit Song"

Rev. Jerry Jones
Chancel Choir
Rev. Berry

Prayer of Illumination

ALL: Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Scripture

Luke 2:1-7, 8-20

Rev. Berry

Special Music

"O Holy Night" — Adams

Mr. Russ Crum

Sermon

"A Manger for the World"

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

**ALL: 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.**

Leader: Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glorify to God. Amen.

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory

"Child of Heaven" — arr. Rouse

Mrs. Gregg

Doxology

*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.*

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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!*

"Joy to the World"

*Joy to the world, the lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessing flow far as his curse is found,
far as his curse is found, far as, far as his curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

SENDING FORTH

*Taking the Light into the World

*Benediction

Postlude

"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" — Saint-Saens

Acolytes

Rev. Jones

Mrs. Gregg