# December 2, 2018

# 1st Sunday of Advent

Asbury
Where you make a difference

***Our Mission***

A Faith Family sharing Christ
to meet the needs of all people.

***Our Invitation***

To all who need Comfort,
Friendship and the Love of God
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
This church opens wide its doors
in the name of our Lord and says,
***"Welcome."***

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Asbury UMCLR

# *Welcome to Asbury.*

We are glad you are here at Asbury today, and hope you will feel God's love in your worship experience. We invite you to note the Asbury Calendar on the back page of the bulletin. Please print your information on the attendance pads and return them to the end of the pew. If you desire to join Asbury UMC, come forward during the last song, and our pastors will greet you.

*Please take a few moments to silence your phone.*
*For the most meaningful worship, we encourage you to take advantage of our nursery available for infants through 2 years old.*

# Divine Worship

## Sanctuary

**December 2, 2018** **8:30 & 10:45 A.M.**

## Gathering in God's Presence

Pre-Service Music *Sicilienne Variee* Alisa Coffey, harp
J. M. Damase

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *What Child Is This* Alisa Coffey, harp
arr. Kondonassis

*Call to Worship Isaiah 25:9

It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God;
**We have waited for Him, that He might save us.**
This is the Lord; we have waited for Him;
**Let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."**

*Processional Hymn *O Come, O Come*, *Emmanuel* (vs 1,2,4,7) **211**

## Preparing Our Hearts

Lighting of the Advent Candles (8:30) Julie and Jeff Brun family
(10:45) Patsy and Jerry Rains

Congregational Response: **Our Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Hope Eternal. As we share Christ with others, may each find their hope in Him, now and forevermore. In Christ's name, Amen.**

Act of Praise *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Kirt Thomas, soloist
Robert MacGimsey Alisa Coffey, harp

Children's Moments (8:30) Joan Shipley
(10:45) Megan Smith

The congregation is invited to sing "Away in a Manger,"
as our children are welcomed forward.

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.**
**The stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.**

*Children 3 years to 5th grade are invited to attend their own special worship service, called Kids' Club. Please meet at the back of the worship area to attend.*

***Please stand as you are able.***

## Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Call to Prayer *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Alisa Coffey, harp

Prayer for the People

Lord's Prayer **895**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Angel Carol* Chancel Choir
John Rutter

*Doxology **246** (vs. 1)

**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.**

*Hymn of Meditation *O Little Town of Bethlehem* **230**

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Lesson Micah 5:2-4 *(NLT, Pew Bible)* **705-706**

The Message *"Home Alone: in Bethlehem"*
[First in a Series, "Magical Movies of Christmas"]

(8:30) Rev. Mary Hilliard
(10:45) Rev. Doug Walker

## Responding to God With Our Lives

*Recessional Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* **196**

*Blessing of God's People

*Choral Benediction *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (refrain) **211**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.***

*You are encouraged to go forth and serve Christ after the singing of the Benediction.*

Postlude

***Acolytes: 8:30 - Kirby O'Dell***
***Liturgist: 8:30 - Audrey Smith / 10:45 - Richard Hunter***
***Sound/Video Operator: 8:30 - Jason Stumhofer, Joe Hof / 10:45 - Mazhil, Sharath***

***We are thrilled and thankful to Alisa Coffey, ASO harpist, for enhancing our worship services today!***

It's Christmas time and the McCallister family are preparing for a vacation in Paris, France. But the youngest in the family, Kevin, had an argument with his older brother, Buzz, and was sent to his room on the third floor of his house. The next morning, while the rest of the family was in a rush to make it to the airport on time, they completely forgot about Kevin. Home alone, Kevin, at first, had fun ordering a pizza all to himself, jumping on his parents' bed, and making a mess. But, it wasn't long until Kevin discovered two burglars, Harry and Marv, were planning to rob his house on Christmas Eve. Kevin quickly acted, preparing 'booby traps' all over his house to stop the burglars and bring them to justice.
What in the world do Mary, Joseph, and Kevin have in common, as they find themselves "Home Alone?!"

# LAUNCH Worship
## Wilson Activity Center

**December 2, 2018** **10:45 A.M.**

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## Welcome and Announcements

*Lord Our God*
*Yes I Will*

## Lighting of the Advent Candles
Christy and Mike Parker

Congregational Response: **Our Heavenly Father, we give thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Hope Eternal. As we share Christ with others, may each find their hope in Him, now and forevermore. In Christ's name, Amen.**

## Children's Moments
Caleb Conrad

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*Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)*

## Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

## Sharing of Our Gifts

*I'll Be Home for Christmas* (Luke 2:39-40)

## The Message

Micah 5:2-4 *"Home Alone: in Bethlehem"* Rev. Mary Hilliard
[First in a Series, "Magical Movies of Christmas"]

## The Invitation

*Revelation Song*

## The Blessing

*We are so glad you worshiped with us at Asbury UMC. Now go and serve Christ.*

***Worship Leader: Caleb Conrad***
***Sound Operator: Randy Dennis***
***Video Operator: Tony Hilliard***

**Celebration Band**
Dusty Jones Jay McDaniel
Linda Southern Vincent McNerlin
Bradley McNerlin

**Celebration Singers**
Joe Stout
Maddie Adkins

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**Special Events**

Sunday, December 2nd.....Advent Dinner 5 pm (WAC)
Tuesday, December 4th.....Terrific Tuesday 12 pm (WAC)
Thursday, December 6th.....Office Volunteer Luncheon 12 pm (Warehouse)

**Sunday, Nov. 25th, 2018**

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| 8:30 am | 96 |
| 10:45 am (Divine) | 54 |
| 10:45 am (LAUNCH) | 115 |
| **Total Worship Attendance:** | 265 |

**Guests: 16**

**Prayers:**

Charlie Ward, Sr. Janet Brandt Larry Brown
Mary Jane Patton Anita Curtis

Linda Sutton & family on the death of her mother
Joe & Patty Wilkerson on the death of their daughter, Helen Allbright

Thanks to everyone that brought a box or boxes for the Family2Family drive!
We collected ***172*** boxes!!!
Way to go Asbury!!

Music!

Pictures with Santa!!!

Kick off your Advent season with your church family!

TODAY, December 2 • 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Wilson Activity Center

Asbury will provide the ham and drinks!
Please bring a side or dessert for all to enjoy!

**Advent Message Series**
**Dec. 2nd – Dec. 24th**

*Magical Movies Of Christmas*

Asbury Children's Ministries will be collecting hats, gloves, socks, and blankets for our friends at Stone Soup. Please place your donations under the tree in the Children's area. We will be taking our donations to Stone Soup on Sunday, December 23rd.

**TERRIFIC TUESDAY**

**ALL AGES** are invited to get in the Christmas spirit with the Central High Jazz Band at Terrific Tuesday on December 4th at 12 pm, the meal will be in the Warehouse, then we will move to the Wilson Activity Center to enjoy the Central High Jazz Band.. Lunch ($7) is: Lasagna, Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread and Brownies. We encourage you to support the Asbury Food Pantry by bringing any non-perishable food item. RSVP by 10 am Monday, December 3rd, if you plan to attend or need transportation (225-9231). **Please bring a friend!**

**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DATES:** **Questions? Contact Laura Stinnett, Minister of Children**

**Sunday, December 2nd:** Sunday School, Advent Dinner at 5 pm: Children will be singing
**Wed., December 5:** **Last** The Edge & Wild Wednesdays (until Jan.16, 2019), 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
**Sunday, December 9:** Sunday School and Children singing for services

**YOUTH NEWS:** **Questions? Contact Diane Wright, Minister of Youth & Young Adults**

**Today:** We will join our church family at the Advent Dinner at 5 pm in the WAC. Bring a side and/or dessert and come for food and fellowship!
**Wednesday, December 5:** We will meet for our **LAST Wednesday night** for 2018 at 6:30 pm. Bring $5 and we will go to Yogurt Mountain. We will be back to the church by 7:30 pm.

**DECEMBER YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Wed., Dec. 5th - 6:30 pm - Last Wednesday Night program until January (offsite)
Sun., Dec. 9th - 12 pm - Canned food scavenger hunt to benefit the Asbury Food Pantry
Sun., Dec. 16th - 5:30 pm - Youth Christmas Party (offsite)
Sun., Dec. 23rd - NO YOUTH
Sun., Dec. 30th - NO YOUTH

**SUNDAY NIGHTS RESUME ON JANUARY 13, 2019, WEDNESDAYS RESUME ON JANUARY 16, 2019**

**Open Dates for Sacred Grounds:** Dec. 9, 16, 23 & 30 The cost is $100 to sponsor a week. Call the office for a date.

**Open Dates for Flowers:** Dec. 9 & 30. Call the office to reserve a date.

**Pastor on weekend call:** **Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2** **Rev. Doug Walker**
**Dec. 7, 8, 9** **Rev. Mary Hilliard**

| **Preaching Schedule** | **Sunday, Dec. 2nd** | **Sunday, Dec. 9th** |
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| 8:30 Divine Worship | Rev. Mary Hilliard | Rev. Mary Hilliard |
| 10:45 Divine Worship | Rev. Doug Walker | Rev. Doug Walker |
| 10:45 LAUNCH Service | Rev. Mary Hilliard | Rev. Mary Hilliard |

| **Drivers** | **Van** | **Car** |
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| | **Tim Wall** | **Tom Scott** |

# *Asbury Weekly Calendar*

**Sunday, December 2nd**
8:00 am LAUNCH Team Rehearsal (WAC)
8:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)
8:00 am Coffee & Donuts (Room 226)
8:30 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am JOY Choir (Room 210)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:40 am LAUNCH Band Pre-service Music (WAC)
10:45 am LAUNCH Service (WAC)
10:45 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
**5:00 pm Family Advent Dinner (WAC)**
5:30 pm Manabadi Classes (Room 102)

**Monday, December 3rd**
7:30 am ACCDC 2018/2019 Classes
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Room 103)

**Tuesday, December 4th**
7:30 am ACCDC 2018/2019 Classes
12:00 pm Terrific Tuesday (Warehouse & WAC)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Room 105)
7:00 pm Cub Scouts (Room 100)

**Wednesday, December 5th**
6:00 am Bible Study (Large Conference Room)
7:30 am ACCDC 2018/2019 Classes
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)
6:30 pm LAUNCH Team Rehearsal (WAC)
6:30 pm The Edge & Wild Wednesdays (Room 210)
6:30 pm Wednesday Night Youth (Warehouse)
6:30 pm Wally Gee Men's Bible Study (Room 226)

**Thursday, December 6th**
7:30 am ACCDC 2018/2019 Classes
12:00 pm Office Volunteer Luncheon (Warehouse)

**Friday, December 7th**
7:30 am ACCDC 2018/2019 Classes

**Saturday, December 8th**

**Sunday, December 9th**
8:00 am LAUNCH Team Rehearsal (WAC)
8:00 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 200)
8:00 am Coffee & Donuts (Room 226)
8:30 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30 am JOY Choir (Room 210)
9:45 am Sunday School
10:40 am LAUNCH Band Pre-service Music (WAC)
10:45 am LAUNCH Service (WAC)
10:45 am Divine Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 pm Youth Canned Good Scavenger Hunt (Offsite)
5:30 pm Manabadi Classes (Room 102)
6:00 pm Staff Christmas Party (Offsite)

*** WAC - Wilson Activity Center**

**Christmas Challenge**

The Foundations Sunday School class is issuing a challenge to all Sunday School classes. For this Advent Season, the Foundations class is collecting non-perishable food items for the Asbury Food Pantry. Consider placing a box or container in your classroom and have your members bring non-perishable items each Sunday.

Let's help end hunger in Arkansas!!

Reminder! ***Daily devotionals from Pastor Mary are available on the website, www.asbury-lr.org. Click on "Blogs."***