

Connect

Sunday, January 22 at 9:00 A.M.

Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

1st Time Guest New resident

Repeat Guest Member

Ages (check all that apply):

Under 18

18-25 26-29 30-39

40-49 50-59 over 60

Name(s):

Children attending & age(s):

Please check if your information has changed.

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Wish to Join?

Please check all that apply.

I would like to publicly profess my faith in Christ and receive the Sacrament of Christian Baptism.

I am interested in knowing more about _____

I would like to transfer my membership from a church of another denomination.

I would like to transfer my membership from another United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact Bro. Hammett at hammett@asbury-lr.org.

***Gloria Patri** 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Responding to God with Our Lives

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

***Hymn of Commitment** *Be Thou My Vision* 451

*Blessing

*Congregational Benediction

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian 402 (vs. 4)

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*Postlude

Postlude in C
James Mansfield

†Written by Katherine Hawker (2006) and posted on *Liturgy Outside*. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/08/call-to-worship-beatitudes.html>
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Let's Go Bowling Today! - Children, meet at Professor Bowl at 3:30pm and bring \$6. Youth, meet at church at 3pm or Professor at 3:30pm and bring \$10. Bring extra money for snacks or arcade. Youth will return to church at 5pm for dinner



Scan this code to sign-in,
give, and register for
upcoming events.

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January 22, 2023



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Our Mission

To bring others into Asbury UMC to experience a difference, so they make a difference for Jesus Christ and others.

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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*Welcome to worship with Asbury UMC!
Whether you are present in person or online,
we pray that you find this service to be spirit-filled
and our community to be welcoming!*

*Please stand as able

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Nick Schimmer

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Adagio* Diana Brandon
G. F. Handel

*Call to Worship†

Happy are we
when our treasures cannot be quantified.
Happy are we
when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.
Happy are we
when our pain is held in the balm of love.
Happy are we
when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

*Hymn of Praise *Hymn of Promise* 707

*Invocation††

God of compassion, we are overwhelmed by the struggles of life. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, but find ourselves feeling empty. We grieve in seasons of loss, feeling hopeless and lost. We want to show mercy, but we hold on to old resentments. We want to make peace, but we don't even know where to begin. Come with your wisdom and guide us in your ways. Renew us and inspire us to live faithfully, as you walk beside us. Amen.

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Act of Praise *Lord, I Want to Do Your Will* Chancel Choir
arr. David Lantz

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Blest Are They* Chancel Choir
David Haas (FWS 2155)

*Doxology 95
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.

Children's Message Nicole Rose
The congregation is invited to sing, "Jesus Loves Me," as our children come forward.
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*Hymn of Meditation 402 (vs. 1-2)
Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Hearing God's Word

*Scripture Lesson Matthew 5: 1-12

The Message Rev. Dr. Hammett N. Evans
"WHAT DID JESUS PREACH?: True Happiness"
Disciples find true happiness in God.

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from Matthew 5:1-12 Robert Patrick Hernan
We believe: the poor in spirit are blessed, and theirs is the kingdom of heaven; those who mourn are blessed, And they will be comforted; the meek are blessed, and they will inherit the earth; those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed, and they will be filled; the merciful are blessed, and they will receive mercy; the pure in heart are blessed, and they will see God; the peacemakers are blessed, and they will be called children of God; those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake are blessed; and theirs is the kingdom of heaven. We believe we are blessed when people revile us and persecute us and falsely utter all kinds of evil against us because of Jesus Christ. We shall rejoice and be glad, for our reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before us. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2023!

Action Teams are recruiting for 2023 (descriptions below). Please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate. Thanks for your spirit of discipleship!
I am interested in serving on the:
___ **Connect Team** (oversees Sunday School, youth, children's ministry, and other ministries that connect us more deeply to God and neighbor)
___ **Serve Team** (Identifies, develops, and facilitates outreach and mission opportunities for the local community and beyond)
___ **Embrace Team** (Coordinates how we welcome guests and help them become a part of our church family)
___ **Love Team** (Provides nurture and support for church members—includes congregational care team, bereavement meals, etc.)
___ **Family Life Ministries Team** (Plans and coordinates programs for families of the church—educational, recreational and fellowship events)
Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PRAYER REQUEST

PRAY FOR _____

Nature of the concern:

Person Making the Request:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

- Please have a pastor call me.
 I would like to schedule a visit with a pastor.
 Please publish this and include in spoken prayer requests during worship. (*Due to privacy concerns, we will only print requests that concern immediate family members, or that are confirmed by the person named in the request.*)
 This request is confidential. (Pastors only)