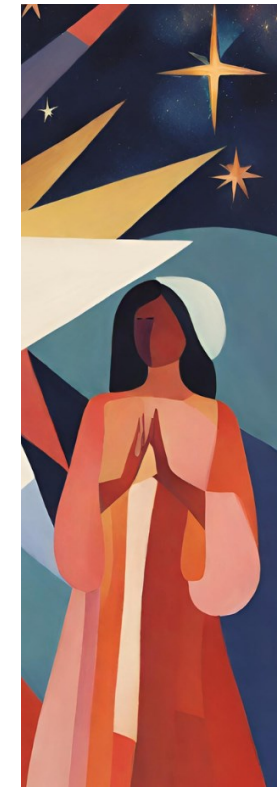


First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023



The Women
&
Words of
Advent
Radical Choices

Tamar—Genesis 38:6-10



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Responding to God with Our Lives

*Affirmation of Faith	881
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<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	
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*Postlude	<i>O Come, Little Children</i> Diana Brandon

Events and happenings at Asbury

- ◆ Wed. Dec. 6th: Asbury Kids Christmas Spectacular! Dinner at 5, show at 6pm. Dress rehearsal for kids at Noon today!
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 10th: Lessons and Carols Sunday in 9am service
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 10th: Family2Family Boxes due!!
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 17th: Lessons and Carols Sunday in 11am service
- ◆ Thursday Dec. 21st: Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Worship Service in the WAC, 6pm
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 24th: One Service in the Sanctuary at 10am
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 24th: 5pm & 11pm Carols and Candlelight Service
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 31st: One Service in the WAC at 10am. Come-as-you-are pajama Service!



Donuts today are provided by Joe & Amber Hof.



Please scan this QR code to sign in this morning!



Asbury staff emails and links

Connect

Sunday, December 3rd, 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 Pastor Susan at susan@asbury-lr.org.

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 & Announcements Rev. Susan Ledbetter

***Passing of the Peace**

***Processional** *Advent Processional* Chancel Choir
Daniel Grieg

***Call to Worship** Rev. Heather Sprinkle

Advent is here. The Christ child comes.

We are grateful for God's fulfilled promises.

As we travel through this season, let us work through our despair.

God, we come to you this morning seeking hope.

Lighting of the Advent Candle **The Candle of Hope**
The Megan & Smitty Smith Family

Almighty God, let us not be weighed down with despair. Hold us in your arms of grace and give us hearts of hope.

Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* 204

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.**

***Hymn of Praise** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* 196

***Invocation** Rev. Heather Sprinkle

From many places and diverse circumstances, we gather today to light the candles of Advent, to fellowship with one another, to pray to and to praise our Lord. God, open our hearts and minds so that the hope, peace, joy, and love of Advent might flow into us and through us freely into the world and bring the love of Christ anew in your name. Amen.

Children's Message Nicole White

The congregation is invited to sing, "Jesus Loves Me," as our children come forward.

Choir Anthem *One Light Will Come* Chancel Choir
arr. Mark Davis

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer Rev. Heather Sprinkle

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.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Mission Moment Rev. Heather Sprinkle
Warm Wishes Trees

Offertory Prayer Rev. Heather Sprinkle

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Diana Brandon
arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology** **Joy to the World!** 246

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.

Hearing God's Word

***Hymn of Preparation** 216
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Scripture Lesson Rev. Heather Sprinkle
Genesis 38:6-10 (NKJV)

The Message Rev. Susan Ledbetter
The Women and Words of Advent: Radical Choices: "Tamar"



PRAYER REQUESTS

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)