

## Connect

**Sunday, December 17th, 9:00 A.M.**

*Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.*

- ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:susan@asbury-lr.org).

**Holiday Service Schedule**

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH: 11AM LAUNCH CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH: ONE 10AM SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH: 5PM & 11PM CANDELIGHT SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY

**STONE SOUP SERVICE SUNDAY**

**DEC. 24 1:30-4PM**

**QUAPAW QUARTER UMC**  
1601 S. LOUISIANA STREET

Come join us as we serve our neighbors a hot meal and spend some time with them. Have questions? Contact Greg Stansell at [gstansell@centrosolves.com](mailto:gstansell@centrosolves.com)

**LONGEST NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE**

A SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

Thursday Dec. 21st  
6pm in the WAC

please help decorate our **WARM WISHES TREES**

We are collecting new mittens, gloves, hats, blankets and scarves to bring warmth to those in need.

Mitten Trees are located in the Narthex, WAC & Business Office

## Events and happenings at Asbury

- ◆ Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Worship Service in the WAC, 6pm
- ◆ Warm Wishes Trees Donations due by Sun. Dec. 24th!
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: One Service in the Sanctuary at 10am
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: Stone Soup Mission. 1-4pm at Quapaw UMC
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 5pm & 11pm Carols and Candlelight Services
- ◆ Sunday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: One Service in the WAC at 10am. Come-as-you-are pajama Service!



Donuts today are provided by RJ & Cheryl Robertson.



Please scan this QR code to sign in this morning!



Asbury staff emails and links

# December 17, 2023

## The Third Sunday of Advent



## The Women and Words of Advent Radical Choices: Ruth



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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 & Announcements Rev. Susan Ledbetter

\*Passing of the Peace

Prelude 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 grief.  
God, we come to you this morning seeking joy.

\*Hymn of Praise The First Noel 245

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Candle of Joy  
The Sean and Lee Conrad Family

Almighty God, let us not be consumed with grief or fear.  
Hold us in your arms of grace and give us hearts of joy.

Choral Response Emmanuel, Emmanuel 204  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel  
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel

Act of Praise Asbury Ringers & Phil Brandon, Flute  
Patapan Joel Raney

Children’s Message Chelsea Hall  
The congregation is invited to sing, “Jesus Loves Me,” as our children  
come forward.

Choir Anthem For Unto Us Chancel Choir  
Patti Drennan

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Pastoral & 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 Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Rev. Heather Sprinkle

Offertory Away in a Manger Asbury Ringers  
Cynthia Dobrinski

\*Doxology Veni Emmanuel  
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. Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Hearing God’s Word

Act of Praise A Christmas Pastorale Phil Brandon, flute  
Charles Callahan

Scripture Lesson Rev. Heather Sprinkle  
Ruth 2:5-13 (CEB)

The Message Rev. Susan Ledbetter  
The Women and Words of Advent: Radical Choices “Ruth”

Responding to God with Our Lives

\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn of Commitment It Came Upon A Midnight Clear 218

\*Announcements

\*Blessing

\*Postlude In Dulci Jubile Diana Brandon  
JS Bach

Longest Night Service

A TIME OF REFLECTION AND HOPE

Thursday Dec. 21  
6pm in the WAC

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)