Connect

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

Please register your attendance and place in offering plate.

1 st Time Guest New re	esident
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□ 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-Ir.org.

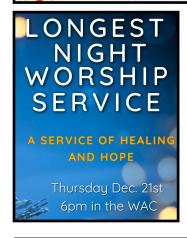


SANCTUARY

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH: 5PM & 11PM CANDELIGHT

SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY







Events and happenings at Asbury

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

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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

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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 Patti Drennan

Chancel Choir

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Pastoral & Lord's Praver

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 **Asbury Ringers** Away in a Manger

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

Rev. Heather Sprinkle Scripture Lesson

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:	
Person Making the Request: Name	

Please have a pastor call me. I would like to schedule a visit with a

Email

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)