

December 24, 2023

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Women and Words of Advent Radical Choices: Bathsheba



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*Announcements

*Blessing

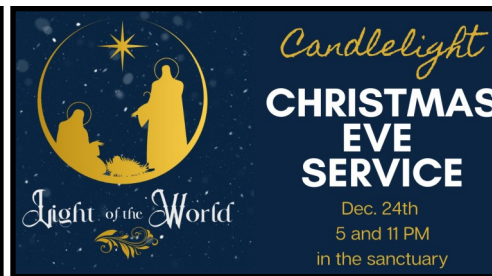
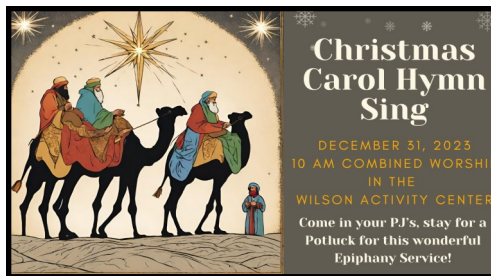
*Congregational Benediction

Confirmation Affirmation of Faith

I believe in one God, the Holy Creator of all the universe, who came to live with us on earth as Jesus Christ and is always forgiving!!! Because Jesus Christ lives and reigns forever, we can know eternal life. We give thanks for the Holy Spirit that lives in us that proceeds to guide and strengthen us. We are the church, empowered to share the Gospel with love through our actions of mercy for all creation. We believe in and worship an awesome God. In the name of the Holy Trinity, Go Be Awesome!!!

*Postlude

Diana Brandon



Events and happenings at Asbury

- ◆ Sunday Dec. 24th: Stone Soup Mission, 1-4pm at Quapaw Quarter 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 with potluck Brunch to follow!



Donuts today are provided by Tom & Gale Scott.



Please scan this QR code to sign in this morning!



Asbury staff emails and links

Connect

Sunday, December 24th, 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. Heather Rose

*Passing of the Peace

Prelude *Noel Allemande* Diana Brandon

*Call to Worship Rev. Susan Ledbetter

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 shame.

God, we come to you this morning seeking love.

*Hymn of Praise *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 240

Lighting of the Advent Candle **The Candle of Love**

The O'Banion Family

Almighty God, let us not be burdened with shame.

Hold us in your arms of grace and give us hearts of love.

Choral Response *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel

Children's Message Nicole Rose White

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

Act of Praise Caleb Conrad & Meghan Matthews

Mary, Did You Know?

Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

Lifting Our Lives and Prayers to God

Pastoral & Lord's Prayer Rev. Susan Ledbetter

The Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer Rev. Susan Ledbetter

Offertory *Prince of Peace* Chancel Choir
Keith Wilkerson

*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

Hymn of Preparation *Love Came Down at Christmas* 242

Scripture Lesson Rev. Susan Ledbetter
2 Samuel 1:1-5 (CEB)

The Message Rev. Heather Rose

**The Women and Words of Advent:
Radical Choices "Bathsheba"**

Responding to God with Our Lives

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship Rev. Heather Rose

Reception into the Local Congregation

Haley, Clara, and Elise Heath

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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

Stone Soup Service Day



TODAY from 1pm-4pm at Quapaw Quarter UMC



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)