

### Coming Up At Asbury

Join us for the Advent events and celebrate the season!

CH-Chapel/ST-Sanctuary/FH-Fellowship Hall/SBG-Sisters by Grace/DH-D&H Brown Class/DC-Disciple Class

### Weekly Meetings

Boy scouts 7P-M

Yoga, 5:30P-M

Benevolence: 10A-W

Wed Small

Groups:6PChoir: 6:30P-W

NA: 7P-S,T,TH

DRA: 7P -M,F

### Announcements

**Let Us Know You're Here:** Please take a moment to let us know you're here by checking-in using the church center app, completing an online connection card, or by signing the red registration pad in your pew.

**Please note: Due the holidays, a Wednesday night meal will not be offered the weeks of December 25th or December 31st.**

**Wednesday Nights:** We invite you to join us on Wednesday night as we share a delicious Christmas meal together and engage in inspiring small group studies and a time of centering prayer.

- **Meal:** 5:15 — 6:00 PM Please RSVP for your meal at <https://asburylife.org/small-groups> by Tuesday at 12 PM. The cost of the meal is by donation.
- **Bible Studies:** 6-7P
  - Jesus, The One and Only: led by Marcia Parsons and Jana Wills will be in The Sisters By Grace class room.
  - Making Sense of the Bible: led by Rev. Bowers will be in the D&H Brown Classroom.
  - Simply Loved: will be our children's ministry focus led by Sara McMillian, Abby Whitaker & Emily Whitaker and will be in the Children's Area.
  - The Top 13 Questions about God: will be the focus for our Youth Program led by Dr. Rebekah Taylor and Natasha DeBord.
- **Prayer Time with Pastor Sharon:** 7-7:30P (sanctuary)



Sunday, December 22, 2024  
10:30 AM

Combined Service in the Fellowship Hall



**O Come O Come Emanuel**

Loving God. Growing Together. Reaching Out.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## OUR GIFTS AND PRESENCE

December 22nd, 2024

10 AM: 63

11 AM: 17

Online Viewers: 506

Total Attendance: 586

Sunday School:

ACEC Chapel:

Children's Church:

## GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

## PROCLAMATION

\*Lifting Our Voices In Praise

"O Come O Come Emanuel"

Praise Band

Reading #1

Reading #2

"Mary Did You Know"

Praise Band

Reading #3

"Joseph's Lullaby"

Praise Band

"Away in a Manger"

Praise Band  
Rilee Lamons

Children's Message

"Silent Night"

Sarah McMillan

Rilee Lamons

Reading #4

"Arrival"

Praise Band

Reading #5

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Praise Band

Reading #6

"Star Of Wonder (We Three Kings)"

Praise Band

Reading #7

"God Rest Ye/Star of Wonder"  
"Feels Like Joy"

Praise Band  
Praise Band

Blessings

Prayer Concerns and Prayers

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Operating: \$3,307.39

Specials Fund: \$ 300.00

Second Mile: \$

Capital: \$0

Benevolence: \$950.30

Total Offering: \$ 4,557.69

## Prayer Requests

•**Rob Wright**, son of Dawn & Tom Wright, who will be undergoing & recovering from back surgery tomorrow at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, TN.

•**Becky Yonz**, recovering from a brain bleed (stroke).

•**Randy Rumbley**, who is fighting cancer. [12/02/2024]

•**Riley Whitney**, grandson of Kevin and Diane James, who is fighting a relapse of stage 4 Neuroblastoma at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC

•**Those who mourn** the loss of loved ones. May they be comforted.

•**Those struggling with mental health concerns.** Blessed are the poor in spirit. Grant them peace oh, Lord.

•**The unhoused in our community** and those struggling with food or housing insecurity. May our hearts be moved to help them in their time of need.

•**Our service members** and those in our community serving in the armed forces. Deliver them safely home and let them know they are remembered, loved, and appreciated.

•**Our students** and those who are away at college and graduate school. Grant them favor and let them know they are remembered, loved, and missed.

•**Our homebound friends** and those in our community in assisted living or nursing home care. Keep them healthy and let them know they are remembered, loved, and cared for.

•**Our missionaries** and those serving to evangelize and care for God's kingdom among us. May their spirits be lifted and renewed and let them know they are remembered, loved, and appreciated.

•**Our country** and its leaders; that they would lead us to unity with grace, wisdom, and liberty & justice for all.

**Note:** If you wish to add someone's name or update the information requested in this prayer request section of the bulletin, please contact the church office at 423.798.1050 or submit at [www.Asburylife.org](http://www.Asburylife.org)

Childcare is available during the worship service for children ages newborn to preschool in the Children's Area under the Sanctuary.

**Prayer concerns will remain on our list for six weeks. All names marked with an \* will be removed.**

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

**IVY LEONARD, BOB LEONARD, CAROLYN SMITH, TOM SMITH & FAMILY**

### Advent Events

December 22, 2024

**Reader One:** When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, “But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah... from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day.” (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, “But you, O [*fill in name of church or community*], from you shall come forth for me...” What? What might God be calling forth from us?

**Congregation:** God invites us to receive the promise of God’s salvation and the sustenance of God’s mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God’s invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

**Reader Two:** We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God’s promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God’s love for all creation.

*Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.*

December 22nd	Combined Service “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” Fellowship Hall (10:30 am)
December 24th	Traditional Service (5:00 pm)
December 24th	Contemporary Service (11:00 pm)