

 A United Methodist Church

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT
THE 22ND DAY *of* MARCH 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

MARCH 22, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Ed Logan
arr. Dale Wood

We welcome you, and we pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life.

The Greeting † At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in Praise* "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH #302

The Apostles Creed* See Insert UMH #881

Gloria Patri* **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Passing Of The Peace* † Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children's Message Don Stansfield III

Prayer of Confession See Insert

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer Marcia Parsons

Prayer Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" UMH # 393
Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord's Prayer See Insert Rev. Sharon Bowers

*Please stand as you are able, and silence cell phones and electronic devices in the Sanctuary.

Church Services and Attendance for March 1, 2026			
Sunday School	13	Livestream Views	477
Traditional Service	53	Children's Church	2
Contemporary Service	12	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	21
Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	16	Children's Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	Spring Break
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	Spring Break	A Place of Grace (Monthly)	1st Sunday upcoming 4/5
Care Center (Monthly)	5th Sunday 3/29	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly-Wednesday)	6
Spiritual Practices for Soul Care (Thursdays) Ended 3/18/2026	Snow		



Asbury UMC
Holy Week

There's Room for you
this Easter!

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM			
Minister:	Rev. Sharon Bowers	Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Liturgist:	Marcia Parsons	Nursery Host:	Sandra Fox
Organist/ Pianist:	Ed Logan	Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin Fletcher Sherrill Zy Neal
Music:	Choir		

Children's Ministry
Wednesdays
5:15–7:00 p.m.
Asbury Fellowship Hall
3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury-Pruitt Hill-Tate Chapel

Community Outreach Morning Pointe Senior Center
Thursdays | 10 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors. Our guest pianist is Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw (Nancy Worley's Daughter).

Bible Studies

- ***Wrestling with Doubt: Finding Faith*** by Adam Hamilton
A small-group study that creates a safe space for the honest questions many Christians carry quietly, offering guidance for discovering a deeper and more resilient faith.
Thursdays | 6:00 p.m. Contact John Reviere for additional information.

- ***Spiritual Practices for Soul Care*** by Rev. Dr. Barbara L. Peacock
For those longing for a richer experience of God, this study introduces forty practices that help integrate spiritual disciplines into everyday life.
Wednesdays | 11:00 a.m. **** Please reach out to Pastor Sharon if you are interested in signing up.**

- ***Pursued: God's Relentless Love for You (Women's Bible Study)*** by Jennifer Cowart
Explore the sweeping story of Scripture to see how God faithfully and lovingly pursues His people throughout biblical history—and continues to pursue us today.
Mondays @ 6:00 p.m. **** Please reach out to Pastor Sharon if you are interested in signing up.**

**** Contact Rev. Bowers or Kathy in the office if you have questions or are interested.**

MORNING WORSHIP

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson (s)* John 15: 9-17 Marcia Parsons

The Message Upscaled Love Complete Joy! Rev. Sharon Bowers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

† An offering is collected to support the mission of Asbury UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings Please register your attendance in the red folder in your pew, and let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information. Please place attendance form in the offering plate.

Offertory Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

Anthem (Organ Offertory) "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"
by Johann Pachelbel Ed Logan

Doxology See Insert UMH #95

Hymn of Invitation* "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

SENDING FORTH

Benediction* Rev. Sharon Bowers

Peace* Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People: **An also with you.**

Postlude* "Toccata in C"
by Johann Pachelbel Ed Logan

Liturgy For Worship

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

**Universal

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him all creatures here below,

Praise him above the heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Holy Week 2026

Saturday, March 28th - 9:00 am
Great Day Of Service -
Church Grounds Workday

Sunday, March 29th - 10:00 am & 11:00 am
Palm Sunday Worship

Wednesday, April 1 - 12:00 pm
Holy Wednesday Service and a
hot chicken salad luncheon
Rev. Michael Sauls is preaching.

Thursday, April 2 - 3:30 pm
ACEC Children's Chapel Easter Program

Friday, April 3rd - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Good Friday Service - 'Seven Last Sayings'

Saturday, April 4th - 11 am - 1 pm
Community Easter Egg Hunt
followed by lunch with Asbury

Sunday, April 5th - 10:30 am
Easter Morning Celebration
Combined Worship Experience
in the Sanctuary

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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 at www.asburylife.org, or by signing the red registration pad in your pew.

See what's coming up at Asbury: Visit our online church calendar at <https://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury>.

Sunday School for Both Services

Sister By Grace—Lead by: Marcia Parson @ 8:45 AM.

LaRue Class—Lead by: Steve Parsons @ 9:00 AM.

Family Enrichment—Lead by: Ryan McMillin & Abby Whitaker Martin @ 10:00 AM.

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Workday – Saturday, March 28th | 9:00 AM Help us get the grounds ready for Easter! Bring your energy and a smile—everyone's welcome.

Palm Sunday Service – Sunday, March 29th | 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM Experience the joy of Palm Sunday and enjoy a special performance by our children's ministry.

Holy Wednesday a Lent Service – Wednesday, April 1st | 12:00 PM Join us in the Sanctuary for a meaningful midweek reflection. Rev. Michael Sauls from Reformation Lutheran will be speaking.

Keep an eye on our website throughout this season for the latest updates and upcoming events. Don't miss out on the celebrations!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please continue to lift up the family of Brian & Doris Allen, Jesse Davis, as well as Leslie & April Allen as they grieve the passing of Brian's and Doris' son Bradley Allen.
- Please pray for Ms. Annette Johnson, the mother of our youth member, Shantrell Manuel.
- Please pray for Rev. Annette Warren as she recovers from hip surgery.
- Pray for Rev. Dr. Barbara Doyle, who is recovering from heart surgery.

**Rev. Warren and Dr. Doyle are colleagues of Pastor Bowers and are also pastors in the Holston Conference.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

God of perfect love, You have loved us fully and faithfully, and yet we have not always loved You in return.

Liturgist:

Lord, in your tender mercies, You call us to abide in You and You in us.

Liturgist:

You have given us two simple commands: to love you and to love our neighbor.

People:

We have taken your love for granted and have failed to accept your amazing grace.

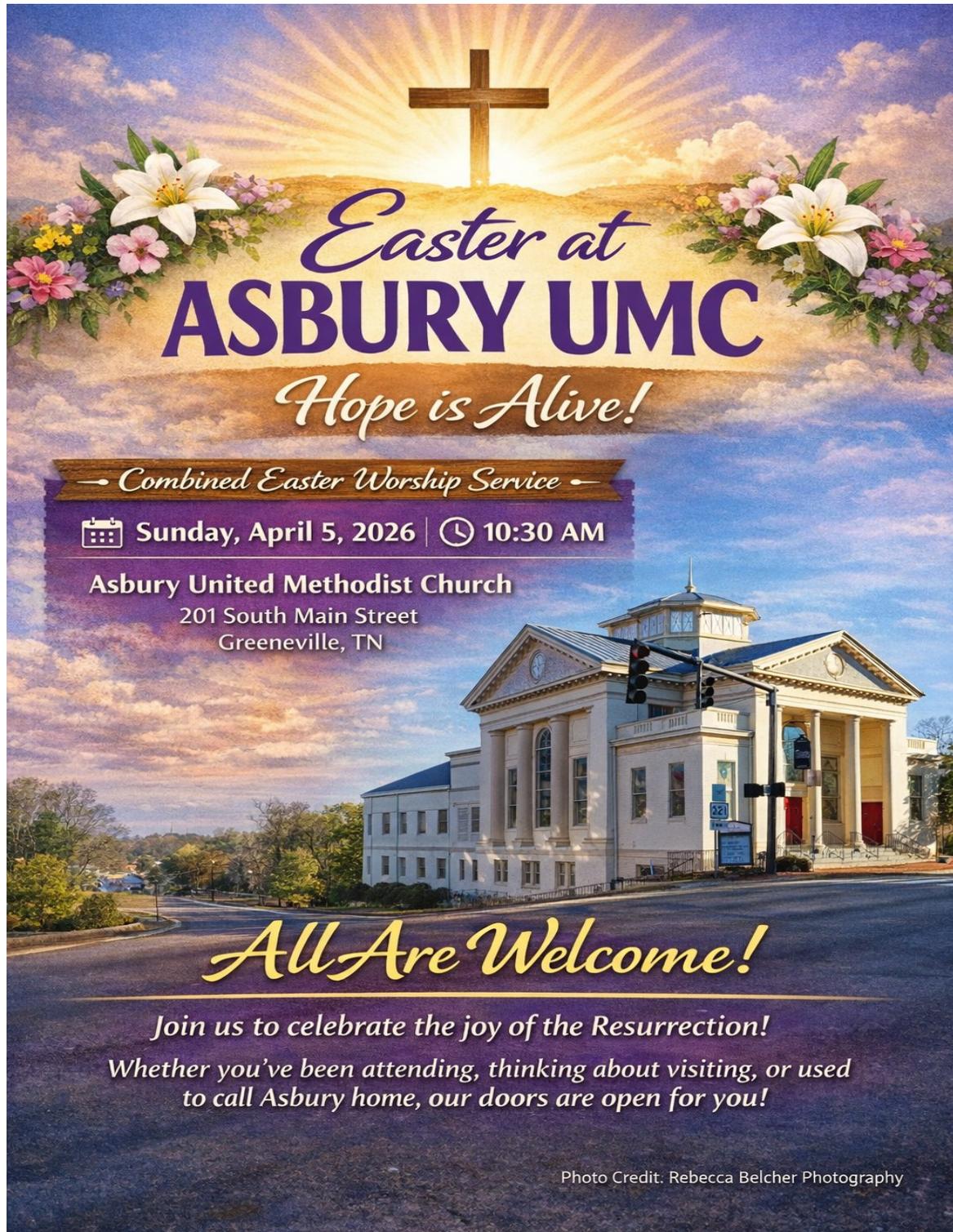
People:

Instead, we have allowed the pressures of this world to pull us in another direction. We have allowed fear, doubt, and distraction to disrupt our spiritual connection.

People:

We have chosen to love discriminately, loving only those we deem worthy of love. We choose who we will love. Forgive us for forgetting that perfect love casts out all fear.

All: Restore us, O Lord. Draw us back into Your love. Help us to abide in Christ, to walk in obedience, and to live as people whose joy is made complete in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Pastoral Blessing

May the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest, rule, and abide with you.

May you remain full of God's love, walk in God's truth, and live in the fullness of God's complete joy.

Go now—not empty, not lacking, not searching— but overflowing with the love of God that you can share with everyone you meet.

Be totally complete in Christ and filled with a joy that the world cannot take away. "This joy that you have the world didn't give, and the world can't take it away!"

Amen.

