



EPIPHANY SUNDAY
THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 4, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light	"We Three Kings of Orient Are" arr. Alec Wyton	Ed Logan
The Greeting	We welcome you, and we pray that this time together will be a blessing in your life. † At the sound of the bells, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.	

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Lifting Our Voices in Praise*	"This Is the Day"	UMH #657
The Apostles Creed*	See Insert	UMH #881
Passing Of The Peace*	† Afterward, the people may be seated.	
The Children’s Message		Don Stansfield III

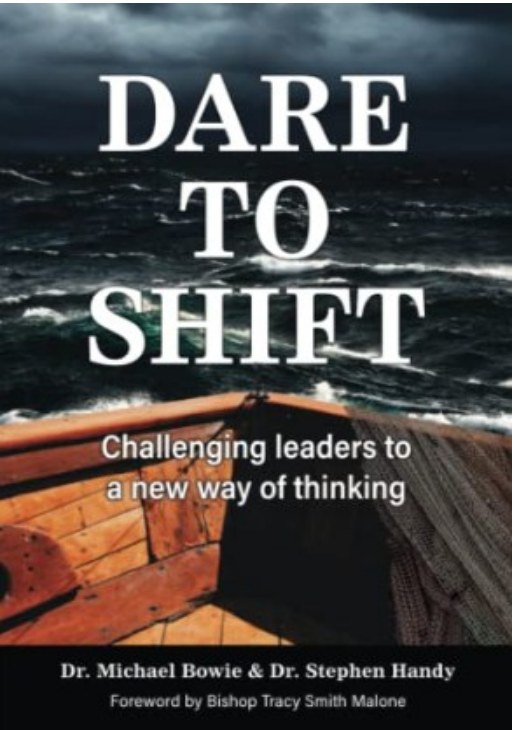
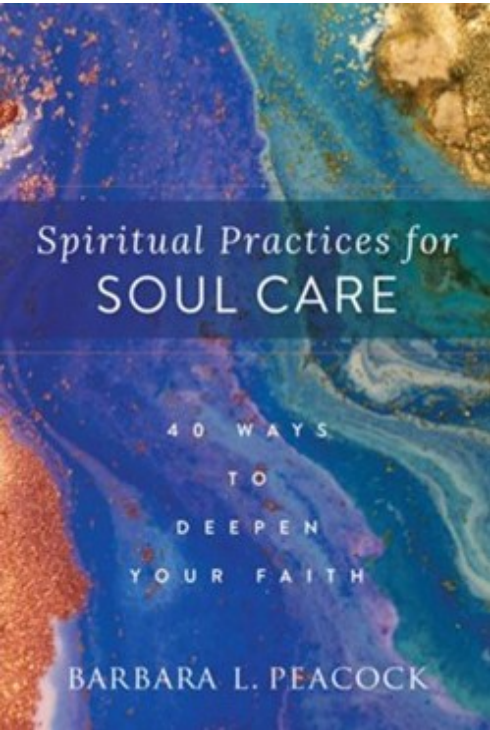
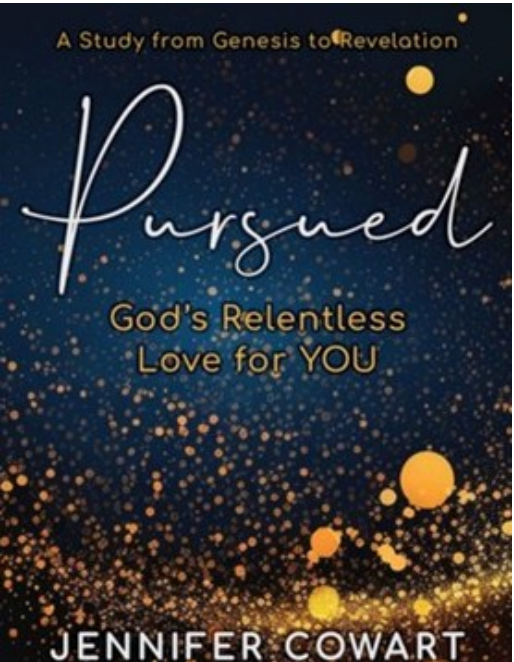
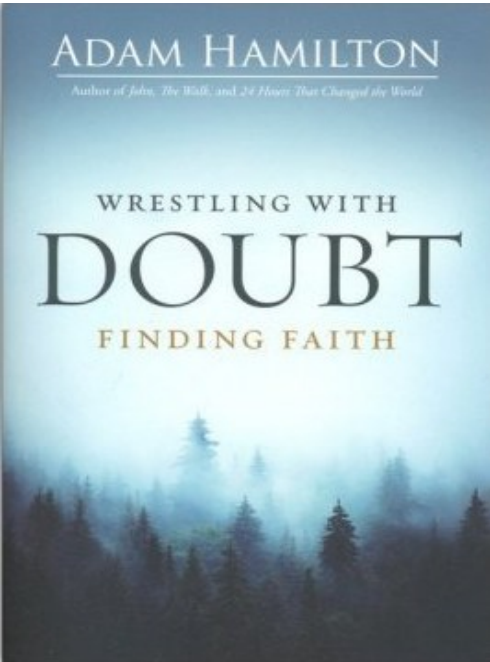
CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer	Music	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
The Lord’s Prayer	See Insert	

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*	Nehemiah 8: 9-12 NIV	Liturgist
The Message	Built on Joy!	Rev. Sharon Bowers

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





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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

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

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Organ Offertory

“What Star is This, With Beams So

Ed Logan

Doxology

See Insert

UMH #95

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion

A Service of Word and Table

UMH #12

Giving of the Bread & Cup

UMH #12

Hymn of Invitation*

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH #369

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Peace*

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

Postlude*

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” arr.
Hermann Schroeder

Ed Logan

Childcare is available in the children's area , an usher can guide you.

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



The Vision of the United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

Small Group Gatherings

Children’s Ministry

Wednesdays

5:15–7:00 p.m.

Asbury Fellowship Hall

3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury-Pruitt Hill-Tate Chapel

Rotating Locations

Growing Kids in Christ Together

Community Outreach Initiative:

Morning Pointe Senior Center

Morning Glory: *Faith for the Journey*

Thursdays | 10-10:30 a.m. Come share scripture and encouragement with our beloved seniors.

Bible Studies Coming In January

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.

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.

Pursued: God’s Relentless Love for You 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.

***Dare to Shift: Challenging Leaders to a new way of thinking* by Dr. Michael Bowie & Stephen Handy.** This is a requirement for those already in leadership and those that desire to be in leadership. Dare to Shift by Bowie and Handy is a summons to every follower of Jesus of Nazareth and every Christian congregation to embrace disruption as an opportunity rather than a threat. The authors call the church to discern where God is already moving and to respond with courage, faith, and adaptability—shifting from comfort and maintenance to Spirit-led mission and renewed vitality.

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	Liturgist
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Organist/Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherill / Zy Neal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us know you're here: Check in on the Church Center app, complete a connection card at www.asburylife.org, or sign the red registration pad in your pew. Everyone—visitors and members alike—are welcome to connect. Please let us know if you would like to become a member or learn more about our church. Visit our online church calendar at <https://www.asburylife.org/coming-up-at-Asbury>.

- This January, we are excited to launch several new Bible studies designed to deepen faith, encourage growth, and strengthen our walk with God: Check out the Small Group Gatherings in your bulletin for additional information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please join us in praying for the young people and adults who will be attending **Resurrection 2026** on January 23–25. Pray that this experience will become a truly **life-changing moment**, where the **power of Jesus Christ** is felt in a deep and personal way. Ask God to open hearts, strengthen faith, spark renewal, and inspire lasting commitment to follow Christ. Pray for safe travels, meaningful worship, and that lives will be transformed long after the event ends.

Pastor Blessings

As you go into this new year:

May the joy of the Lord rise within you.

May it strengthen your faith, steady your steps, and soften your heart.

May you go out to **DO** no harm, **DO** what is good, and **STAY** in love with GOD.

May you share with those who have little, and live as a people marked not by fear and doubt, but by joy.

And may the joy of the Lord—Not fleeting, not fragile, but faithful and strong—Be your strength, today and all the days ahead.

Amen.

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION

View Our Prayer List		View Our Coming Events		Give Online		Join our Live-stream	
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