



Musical Jamboree Fundraiser for CANUP
to help bring an end to homelessness and hunger!

Join us for a Sunday afternoon of food and fun
with delectable Charcuterie Extraordinaire along
with music and dancing with
The Flying J's and the Spruce Pine Bluegrass Band!



Sunday, November 23rd, 2025
Capitol Theater Main Street Greeneville TN 1-4 pm

**Sponsors: UMC/Asbury Church, Dr. and
Mrs. Micheal Hartsell, Art and Marty Masker**

\$50 per person and Table a sponsorship available

423 638-1300 for tickets:
ticketleap.events/events/capitoltheatre



CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST
THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

10:00 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

201 SOUTH MAIN STREET . GREENEVILLE, TN 37743
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MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light	"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, The King of Creation" arr. Jan Bender	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*	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	UMH #57
The Apostles Creed*	See Insert	UMH #881
Gloria Patri*	<i>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</i>	
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	"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Verse 1	UMH# 349
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
The Lord’s Prayer	See Insert	Rev. Sharon Bowers

Attendance for November 16, 2025			
Sunday School	16	Livestream Views	282
Traditional Service	44	Children’s Church	3
Contemporary Service	16	Daycare Thanksgiving Dinner	125
Morning Pointe Senior Center	13		
Children’s Church & Youth Wednesday Night	80		

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONES CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION							
View Our Prayer List		View Our Com-ing Events		Give Online		Join our Live-stream	

Small Group Gatherings

At Asbury, we believe faith grows best in community. A small group is a gathering of people who meet regularly to share life, study God’s Word, ask honest questions, and encourage one another. It’s a safe and welcoming space to build real friendships, deepen your faith and discover how Scripture speaks into your daily life. Whether you’re brand new to church or a lifelong believer, small groups are where big connections happen. Come find your place—you belong here. For more information or to sign up please follow this link: <https://asburylife.churchcenter.com/groups>

Youth and Children's Ministries: True North and Building Bridges

Wednesdays
5:15–7:30 p.m.
Asbury Fellowship Hall in conjunction with Building Bridges. Join un for a Meal then on to the Youth Dedicated Hangout Spot
Finding Our Way Together

Small Group Study Reckless Love

Thursdays
Beginning Oct 23–Dec 4 / 6:00 p.m.
Asbury LaRue Class
Hosted by Sheri Witfield
Reckless Love: Jesus’ Call to Love They Neighbor

Bible Study: Making Sense of the Bible

Thursdays
Beginning Oct 9 / 6:00 –7:30 p.m.
Barton Hollow Farm
Hosted by John Reviere
Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

Spiritual Disciplines

Wednesdays
6:00–7:30 p.m.
Weekly study on a variety of Spiritual Disciplines that can help root you in daily practices that may transform your faith.

Books & Brew

Tuesdays
Beginning 10:00–11:30 p.m.
Asbury UMC Library
Hosted by Debby Hendrix

Morning Pointe Senior Center Morning Glory: Faith for the Journey

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

Advent Study 2025: “What Do I Want for Christmas?”

Saturdays, Nov. 29 – Dec. 20 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon (light breakfast at 9:30)
Join us for a four-week Advent study based on James W. Moore’s book as we explore the true gifts of the season—**Hope, Freedom, Christ, and Salvation**—through Scripture, reflection, and fellowship. This Study is in partnership with our parish church's Pruitt Hill & Tate Chapel, Books are available. All are welcome!

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*	Luke 17:11-19	John Reviere
The Message	Lessons from the Leper!	Rev. Sharon Bowers

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. Please register your attendance in the red folder, located in your pew. Let us know if you are visiting, would like to become a member, or are interested in more information.

Offertory Prayer		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Anthem (Organ Offertory)	“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” arr. Robin Milford	Ed Logan
Doxology	See Insert	UMH #95
Hymn of Invitation*	“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”	UMH #351

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*		Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: An also with you.	
Postlude*	“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name” arr. Oliver Holden	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

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.

Pastor Blessings

Newsflash!!!
Just as Jesus came near the ten lepers, he wants to come nearer to us. He will not turn away from our cry. He will pity every moan and every groan. Before we cry out, God will answer. When we cry out, Lord have mercy:
He turns his ear to us.
He touches us.
He restores us.
In the Name of Jesus Christ we are made whole!

Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Asbury UMC
www.asburylife.org



Why We Celebrate Christ the King Sunday in the United Methodist Church

Christ the King Sunday is the final Sunday of the Christian liturgical year. In the UMC—as in many mainline traditions—we observe it to remember one central truth: Jesus Christ is Lord over all creation.

It reminds us who truly reigns.

The world has many “powers” that compete for our loyalty—politics, money, fear, division. Christ the King Sunday proclaims: Jesus, not any earthly power, is our true King. His kingdom is one of justice, peace, mercy, and love.

It re-centers the church before Advent.

This Sunday is placed right before Advent on purpose. Before we begin waiting for the baby in the manger, we remember that the baby is also the King of Kings. It’s the Church’s way of resetting our focus so we enter Advent with worship, not just holiday busyness.

It comes from a call to resist injustice and oppression.

The feast was originally established in 1925, during a period of rising nationalism, violence, and injustice worldwide. The Church wanted to make a bold statement: Christ—not dictators, not governments, not hatred—rules the world.

The UMC continues this tradition because it echoes our own calling to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.

It challenges us to live as kingdom people.

As Methodists, we emphasize practical holiness—faith in action. Christ the King Sunday asks: If Jesus is your King, does your life show it?

We renew our pledge to live as disciples who bring Christ’s love into the world.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

God of Grace and mercy, we confess that we have rejected Your call to come closer to You. We have chosen to remain distant from You instead of running to You. You have what we need and yet, we have trouble surrendering to Your will for our lives.

People:

Lord, have mercy on us. Help us to draw nearer to you so that we might experience your healing power. Overshadow us with your love and give us a heart of gratitude.

Liturgist:

Lord remind us that we can’t thank you enough for all you have done for us. We have failed to offer thanks for all the many blessings you have given us. Like the nine lepers who failed to say thank you, we have taken your healing touch for granted. Lord, remind us that everything we have is a gift from You.

People:

Lord forgive our oversight and make our hearts be like the one leper who can back with a heart filled with gratitude. Lord teach us to have a grateful heart.

All: We confess that we have failed to live in a posture of thankfulness. We have lived our lives in the balance between shame and pride. Often, we have cried unclean, unclean too many times. It is by You and through You that we are cleaned and made whole. Restore us and fill us with the joy of praise and thanksgiving. In all that is Holy, we pray. 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
Liturgist:	John Reviere
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Organist/Pianist:	Ed Logan
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS
<p>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://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-Asbury .</p>
<p>Advent Study 2025: “What Do I Want for Christmas?” Saturdays, Nov. 29 – Dec. 20 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon (light breakfast at 9:30) Join us for a four-week Advent study based on James W. Moore’s book as we explore the true gifts of the season—Hope, Freedom, Christ, and Salvation—through Scripture, reflection, and fellowship. This Study is in partnership with our parish church's Pruitt Hill & Tate Chapel Books are available. All are welcome!</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advent Volunteers Needed – Help make the beauty of Advent and Christmas come alive! Volunteers are needed for Southern Sanctuaries (Dec. 5) to assist with setup, greeting, and cleanup; for Christmas Decorating (Nov. 24) 10:00 a.m. to prepare the sanctuary for the season; and as Advent Candle Lighters during Sunday worship. To volunteer, contact the church office or John Reviere—your helping hands will make this season shine!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT’D
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Special “Hanging of the Greens’ on November 30th @ 10 a.m. Join us for our annual <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> service, a time to prepare our hearts and worship space for the Advent season. During this service, we will decorate the sanctuary with evergreens, wreaths, and a Christmas tree—symbols of new life, spiritual preparation, and the ever-lasting promise of God. The service will include scripture readings, prayers, and the symbolic hanging of greenery such as holly and ivy. We will also light the first Advent candle as a sign of hope and anticipation. Come and experience the Christ of Christmas with us!Christmas Poinsettia Tributes Celebrate the season by dedicating a beautiful poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. These flowers will grace our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall during the Christmas Eve Communion services, adding warmth and beauty to our worship. \$15 each – proceeds support Asbury’s Benevolence Ministry , Please submit one form per poinsettia. Return your form and donation to the church office by Sunday, Dec. 15th.. https://people.planningcenteronline.com/forms/
PRAYER REQUESTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rev. Linda Bass and her husband, Allen. She is undergoing treatment for breast cancer, and he has recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.Carol Bowers, who will be going to Vanderbilt for testing on December 3, 2025.Please lift up the family of Alton Eugene Johnson, who passed away on Friday, Nov. 14th. He was a long time member of Asbury.

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