



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

TEN O'CLOCK

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MORNING WORSHIP

DECEMBER 7, 2025

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light

Rhosymedre
or ("Lovely") R.V. Williams

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*

"It Is Well With My Soul "

UMH #377

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*

Psalms 37:37-38

John Reviere

The Message

Mark the Perfect Man!

Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Attendance for November 30, 2025			
Sunday School	Postponed	Livestream Views	491
Traditional Service	42	Children’s Church	5
Contemporary Service	14	Daycare Chapel	24
Morning Pointe Senior Center	11	Youth Wednesday Night	7
The Care Center Service	23		

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

An Advent Poem
Part 1

In the hush of waiting days,
a single flame is lifted high.

Hope trembles into brightness,
scattering the long night's sigh.

We lean toward promised dawn,
trusting light we cannot yet see.

To be Continued...

Author Unknown

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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 "The Time is Surely Drawing Near"
J.S. Bach 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* "Let there Be Peace On Earth" UMH #431

SENDING FORTH

Benediction* Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Postlude* "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
arr. David Lasky 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.

Advent & Christmas at Asbury

- * Downtown Christmas - Southern Sanctuaries – Friday, Dec 5 | 6- 8pm |
- * Sanctuary Advent Study: “What Do I Want for Christmas?”

Saturdays, Nov 29-Dec 20 | 9:30-11:00 | Fellowship Hall

- * 2nd Sunday In Advent–December 7th
- * 3rd Sunday in Advent–December 14th

D.S. Rev. Scott Spence Special Speaker

- * 4th Sunday in Advent–December 21st Bishop

James E. Swanson, Sr. Special Speaker

- * Blue Christmas Service–6:00–7:30 pm | Chapel
- * Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion (Traditional)

Dec 24 | 5:00pm | Sanctuary

- * Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion (Contemporary)

Dec 24 | 11:00pm | Fellowship Hall

- * Christmas Day | Dec 24–26 | (Office Closed) Best Wishes for Family & Friends
- * Year-End Worship & Testimony Service–December 28th

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.

Advent Study 2025

- **What Do I Want for Christmas? By James W. Moore**
Saturdays, Nov. 29 – Dec. 20 | 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 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!

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.

Prayer of Confession

Based on Psalm 37:37–38

Liturgist:

Holy and Loving God, Your Word invites us to *consider the blameless* and *observe the upright*, for their future is peace. But we confess that our lives do not always reflect Your peace.

People:

Lord, forgive us. Give us peace that surpasses all understanding. Lead us in Your peace.

Liturgist:

You call us to live with integrity and to walk in righteousness, yet we admit that our decisions sometimes fall short. We do not always mean what we say and say what we mean.

People:

Lord, forgive us. Teach us to walk upright before you.

Liturgist:

Your word told us the importance of staying on the path so that our world would not diminish and our hope would not be cut off. Regrettably, we confess that we wander, we hesitate, and we compromise.

People:

Lord, forgive us. Restore our faithfulness and free us for joyful obedience. Turn our hearts back to You.

All:

Merciful God, cleanse us from all that separates us from Your peace. Help us to walk in the way of the upright, to seek the path that leads to a hopeful future, and to turn away from everything that leads to destruction. By Your grace, shape us into people who reflect Your character as we live in the fullness of Your peace.

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:	John Reviere
Children's Message:	Don Stansfield III
Organist/Pianist:	Ed Logan
Music:	Choir
Sounds/Livestream:	Christian Martin
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://asburylife.org/coming-up-at-asbury .	
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PRAYER REQUESTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Please remember Lynn Reviere in your prayers as she continues to recover following a serious medical procedure. May she experience strength, comfort, and healing in the days ahead.Please keep Art and Marty Masker in your prayers as they navigate and recover from significant medical challenges. May they feel God's presence, peace, and sustaining care during this time.	

Pastor Blessings

May the God of peace guide your steps in righteousness and guard your heart from all that leads to destruction. As you behold the way of the upright, may you find hope in the future God has prepared for you.

Go in God's peace, strengthened and kept by God's grace and mercy now and in the days to come.

Amen.