



1ST SUNDAY IN LENT  
THE 22ND DAY *of* FEBRUARY 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

## THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light "We All Believe in One True God" by Flor Peeters 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\* **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 Rebekah Taylor

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer Rebekah Taylor

Prayer Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH# 496 Chancel Choir

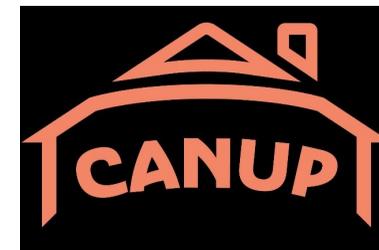
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Sharon Bowers

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.

Attendance for February 15, 2026			
Sunday School	16	Livestream Views	654
Traditional Service	44	Children's Church	3
Contemporary Service	14	Daycare Chapel	28
Morning Pointe Senior Center	16	Children's Church & Youth Wednesday Night	Attended Ash Wed. Service
Ash Wednesday Service	42		

Coalition Addressing the Needs of Unhoused People of Greene County



CANUP (pronounced 'canopy')

Thanks to the generous donations of many individuals, Asbury UMC was able to pack over 900 food kits in 2025 for CANUP. Asbury is now packing 200 food kits monthly and able to deliver 45-50 food kits every Saturday to the homeless and food insecure in Greeneville and Greene County. Each bag provides hope and the love of Jesus Christ to an individual that may have felt forgotten. Each food kit delivered is also a praise lifted to God. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry and **join us this Wednesday, February 25 at 5:00 pm** in the Wesley Room to pack food kits for March.

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

**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.

**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.  
Mondays | Beginning January 12th | 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 | Beginning January 28th | 11:00 a.m. **\*\* Please sign up if you are interested.**

- ***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 | Beginning January 26th @ 6:00 p.m. **\*\* Please sign up if you are interested.**

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

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### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson (s)*	1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV) Mark 1:40-45 (NIV)	Rebekah Taylor
The Message	"Inexpressible and Glorious Joy"	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 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)	"A Lenten Prelude" by Giovanni Pergolesi Ed Logan
Doxology	See Insert UMH #95
Hymn of Invitation*	Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross UMH #301

### SENDING FORTH

Benediction*	Rev. Sharon Bowers
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: <b>An also with you.</b>
Postlude*	"See the Lord of Life and Light" by J.S. Bach 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.

## Committee Spotlight

Finance Committee

### Purpose

The Committee on Finance stewards the congregation's financial resources. While the Trustees manage church property and special funds, this committee oversees all other financial assets, including tithes, fundraising, and other income. Rodney Bell is the Committee Chair.

Responsibilities include:

- Proposing the annual budget for Church Council approval
- Tracking and recording all financial contributions and transactions
- Ensuring funds are distributed according to the approved budget
- Establishing financial policies that promote transparency and accountability
- Arranging the annual audit and reporting to the Annual Conference
- Recommending additional fund allocations, subject to Church Council approval

### Membership

The committee includes the Senior Pastor, a Chairperson, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Church Council Chair, Pastor-Parish Relations Chair, a Trustee representative, Stewardship Chair, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Business Administrator (if applicable), and at-large members nominated and confirmed through the Charge Conference. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer must be separate individuals. Paid staff in these roles have voice but no vote; volunteers have both voice and vote. Immediate family members of key financial officers may not serve. At-large members serve three-year terms; others serve by virtue of their church office. The committee meets regularly throughout the year as needed to fulfill its responsibilities.

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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](http://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.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- At the request of her son, we share the passing of Mrs. Mary Ruth Jeffers, a Washington County native and daughter of the late Cecil and Mae Armstrong. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Jeffers, and is survived by several cousins. Mrs. Jeffers retired from TVA in Knoxville and was a member of Munsey Methodist Church. She also had many dear friends at Asbury.
- Marty Masker has had major heart surgery, and is at home recuperating. Please pray for a great recovery. Pray for Art and family as they look after her in this process.

## Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

Gracious and merciful God, You are holy and we are human. You are righteous and we fall short of your glory.

**People:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist:

There have been times when we have been silent when we should have spoken up. Lord show us your glory.

**People:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist:

We have stood and watched injustices unfold, and we never said a word. Prick our hearts to cry out.

**People:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist:

We have seen Your miraculous power in our lives and acted as though we deserved it.

**People:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist:

We have witnessed Your glory and failed to testify about the goodness of God. We have allowed fear to quiet our praise.

**People:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist:

We have allowed pride to silence our gratitude. We have forgotten that all things are of you, by you or through you.

**People:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist:

We have allowed comfort to dull our witness. Make us uncomfortable in our complacency. Shine the search light on us.

**People:**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist:

Like the leper who knelt before Jesus, we cry out for a touch from you.

**All:**

"If You are willing, You can make us clean." Touch us again, Lord. Cleanse us and make us new. Give us unspeakable joy and fill us with your glory. **Amen**



# ASBURY UMC



## Monthly Grocery Donation for My Neighbor's House

**\*\*Please bring donations to Sisters By Grace Class\*\***



### FEBRUARY

CANNED SOUP (20)

### MARCH

CANNED SPAM (10)

### APRIL

BEANIE  
WEENIES (15)

### MAY

CANNED RAVIOLI/  
SPAGHETTI AND  
MEATBALLS (20)

### JUNE

SPAGHETTI SAUCE AND NOODLES (15)

### JULY

CANNED CORN (15) AND  
CANNED GREEN BEANS OR PEAS (15)

### AUGUST

MAC AND CHEESE BOXES (10)

### SEPTEMBER

CANNED CHICKEN OR TUNA (20)

### OCTOBER

CANNED PORK AND BEANS (20)

### NOVEMBER

APPLE SAUCE 40Z CUPS  
(20)

### DECEMBER

RAMON NOODLES 12 PACK  
(10)

### JANUARY

PEANUT BUTTER 16 OZ  
(15)



**MATTHEW 25:40 TRULY I TELL YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME**



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## Pastoral Blessing

Beloved of God,

As you leave this place, may the same Jesus who reached out and touched the leper reach out and touch every area of your life.

May the Lord who said, "I am willing," speak willingness over your healing, willingness over your restoration, willingness over your future.

May you go forth filled with **inexpressible and glorious joy** – joy that does not depend on circumstances, joy that survives pressure, joy that rises even when you cannot fully explain it.

When the world tells you to be quiet, may your testimony rise. When fear tries to silence you, may your praise speak louder. When shame whispers, may grace shout.

May you walk as people who have been touched by God. May you live as those who have seen God's glory. May you speak as those who cannot keep it to yourselves.

Even though you do not see him now,  
you believe in him and are filled with  
an **inexpressible and glorious joy.**