

ASBURY GATHERINGS

Children's & Youth Ministry Building Bridges & True North Wednesdays at 5:15 - 7:00 P.M.

Asbury Fellowship Hall | Meal & Study Please join us!
3 Churches 1 Mission / Asbury - Pruitt Hill - Tate Chapel

Tiny Seeds | Tuesdays 10:00 A.M. Chapel for 3-4 year olds - Day Care students.
and staff. Rev. Sharon Bowers and Ms. Sandra Fox leading.

The Valley (Contemporary Worship Service) Asbury | **Sundays at 11:15 A.M.**
Asbury Fellowship Hall, Rev. Chase Crickenberger.

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,
daughter of Nancy Worley.

Bible Studies / Small Groups

X'ianity: Christianity 101 — Sundays at 10:00 A.M. in the Asbury Library. Join Ryan
McMillan for a welcoming discussion of the foundations of the Christian faith while Rev.
Chase Crickenberger is on paternity leave. Everyone is welcome!

The Bible Told Them So Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. in the La Rue Room. Join us for an 8-
week study on J. Russell Hawkins' book, The Bible Told Them So. Together, we will
examine the history of faith during the Civil Rights Era and reflect on how we can live out a
compassionate, faithful witness today. All are welcome for thoughtful conversation and
community learning! There are **3** remaining slots; books can be picked up at the office.

**New Bible Study: Forgiveness, Finding Peace Through Letting Go| (6 weeks), Thursdays
| 6:00–7:30 P.M.** Join us this fall as we explore forgiveness with Adam Hamilton and
discover how letting go of grudges can open our hearts more fully to God's grace. ****Bring
a friend and join us for this meaningful study! **** Interested? Please sign up through Church
Center. For more information, please contact John Reviere.



23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE 1ST DAY *of* NOVEMBER 2026

TEN O'CLOCK

201 SOUTH MAIN STREET, GREENEVILLE, TN 37743

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MORNING WORSHIP
November 1, 2026

THE GATHERING

Prelude
& Bringing In The Light

“Instrumental”

Paula Johnson

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*
The Apostles Creed*

“When We All Get To Heaven ”
See Insert

UMH #701
UMH #881

Passing Of The Peace*

† Afterward, the people may be seated.

The Children’s Message

Don Stansfield III

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer
Prayer Hymn
Pastoral Prayer

Diane Whittenburg
UMH #496
Chancel Choir
Rev. Ronald Wong

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*
The Message

Hebrews 12: 1-3 The Message Bible
Run Like Jesus!

Diane Whittenburg
Rev. Sharon Bowers

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

Church Services and Attendance for September 27, 2026			
Sunday School	24	Livestream Views Traditional *Contemporary	289 *110
Traditional Service	41	Children’s Church	4
Contemporary Service	17	Daycare Chapel (Tuesdays)	28
Books & Brew (Tuesdays)	4	Children’s Church & Youth (Wednesdays)	175
Gardening with Gratitude Monthly - 3rd Thursday	Oct 15	Van Dreal Covenant (Bi-Weekly—Wednesday)	Cancelled
A Place of Grace Monthly - 1 st Sunday	Nov 1 TONIGHT!	Morning Pointe Senior Center (Thursdays)	20
The Bible Told Them So	23	Forgiveness	10
Prayer Requests			
Please keep our military men and women and their families in your prayers, specifically Alex Whitaker (Air Force Pilot), Lincoln Taylor (Navy Pilot), and Jackson Renner (Army Reserve). Pray for God’s protection, wisdom, strength, and peace as they serve, and for their safe return home.			
Continue to lift up our unhoused people as “winter is coming” and Asbury will once again host the Warming center.			
Please keep Waylon Flaucher, grandson of Crystal Sapp (Asbury's Church Housekeeper), in your prayers. Waylon was born on October 10, 2026. We pray that his test results will come back favorable and that he and his family will be surrounded by God's comfort, peace, and loving care.			

View
our
Prayer
List



View
Our
Coming
Events



Give
Online



Join
our
Live-
stream



TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM	
Preaching:	Rev. Sharon Bowers, Lead Pastor
Liturgist:	Diane Whittenburg
Children’s Message:	Don Stansfield III
Nursery Host:	Hostess
Organist / Pianist:	Paula Johnson
Music:	Chancel Choir
Sound / Livestream	Christian Martin / Fletcher Sherrill / Zy Neal
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Foundations – We’re happy to share that Foundations, our New Member Class, will resume on Sunday, November 8, at 6:00 p.m., with Rev. Chase Crickenberger leading the class.	
A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make our Trunk or Treat and CANUP Food Kit Packing events on October 28 a success! We are grateful for the volunteers who decorated trunks, shared candy, packed food kits, and donated supplies. Your generosity, time, and willingness to serve are wonderful examples of Christ’s love in action. Thank you for making a difference in our community and helping us share God’s love with our neighbors!	
Throughout November, Asbury UMC is collecting 4 oz. Apple Sauce cups. cups for My Neighbor’s House . Donations may be placed in the Sisters by Grace classroom or brought to the church office. Thank you for your generosity as we share Christ’s love by caring for our neighbors in need.	
Join us this Sunday, November 1, from 6:15–7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly community meal, A Place of Grace! Come enjoy good food, friendly conversation, and time together. Bring a friend or come as you are—we’d love to see you there! Everyone is welcome.	
You are cordially invited to an Open House at CANUP on Monday, November 9, from 4:00–8:00 p.m. Come tour the new offices, meet the staff, and enjoy refreshments. Location: 150 Shawnee Lane, Greeneville.	
Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Jamal Dominique Hopkins, PhD , from Baylor University, for the Zoom presentation on Tuesday night. The Bible Told Them So Study. His presentation covered the Noahic/Hamitic Curse. Over 23 people were privileged to receive this valuable information.	

MORNING WORSHIP

November 1, 2026

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.

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Anthem (Organ Offertory)

"Instrumental"

Paula Johnson

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*

"Faith of Our Fathers"

UMH #710

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Peace*

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

Postlude*

"Instrumental"

Paula Johnson

Childcare is available under the Sanctuary. 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, ye 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.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us also experienced temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

All: Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

A time of silence

Liturgist: Friends, receive this good news! Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! Amen!

Adapted from Rev. Lucas Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/10/all-saints-prayer-of-confession.html>.

Pastoral Blessing

Beloved Child of God, May the God who protected and watched over the saints who have gone before you strengthen you to endure the race you are in. May God run with you for the remainder of your journey on earth. May you lay aside every weight that so easily gets in your way so that you can persevere until the end. When you grow weary, don't faint; when the road gets difficult, don't take a detour; stay on the path. May the joy that you have sustain you, and may you love, serve, lead, and run like Jesus. In the Name of All that is Holy! Amen

In Loving Memory: Remembering Those Who Have Passed

Jermaine Reese

Born 1933 · Passed 2026

Michael Monger

Born 1947 · Passed 2026

Mary Jo Slagel

Born 1938 · Passed 2026

Lou Ella Coleman

Born 1930 · Passed 2026

William E. Geisinger

1942 - 2024

All Saints / Call to Prayer Litany

Liturgist: On this All Saints Sunday, we gather to remember teachers and storytellers who brought God's stories to life for us.

People: We give thanks!

Liturgist: We remember choir members, praise bands, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played Your praises.

People: We give thanks!

Liturgist: We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years.

People: We give thanks!

Liturgist: We remember parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings who showed us how to hold fast to the faith.

People: We give thanks!

Liturgist: We remember our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family with whom we grew our faith and our love for God and neighbor.

People: We give thanks!

Liturgist: We remember our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

All: We give thanks for the saints who came before us, are present here with us, and will continue after us. Thanks be to God!

Adapted from Rev. Susannah DeBenedetto and posted on LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/10/29/all-saints-litany/>. Re-posted on the re: Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/10/all-saints-litany.html>.