



23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025

10:00 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

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MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THE GATHERING

Prelude & Bringing In The Light

“Be Thou My Vision”
arr. Fred Bock

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*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

The Apostles Creed*

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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

Rebekah Taylor

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

Call to Prayer

“Seek Ye First” Verse 1

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sharon Bowers

The Lord’s Prayer

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Rev. Sharon Bowers

Attendance for November 09, 2025			
Sunday School	15	Livestream Views	279
Traditional Service	58	Children’s Church	3
Contemporary Service	Blended Service	Daycare Chapel	Heat Repair
Morning Pointe Senior Center	Cancelled		
Children’s Church & Youth Wednesday Night	49		

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

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

Books & Brew

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

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!

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

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.

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.

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Lesson*	John 6:1-14	Marcia Parsons
The Message	Gather All The Fragments!	Rev. Sharon Bowers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Giving Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Anthem (Organ Offertory)

Doxology

Hymn of Invitation*

† 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.

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
arr J.G. Walther

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Blessed Assurance

Rev. Sharon Bowers

Ed Logan

UMH #95

UMH #369

SENDING FORTH

Benediction*	Rev. Sharon Bowers	
Peace*	Minister: The Peace of Christ be always with you. People: An also with you.	
Postlude*	“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” arr J.N. Hanff	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

Give thanks for everything. So, go now with hearts full of gratitude, before and after the miracle. Place your trust in a God who is always working things out for your good. Remember that Jesus is in the business of taking little and making much. Trust that God is already working IT out for your good. As Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it, so may your life be taken, blessed, broken, and shared for the nourishment of the world. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord—with thankful hearts. Amen.

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

A Heartfelt Thank you

Asbury family,
Thank you, for all the kind phone calls, expressions of appreciation, and thoughtful gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. My heart was truly warmed by your generosity.

I am deeply honored to work alongside each of you in ministry. You make my life—and the lives of so many others—easier and richer. I truly enjoy serving and doing ministry together with you.

With gratitude and love,
Rev. Sharon L. Bowers



Veterans Day, November 11th, 2025 We honor and remember the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our nation with courage, dedication, and sacrifice.



November is Native American Heritage Month, also called American Indian Heritage Month, which is a time to honor the history, culture, and contributions of the nation's original inhabitants and their descendants. The month was officially designated by President George H.W. Bush in 1990 to highlight Indigenous peoples' achievements, traditions, and struggles, both past and present. Events celebrating the month include cultural festivals, educational programs, and art exhibits.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist:

God of More Than Enough, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. You can take a little and make much. You are the great multiplier. We give thanks for You and Your generosity.

People:

Forgive us, Lord, when we hold on to what You have given us and are reluctant to share it with others. Forgive us when we operate from a scarcity mindset instead of an abundance mindset. Remind us that even the smallest gift, when placed in Your hands, can feed a multitude.

Liturgist:

You have told us to give thanks in everything. We should thank You in advance, believing that by faith You can move mountains. Even if we do not see it, we can have faith to believe it.

People:

We confess that we often grumble about what we lack instead of rejoicing in what we have been given. Renew in us a grateful spirit. Teach us to rest in the knowledge that your timing is not our timing.

All:

In Your mercy, forgive us and fill our cups again. Let our hearts overflow with gratitude, our hands open in generosity, and our lives reflect the miracle of Your grace and Your mercy. Teach us to trust that there will always be more than enough with fragments left over. Make us gatherers of all the fragments of Your blessings so that nothing You have done in us is ever lost. 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:	Marcia Parsons
Children’s Message:	Rebekah Taylor
Organist/Pianist:	Ed Logan
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 .
Asbury will be hosting a Thanksgiving Meal on Wednesday, November 19 at 5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we break bread with the congregations of Pruitt Hill and Tate Chapel. Please bring a side or dessert to share. All are welcome!
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!
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
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
- Art and Marty Masker - The Unhoused of Greene County and beyond - Individuals experiencing grief and loss

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