

## WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to each person worshipping with us today. If you need any assistance, please call on our ushers. They would be glad to help you. We hope you have a meaningful worship experience and leave Asbury renewed, fulfilled, and challenged!

**The flowers for the worship service are given  
by Catherine Gilbert in memory  
of her father, Jack Gilbert.**

### Mission Statement

Asbury Memorial is a place where all people, individually and collectively, develop their spirituality, use their talents, and grow in faith as we become a living example of people who love, serve, and celebrate God, each other, and our community.

Our ministries are supported by the service, prayers, and financial gifts of our members and friends. If you would like to learn more about membership or how you can support our ministries, please call or email the church or talk with any of our clergy or staff.

### Our Tithes and Offerings for the Year

Weekly Budget Need – \$15,013

Given Last Sunday – \$33,389

Year-to-Date Budget Need – \$705,617

Year-to-date Received – \$556,162

Billy Hester, Senior Minister  
Claire Marich, Assoc. Minister  
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Asbury Memorial Church  
November 27, 2022  
11:15 a.m.

# SHALOM



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE Asbury Musicians

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Billy Hester

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Season of Advent has begun.

We are called to prepare ourselves once again for the miracle of Christmas.

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

One: We are called from different places, from our daily lives, to turn to God. We are called to turn from ways of destruction into ways of peace and justice.

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

One: We are called to be awake and alert: God is doing something new in our midst. It is Advent – let us prepare to be changed as God comes to us once again in a new way.

**All: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

\*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No.196

ADVENT CANDLE Catherine Gilbert & Sandy Golden

SONG OF PEACE *Shalom Rav* Quartet  
Grant us peace, Your most precious gift, O Eternal Source of Peace,  
And give us the will to proclaim its message to all the peoples of the earth.

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-9

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Bob Chvatal  
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 for ever.**

Choral Amen

Asbury Choir

## \*\*INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *In Remembrance of Me* Asbury Choir

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rev. Chvatal

SERMON **A Time for Imagineers** Rev. Hester

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION see insert

### HOLY COMMUNION & RECEIVING OF STRIPS OF CLOTH

You may come forward to receive the Communion Kit and to partake of the elements at the altar. You are also invited to receive a strip of cloth to have with you throughout the season of Advent. The cloth represents the Shalom (the peace) we all desire and work for as we carry the light and love of Christ. For those who have yet to make a financial pledge for 2023 and would like to, Pledge Cards are in the narthex. The completed card may be placed in the basket at the front of the altar when coming forward for Communion.

HYMN *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love* see insert

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Hester

\*CHORAL RESPONSE *Shalom* No. 667  
Shalom chaverim, shalom chaverin. Shalom, shalom.  
Lehitraot, lehitraot, shalom, shalom.

Farewell, dear friends. Stay safe, dear friends. Have peace, have peace.

We'll see you again. We'll see you gain. Have peace, have peace.

\*POSTLUDE Asbury Musicians

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\*Children are invited to attend Godly Play (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades)

## LITURGY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

We hear the voice of the prophet Isaiah, who spoke of reconciliation – of creation living together in harmony.

**As people of God, we are called to dream...to dream of Shalom.  
As people of God, we are called to work...to work for Shalom.  
As people of God, we are called to pray...to pray for Shalom.**

Long ago our tradition says, Jesus came in the humble birth of a child, a child of amazing and divine love, a child of Mary's 'yes' to God, a child of Joseph's acceptance, a child of our humanity.

**We pledge ourselves to be embodiments of the dream he dreamed.**

Long ago our tradition says,  
Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and said:  
'This bread is broken, as my body will be'.  
And he handed it to his friends inviting them to eat:  
'Remember all that I have been to you'.

Long ago our tradition says, Jesus poured a cup of wine,  
offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends:  
'This wine is poured out as my life will be poured out.  
As you drink give thanks for all I have given'.

May this gathering of this community of faith  
be comforted and challenged during this Advent season.

**May people see in us the courage and the generosity  
that characterized Jesus' life.**

**Amen.**

## THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

### 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

#### *Refrain*



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

WORDS: Peter Scholtes (John 13:34-35; Eph. 4:4-6)

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