

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.                      Second Sunday of Advent                      December 5, 2021

## GATHERING

Please fill out the tear off **attendance card** on the announcements page and place in the offering plate when passed.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jennifer

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Daniel Mclean, PhD

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

**All: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,**

One: For God is with us, smiling upon us with love.

**All: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,**

One: For Christ has saved us from our enemies, our sins, and our fears.

**All: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,**

One: For God's Spirit shines upon us, giving light for our darkness.

**All: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!**

One: Let us worship God together.

## \*OPENING HYMN

Angels From the Realm of Glory

UMH 220

## ADVENT WREATH: Candle of Peace

Marcia Morton & Alicia Hemphill

## RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211 v. 2

*“O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.”*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Jennifer

God of mercy and grace, we pray that the gifts we offer this morning might be used to bring some compassion to the chaos that in our world. We give these gifts in love, hoping they will heal some of the hurting; and as they do, make the crooked road straight for the coming of the Christ. May the hills that separate us from sisters and brothers be made flat and may the valleys of our isolation be raised up, so we will be ready to welcome the Christ as one. In that holy name, we pray. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

Shout to the North

Nick & Ellen Despres

## \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

## SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-4

## SERMON

*The Traveler*

Rev. Jennifer

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

UMH 206

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Dan

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH p.13

## \*CLOSING HYMN

People, Look East

UMH 202 v. 1,4

## BENEDICTION

*Today's flowers are given by Marcia Morton in  
thankfulness for her church family*

*Nursery for birth to age 4 available from 8:30am until 11am*

(\*) If able, please stand

UMH - The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## *\* HAPPENING THIS WEEK \**

### **Sunday, December 5**

8:45 AM Adult Sunday School	Various Locations
9:00 AM Praise Team Practice	Sanctuary
10:00 AM Worship	Sanctuary
4:00 PM Blue Christmas Service	Sanctuary

### **Monday, December 6**

10:00 AM VITAS Grief Support	Sanctuary
7:00 PM Boy Scouts	Tebbe Hall

### **Tuesday, December 7**

### **Wednesday, December 8**

10:00 AM Bible Bunch	Narthex
6:00 PM Fellowship Dinner	Farr Hall
6:30 PM Handbells	Handbell Room
6:30 PM Children's Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM Adult Choir	Sanctuary

### **Thursday, December 9**

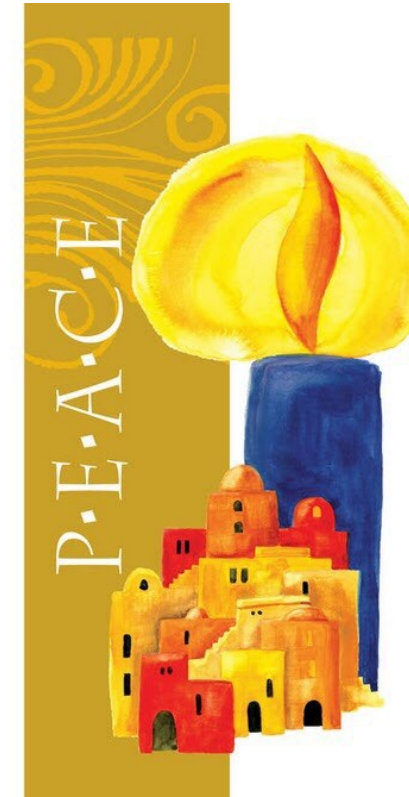
11:00 AM Women's Fellowship	Narthex
6:00 PM Krafty Kritters	Youth Room
6:00 PM Cub Pack 412 Meeting	Farr Hall

### **Friday, December 10**

6:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous	Farr Hall
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### **Saturday, December 11**

9:00 AM Breakfast with Santa	Farr Hall/Narthex
9:00 AM Clothes Closet	



## *Welcome to* **Asbury United Methodist Church**

*“Knowing Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ, Sharing Christ”*

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### **GIVING MADE EASY**

Giving to AUMC is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Scan this image with your smart phone's camera and follow the directions to be automatically taken to Tithely.com, our online giving service.

2. Once there, you will need to create an account or sign in if you already have one.

3. Fill out the requested information and click the GIVE bar at the bottom of the screen and you're done!

*Remember, you can give from your bank account, debit/credit card, or GooglePay. Tithely is a safe, secure, and easy way to give to the ministry of our church. Thank you.*

### **GRIEF SUPPORT**

A Grief Support group is offered here at AUMC on the first and third Monday of each month in the sanctuary. The group is lead by VITAS Chaplain, Dr. Dan Mclean. It is open to the public for any stage and cause of grief. This group is free and no reservation or signup is required. For more information, call Dr. Dan at 904-802-6800.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **NEXT WEEK**

12/12 Marlena Schmitt

12/14 Lynne Sicignano

#### **WEEK IN REVIEW**

for the week of November 28, 2021

Worship: 64 Online: 41 Sunday School: 3

Pledges & Tithes	\$2904.19
Loose Offering	\$ 21.00
Sunday School	\$ 6.00
<b>TOTAL GIVING</b>	<b>\$2931.19</b>

# *Advent*

*Come Home for Christmas* Advent is an invitation. For many, it is the invitation to get into that Christmas spirit, to count down the days to the grand celebration, and let the holiday transform everything around us.

But there is a deeper and more profound invitation being offered in the season of Advent. The invitation is to remember that we are heading for home. Or if we're not, if we've forgotten that there is a home toward which to head, it is the invitation to long for the home we call the kin-dom of God. It is where family resides, where peace resides, where justice abides, and hope will rise.

Advent reminds us that we shouldn't be complacent about the way things are – not that we want to become angrily attuned to every perceived failing in those around us or the world at large; but that we want to be those who look forward to something greater, something more that is just on the horizon. *Advent is the call to come home.*

#### **Today, December 5**

*2nd Sunday of Advent*

Blue Christmas Service, 4 pm

#### **December 12**

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

Christmas Cantata, 10 am

#### **December 19**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

Combined Choirs, 10 am

#### **December 24**

Christmas Eve Worship, 7 pm

Please register your attendance and put this card in the offering plate.

December 5, 2021

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

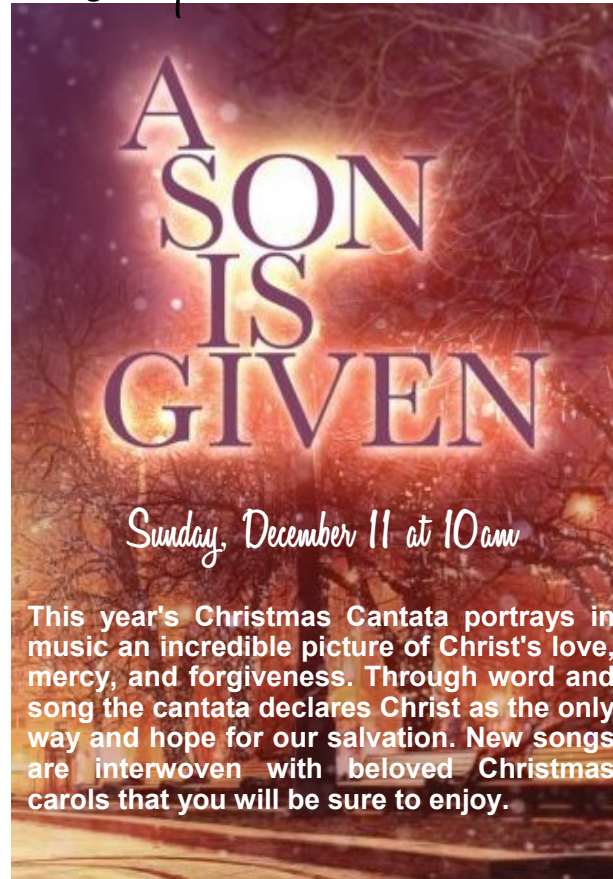
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I'm a member/We're members
- I attend regularly, but am not a member
- I'm a first time guest

The Chancel Choir presents



Asbury United Methodist Church

Announcements

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Plan to bring someone with you today at 4pm for our Blue Christmas service. Almost all of us know someone who is struggling to find the joy of the season due to loss or grief. This service will be a time to give our pain and sadness to Jesus Christ, to find comfort and peace, and to know that we are not alone.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS**

See the order form in the bulletin today to purchase a poinsettia to beautify the sanctuary this Advent/Christmas season. Deadline to purchase is this Wednesday, December 8.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Women's Fellowship group will meet this Thursday, December 9, at 11am in the Narthex. All women are invited to attend. Don't forget to bring a lunch and stay after the meeting to help decorate the Narthex for Breakfast with Santa.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

The Women's Fellowship Group is hosting *Breakfast with Santa*, Saturday, December 11. This is a free, drop in community event from 9am until 11am. Children are welcome to wear their pjs. *Reservations are required due to limited seating. You must call the church office to register.*

**XYZ's CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

All Senior Adults are invited to the XYZ's Christmas Luncheon and White Elephant gift exchange (\$10 value) on Tuesday, December 14, at 11:30am at the newly reopened Golden Coral at 582 Blanding Blvd. Please let Pauline Shields know if you plan to attend (904-406-0771 or 513-289-9562).

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Church office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am—2pm

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

Number planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Host: The Peeples

Menu: Julia Holiday Chicken, Mashed Red Skin potatoes, Country Green Beans, Rolls, Christmas Dump Cake & Tea

*Signing up for dinner helps us determine how many to prepare for..*