

Asbury United Methodist Church

Our vision is to passionately serve in the world because God so loved the world.
Epiphany Sunday – January 7, 2018 – Liturgical Color: White

Sermon Series: “The Light of Bethlehem Shines On!”

November 26, 2017 – January 7, 2018

GOD’S PEOPLE ASSEMBLE

Prelude “Fum, Fum, Fum” – Catalan Carol/arr. M. Hayes
Greetings, Announcements, and Attendance Registration
Lighting of the Christ Candle Andy & Rebecca Erickson

* Hymn “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” #173

* Unison Prayer

O God, Searcher of all our hearts, you have formed us as a people and claimed us for your own. As we come to acknowledge your sovereignty and grace, and to enter anew into covenant with you, reveal any reluctance or falsehood within us. Let your Spirit impress your truth on our inmost being, and receive us in mercy, for the sake of our Mediator, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(David Tripp, England, 20th Cent.)

*Response “Light of the World” vs 1 #2204

A TIME OF SHARING AND PRAYING

Passing the Peace of Christ
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Stewardship Moment

Prayer Hymn “Star-Child” vs 1 #2095

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

Children’s Time “This Little Light of Mine”

Children are invited to Story Hour in the Children’s Library after Children’s Time.

Special Music “Little Drummer Boy”

Second Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Response: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “In the Darkness of Suspicion, There is the Light of Devotion”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

John Wesley’s Covenant Service

(see insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #15 & 16

Giving the Bread and Cup

Please bring your tithes and offerings as you come forward to receive Communion.

Hymns during Communion

“Sing We Now of Christmas” vs 1, 4, 5 #237

“We Three Kings” #254

Words of Blessing

*Congregational Amen “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs 1 #206

Postlude “March of the Kings” – Traditional French Carol