

Asbury United Methodist Church

Our vision is to passionately serve in the world because God so loved the world.
Christmas Eve Day – December 24, 2017 – Liturgical Color: Purple

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

November 26, 2017 – January 7, 2018

Prelude “Good King Wenceslas” Youth Strings
“Away In A Manger”
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Call to Worship “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 1 #230

Lighting of the Advent Candles Rob, Michelle, Caleb, Andrew & Luke Swinney
*Response “O Little Town of Bethlehem” vs 2 #230

* Passing the Peace of Christ

Welcome, Announcements and Attendance Registration

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Beginning with God's Word Philippians 4:4-7
Praise and Worship Medley

“Joy to the World/Our God Saves”

“Hark The Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven”

Unison Prayer (Book of Worship #276)

O God, our Father, You have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that His Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome Him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response “Light of the World” vs 1 #2204

A TIME OF SHARING AND PRAYING

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer - Pastoral Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Time “This Little Light of Mine”

Children are asked to return to their seats after Children's Time

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Song of Preparation “Silent Night, Holy Night” vs 2
Sharing the Word Luke 2:12-17

Sermon “In the Darkness of Anxiety, There is the Light of Peace”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Baptism of Megan Ann (Fox) Booton Hymnal, pg 33

Offering Ourselves, Our Gifts, Our Tithes

Offertory “When Love Was Born” - Herms Mike Brand

*Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ, You gave Yourself to the world. What can we bring to You, in gratitude for such a precious gift? All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from You. We can only offer what is already Yours as a token of our love, along with our heart. Set apart these gifts for Your purposes, and set us apart also as a living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, for it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING OUT TO BEAR WITNESS

* Words of Blessing

*The “Amen” “O Holy Night” – A. Adam Peggy Hamilton