

## Asbury United Methodist Church

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

### GOD'S PEOPLE ASSEMBLE

Prelude "Sweet Holy Child" – M. Caldwell Don Mitchem  
Welcome, Announcements, and Attendance Registration  
Explanation of Service Pastor Kerrin  
Entrance of the Holy Family  
Scripture Revelation 3:20  
**Song "He is Knocking" vs 1,2**  
Scripture John 1:10,12  
**Who are the children of God?**  
Scripture Romans 8:14  
**To what does the Spirit of God guide us?**  
Scripture Matthew 22:37, 39; Galatians 5:22-23a  
**How do we know we love the Lord and have faith?**  
Scripture James 2:14-17  
**Song "He Is Knocking" vs 3**  
Special Music "O Holy Night" – A. Adam Brian Dennis  
**Song "He Is Knocking" vs 4**

### Unison Prayer

**All powerful God, grant that we may rid ourselves of the works of darkness, and that we may invest ourselves with the weapons of light in this life, to which Your Son, Jesus Christ, with great humility, came to visit us; so that in the final day, when He returns in majestic glory to judge the living and the dead, we shall rise to eternal life through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candles Jim & Deanne Graber  
John, Hillary, Ethan & Wesley Milo  
**Response: "Joy to the World" vs 1 #246**

### READING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-7  
Offertory "Mary, Did You Know?" – Lowry/Green Don Mitchem  
*Two-thirds of the offering will be given to Churches United of the Quad City Area  
One-third given to the Asbury Pre-School.*  
**\* Response and Dedication: "What Child is This" vs 1,3 #219**  
The Christmas Story, Part 1: Luke 2:1-7  
*(Animals: get ready to come forward!)*  
**Carol "Away in a Manger" vs 1,2 #217**  
The Christmas Story, Part 2: Luke 2:8-20  
*(Shepherds and Angels: get ready to come forward!)*  
**Carol "The First Noel" vs 1,2 #245**  
The Christmas Story, Part 3: Matthew 2:1-11  
*(Wise Men: get ready to come forward!)*  
**\* The Sharing of the Light of Jesus Christ "Silent Night" #239**  
*The pastors will light their candles from the Christ candle and light the ushers' candles. The ushers will light the candles at the ends of each pew. After your candle is lit, pass the Light of Christ to the person next to you by lighting their candle.*  
Spoken Benediction  
**\*Congregational "Amen" "Angels We Have Heard on High" vs 4 #238**  
Postlude "Joy To The World" - Handel

**Parents: Please be sure to leave your children's costumes on the table in either narthex as you leave! Thank you!**