

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

Prelude “Mary, Did You Know?” – Lowry/Green Don Mitchem
Greetings, Introductions, Announcements, & Attendance Registration

Lighting of the Advent candles Denise Jerson, Kaitlyn Beghtol, Betsy Vanausdeln
Response “Joy to the World” vs 1 #246

Morning Star Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas

Special Music “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Youth String Quartet

Narration A Star will rise Numbers 24:17
“Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Chancel Choir

Narration The Lord is your Light Isaiah 60:19
“Morning Star” Chancel Choir

Special Music “I Wander as I Wonder” Tom Howard

Narration The Angel speaks to Mary Luke 1:30-32
and to Joseph Matthew 1:20
“Chosen by God” Chancel Choir

Narration The Birth in Bethlehem Foretold Micah 5:2
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Chancel Choir

Special Music “O Holy Night” – A. Adam Courtney Wachal

Narration Good News of Great Joy Luke 2:8-14
“He Come from the Glory” Chancel Choir

Special Music “Away in A Manger” Swinney Quartet

Narration The Shepherds Spread the Word Luke 2:15-18
“Why Do the Shepherds Sing?” Chancel Choir

Special Music “Do You Hear What I Hear?” Asbury Men's Quartet

Narration Arise, Shine for your Light has come Isaiah 9:2
John 1:4-5, 9, John 8:12, Revelation 22:16, Matthew 5:14, 16, Isaiah 60:1

“Morning Star (Finale)” Chancel Choir

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

The Gathering and Presenting of Tithes and Offerings

All of tonight's offering will go directly to ministry. Two-thirds will be given to Churches United of the Quad City Area and one-third to the Asbury Pre-School.
Offertory “What Child Is This?” Swinney Quartet

***Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #95, alt. rhythm**

*Prayer of Dedication

Glory to God in the highest! We praise Your name with our offerings tonight. Please accept these gifts in the Name of Jesus, the Light of the World, that we may spread Light to the darkest corners of the world. Thank You, Gracious God, for Your gift. May the joy we feel in our hearts overflow in unending praise! Amen!

*The Sharing of the Light of Jesus Christ

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, tipping the unlit candle to receive the Light.

***Hymn “Silent Night” #239**

* Closing Prayer and Blessing

*** Closing Hymn “Joy to the World” #246**

Postlude “Carol of the Bells” – Ukrainian Carol