

Asbury United Methodist Church

Building a community of strength, hope and love

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Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Tori Heath, Pastor



OUR MISSION

Asbury Church exists to glorify God by obediently making disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally with all its ministries supporting that task.

Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 31, 2021

*“It is in the worship of God that our focus is turned from the world,
to the One who created the world”*

Be still, and know that I am God – Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE

(Prepare for worship as the Light of Christ is brought into the Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS MINUTE

INVOCATION PRAYER

Creator and Ruler of the Earth, we lift up our voices, our eyes, our hearts, our lives to You in praise. Uphold the weary, for whom praise may be very difficult. Continue to form us into Your new creation, that we might welcome You to more fully become the ruler of our hearts and minds. Through Him who came as a servant, and who now reigns over all creation, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* PRAISE HYMN “Let All Things Now Living”

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!" Amen.

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* RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; to not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

All: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for you goodness' sake, O Lord!

All: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Leader: Let us pray...

All: Loving God, you teach us, you lead us, you protect us, you forgive us. Help us to trust you more each day, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:24

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

* PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

* SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 3:1-13

SERMON "The Big Picture: Catastrophe" Pastor Tori Heath

* HYMN "O God Who Shaped Creation"

O God who shaped creation
At earth's chaotic dawn,
Your word of power was spoken,
And lo! the dark was gone!
You framed us in your image,
You brought us into birth,

You blessed our infant footsteps
And shared your splendored earth.

O God, with pain and anguish
A mother sees her child
Embark on deadend pathways,
Alluring, but defiled;
So too your heart is broken
When hate and lust increase,
When words you birthed and nurtured
Spurn ways that lead to peace.

Although your heart is broken
When people scorn your ways,
You never cease your searching
Through evil's darksome maze;
And when we cease our running,
Your joys, O God, abound
Like joy of searching woman
When treasured coin is found.

In mercy and compassion
Your goodness is revealed;
With tenderness you touch us,
And broken hearts are healed.
You claim us as your children,
You strip our prideful shame;
With freedom born of mercy
We bless your holy name!

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Music Today: Shirley Ruth French, Organist/Pianist

Greeters: 8:30 Kaye Majerik 11:00 Lori Buie

Worship Leaders: 8:30 Kristen Eliason 11:00 Dina Kehl

Genesis 3:1-13

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – JAN 31, 2021

PRAYER LIST FOR SERVICE PERSONNEL

Keenan Bayus – National Guard
Antonio Ewings – Marines (GA)

Cort Mukina – Army (WA)
Clay Pittman – Army

WE ARE PRAYING FOR: Winnie Bliss, Gail Donaldson,
Wayne Doolittle, Rita Ghering, Military & Nation's Leaders

Praises:

Sarah's promotion

The blessing of being a part of a small group

Family able to visit soon

Melinda's grandson Lucas turned 9

Birth of Sandy & Verel's great-niece, Ellie

Having grandsons in church

Deborah is able to swallow - Shirley Ruth's sister

Dick's pancreatitis has improved

Jeff B. able to walk with normal shoe

Concerns:

Penny - Trista's mother with health challenges

Family of Ford

Jane - serious case of lyme disease

Donna & Duane

Dave

Danielle

Deborah - struggling with effects of strokes, prayers for ability to walk
(Shirley Ruth's sister)

Kathy - fractured shoulder

Rev. Solida

Betty Lou - continued health

Doug's continued health and strength during regular dialysis and his
family

Pastor Tori finishing her written ordination paperwork & projects

Anna - high schooler who has attempted suicide twice

Noe - guidance for doctors due to the return & growth of brain tumor

Trevor - dialysis

Tammy W.

Darrell
Brock M. - motorcycle accident
Wayne D.
Jim - health issues
Tess & Sean
Cordie
Donna - Tammy B's mother
Judy - Allene's sister
Keenan's military unit
Kim S. - hit by snow mobile, broken leg, but has returned home
Family of Chuck S

Fort LeBoeuf Schools
Asbury Preschool
Nursing homes
College students
Healthcare workers
Teens in need of wisdom and guidance in their decisions
Those out of work
Those without homes
Those who are lonely
Our government officials & our country
Those who are undergoing surgical procedures - Albert

Those who are fighting cancer: Jeanie, Linda (breast cancer), David (brain cancer), Rowan (10 year old with leukemia), Starla (child), John, Bonnie, Chris M., Albert

Those in need of organ transplants: Cheryl (lung), Paul (kidney), Jeremy (kidney),

Those with/recovering from COVID-19: Dr. Seon, Jack & Sandy, Roland O., Jim J., Kyle, Jan S.

If you know anyone who no longer needs to be on this prayer list or the prayer has been answered and we can celebrate, please let us know.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THROUGH
THE BIBLE
WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY
WITH A 1 YEAR BIBLE PLAN**

Hear and Obey God - that's a key mark of a disciple. While this plan will allow you to read the entire Bible in a year, the goal is to hear from God. Don't worry if you do not complete all of the reading.

SOAP focuses on 4 things:

S - Scripture: Write a verse that stood out to you.

O - Observation: Write what you see in the verse and surrounding section.

A - Application: Write how you sense God wants you to apply this verse to your life.

P - Prayer: Write a short prayer of response asking God to help you do what He just showed you.

JANUARY

- 1 GEN 1-2; LUKE 1
- 2 GEN 3-5; LUKE 2
- 3 GEN 6-8; LUKE 3
- 4 GEN 9-11; LUKE 4
- 5 GEN 12-14; LUKE 5
- 6 GEN 15-17; LUKE 6
- 7 GEN 18-19; PS 3; LUKE 7
- 8 GEN 20-22; LUKE 8
- 9 GEN 23-24; LUKE 9
- 10 GEN 25-26; PS 6; LUKE 10
- 11 GEN 27-28; PS 4; LUKE 11
- 12 GEN 29-30; LUKE 12
- 13 GEN 31-33; LUKE 13
- 14 GEN 34-36; LUKE 14
- 15 GEN 37-38; PS 7; LUKE 15
- 16 GEN 39-41; LUKE 16
- 17 GEN 42-43; PS 5; LUKE 17
- 18 GEN 44-46; LUKE 18
- 19 GEN 47-48; PS 10; LUKE 19
- 20 GEN 49-50; PS 8; LUKE 20
- 21 EX 1-2; PS 88; LUKE 21
- 22 EX 3-5; LUKE 22
- 23 EX 6-8; LUKE 23
- 24 EX 9-11; LUKE 24
- 25 EX 12-13; PS 21; ACTS 1
- 26 EX 14-16; ACTS 2
- 27 EX 17-20; ACTS 3
- 28 EX 21-22; PS 12; ACTS 4
- 29 EX 23-24; PS 14; ACTS 5
- 30 EX 25-27; ACTS 6
- 31 EX 28-29; ACTS 7

FEBURARY

- 1 EX: 30-32; ACTS 8
- 2 EX 33-34; PS 16; ACTS 9
- 3 EX 35-36; ACTS 10
- 4 EX 37-38; PS 19; ACTS 11
- 5 EX 39-40; PS 15; ACTS 12
- 6 LEV 1-3; ACTS 13
- 7 LEV 4-6; ACTS 14
- 8 LEV 7-9; ACTS 15
- 9 LEV 10-12; ACTS 16
- 10 LEV 13-14; ACTS 17
- 11 LEV 15-17; ACTS 18
- 12 LEV 18-19; PS 13; ACTS 19
- 13 LEV 20-22; ACTS 20
- 14 LEV 23-24; PS 24; ACTS 21
- 15 LEV 25; PS 25-26; ACTS 22
- 16 LEV 26-27; ACTS 23
- 17 NUM 1-2; ACTS 24
- 18 NUM 3-4; ACTS 25
- 19 NUM 5-6; PS 22; ACTS 26
- 20 NUM 7;PS 23;ACTS 27
- 21 NUM 8-9; ACTS 28
- 22 NUM 10-11; PS 27; MARK 1
- 23 NUM 12-13; PS 90; MARK 2
- 24 NUM 14-16; MARK 3
- 25 NUM 17-18; PS 29; MARK 4
- 26 NUM 19-20; PS 28; MARK 5
- 27 NUM 21-23; MARK 6-7
- 28 NUM 24-27; 1COR 13



Jan 31 Denny & Gail Brogdon



Jan 31 Sophia Myers

Feb 1 Kyle Bayus

Wayne Doolittle

John Greishaw

3 Ryan Brogdon

John McClellan

5 Judy Cochran

6 Donna Boleratz

WE WANT TO INCLUDE EVERYONE, SO PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (796-6012) IF WE DO NOT HAVE YOUR OR YOUR FAMILY'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES LISTED.

This week in the life of the church

January 31 **8:30 In-Person Worship**
 11:00 In-Person Worship
 11:00 Children's Church
 4:00 Youth Group

February 3 **10:00 Bible Study**
 6:00 American Heritage Girls

February 4 **6:00 Backpacks**

February 6 **10:00 Ordination Site Visit**
 7:00 AA



Today is penny collection!
The green container by the offering plate is for the pennies.
The pennies are collected to pay for the shipping of
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

DECEMBER PENNY COLLECTION: \$112.47



We will be having communion
during both services on February 7th.

We will also be having drive-thru communion from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
****Please pull up near the glass door entrance****

Communion will be done in a safe and sterile manner.



Erie Prays

Asbury UMC is taking every 7th day of the month throughout the next year to pray and seek the Lord.

February's virtual sign-up link is as follows:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BACA82FA0FE3-erie4>

We hope you join in on this movement of prayer!



Beginning Thursday, Feb. 11th, Pastor Tori will be hosting a weekly online Bible study on Zoom, 6:30-7:30pm, studying the Gospel of John. Here is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89588876853?pwd=QjVxNU1qYmRzSzNONmlvblI5a09aQT09>

If you would like the Zoom link emailed to you, please call/email the church office.