

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AL | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



JESUS SAID

STOP IT



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT | SUNDAYS THIS FALL

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00) Chancel Choir
We Sing the Mighty Power of God

HYMN OF PRAISE #126
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PASTORAL GREETING

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.

RESPONDING WITH OUR GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Travel Light Linda Brewer & Jeff Sullivan;
Ken Livesay, Guitar; Melanie Rodgers, Fiddle

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Mike Holly

At this time, kindergarten-second graders are invited to Children's Church for the remainder of the service. If you have not pre-registered your child, please accompany them to Room 214 – exit right from the sanctuary. Worship binders are available at the welcome center. Nursery care is also available – exit right, go to the end of the hall.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSVUE)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

ANTHEM

(11:00) Chancel Choir

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

SERMON

Rev. Maggie Dunaway

"God Is Awake"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

#462

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

SENDING FORTH

Pastor: We came to worship.

People: We go to serve and grow.

Pastor: Let us go forth to embody the way of Jesus, together.

All: Amen.

BLESSING RESPONSE

Go Forth for God

POSTLUDE

LEADERS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Maggie Dunaway, Pastor of
Congregational Care
Rev. Mike Holly, Senior Pastor

MUSIC

Nancy Beard, Director of Music;
Ellen Stanton, Grayson Lawrence,
Sara James, Justin Ward, Linda Brewer,
Jeff Sullivan, Ken Livesay, Melanie Rodgers

PRODUCTION CREW

Michael Morris, Technical Director
Amy Gonzalez, Communications Director

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Rene Bundren (Bible Bearer) 8:30
Eli Grubic (Acolyte) 8:30
Penelope Murphy (Bible) 11:00
Eloise Adams (Acolyte) 11:00
Amelia Rowe (Acolyte) 11:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

In-person & Online Attendance: 1,109

FINANCIAL UPDATES

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING

2025 Giving: \$2,856,641

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES (THROUGH AUGUST)

2025 Expenses: \$3,236,614

*More detailed financial information, visit
asburybham.org/financial*

Give online today at asburybham.org/give

We have the joy of serving our city on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9:00AM - noon. Please review the options below and choose where you/your family would like to serve. Scan the QR code below to sign up.

**ELI THRIVE
(gardening)**

**GRACE KLEIN COMMUNITY
(tasks TBD)**

**SHEPHERDS FOLD
(painting/sanding/staining floors)**

**SOZO CHILDREN
(sorting/hanging/tagging clothes)**

**MISSION BULGARIA SHOEBOXES
(organizing/packing shoeboxes)**

**OAK MOUNTAIN MISSIONS
(organizing/sorting items)**

**LIFE SOUTH BLOOD DRIVE
ON CAMPUS, 9:00AM - 2:00PM**



WORSHIP

Led by Rev. Mike Holly,
this session explores
worship styles, the order,
significance of music, and
John Wesley's impact.

**TODAY
9:45 - 10:45 AM**

SERVE

Led by Angie Gongwer
and Rev. Maggie Dunaway,
this session focuses on
Jesus' call to serve &
Asbury's mission efforts.

**Sept. 21, 2025
9:45 - 10:45 AM**

GROW

Led by Rev. Michael
Bowman, this session covers
Asbury's vision and values
across all age groups & the
importance of small groups.

**Sept. 28, 2025
9:45 - 10:45 AM**

community groups

LAUNCH TODAY!

If you already signed up for a group - or you're interested in joining a group - you're invited to a luncheon today after worship at 12:15 p.m. in the RESET Space.

"I'm looking forward to attending my new Community Group! My interest was piqued as soon as I heard that Michael Bowman wrote the curriculum. I know my spiritual life will get a boost from meeting regularly with church family as we deepen our relationships with God and each other."



find your people!

WELCOME TO ASBURY!

IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT? Please take a teal "Connect Card" from the attendance pad, fill it out, and take it to the welcome center outside this worship space before leaving today. We'd love to say hello and treat you to a hand-crafted Prodigal Pottery mug & bag of O'Henry's Coffee.

DO YOU WORSHIP HERE REGULARLY? Please register your attendance by filling out the attendance pad located at the end of your row and pass it along to the person beside you. Or, scan the QR code with your smartphone and register online.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Our pastors and/or prayer team would be honored to lift up your joy or concern. Inside the attendance pad, you'll find a red "Prayer Request" card. Take it to the welcome center after worship. Online prayer requests can also be submitted via the QR code above.

THINKING OF GETTING MORE INVOLVED AT ASBURY? "Next Steps" is a complimentary lunch-and-learn with Asbury's pastors & staff held once a quarter. The next luncheon is Sunday, November 24 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service downstairs in Room 144. Please register (and request childcare) by scanning the QR code above.

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ASBURY EVENTS? Scan the QR code above, pick up an Asbury Magazine, or visit asburybham.org/now.



ASBURY NOW

COSTA RICA STUDENT MISSION TRIP - MAY 23-30, 2026

CRMP, founded and led by Wil and Yolanda Bailey, is a support ministry for the Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica. Asbury has partnered with CRMP for more than a decade and an interest meeting for the 2026 trip for high school and college students is Sunday, Oct. 5 after 11:00 a.m. worship.

SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER - SING LOUD FOR ALL TO HEAR!

Asbury's Chancel Choir invites you to "Try the Choir!" night on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. AND its annual Christmas retreat (the first official Christmas rehearsal) and potluck breakfast, Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.