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12 Let us get up early to the vine-
yards; let us see if the vine flourish,
whether the tender grape appear, *and*
the pomegranates bud forth: there will
I give thee my loves.

13 The mandrakes give a smell, and
at our gates *are* all manner of pleasant
fruits, new and old, *which* I have laid
up for thee, O my beloved.

CHAPTER VIII.

1 *The love of the church to Christ.* 6 *The re-
buke of the church.* 10 *The calling of the ten-
tles.* 14 *The church preps for Christ's
coming.*

O THAT thou wert as my brother,
that sucked the breasts of my mo-
ther! *when* I should find thee without,
I would kiss thee: yea, I should not be
despised.

2 I would lead thee, *and* bring thee
into my mother's house, *who* would in-
struct me: I would cause thee to drink
of spiced wine of the juice of my pome-
granate.

3 His left hand *should be* under my
head, and his right hand should em-
brace me.

4 I charge you, O daughters of Jeru-
salem, that ye stir not up, nor awake
my love, until he please.

5 Who *is* this that cometh up from
the wilderness, leaning upon her believ-
ed? I raised thee up under the apple
tree: there thy mother brought thee
forth: there she brought thee forth *that*
bare thee.

SOLOMON'S SONG, VIII.

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6 * Set me as a seal upon
as a seal upon thine arm:
strong as death; jealousy
the grave: the coals there
of fire, *which* hath a mo
flame.

7 Many waters cannot
neither can the floods da
man would give all the
his house for love, it wou
contemned.

8 * We have a little sis
hath no breasts: what sha
our sister in the day when
spoken for?

9 If she be a wall, we will
her a palace of silver; and
door, we will inclose her
of cedar.

10 I *am* a wall, and my
towers: then was I in his
that found favour.

11 Solomon had a viney-
hamon; he let out the vi
keepers: every one for the
was to bring a thousand *ple*

12 My vineyard, which *is*
fore me: then, O Solomon
a thousand, and those th
fruit thereof two hundred.

13 Thou that dwellest in
the companions hearken
cause me to hear it.

14 * Make haste, my bel
thou like to a roe or to a
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THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

CHAPTER I.

1 *Isaiah complaineth of Judah for her rebel-
lion.* 5 *He lamenteth her judgments.* 10 *He
upbraideth their whole service.* 16 *He ex-
horteth to repentance, with promises and
threatenings.* 21 *Bemoaning their wicked-
ness, he denounceth God's judgments.* 25
He promiseth grace. 28 *and threateneth de-
struction to the wicked.*

THE vision of Isaiah the son of
Amoz, which he saw concerning
Judah and Jerusalem in the days of
Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah,
kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O
earth: for the Lord hath spoken,
have nourished and brought up
children, and they have rebelled against
me.

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the
ass his master's crib: *but* Israel
not know, my people doth not es

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden
with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, chil-
dren that are corrupters: they have
forsaken the Lord, they have provok-
ed the Holy One of Israel unto anger,
they are gone away backward.

5 * Why should ye be s
more? ye will revolt more
the whole head is sick, an
heart faint.

6 From the sole of the fo
the head *there is* no sound
but wounds and bruises,
ing sores: they have not
neither bound up, neith
with ointment.

7 Your country is desolate
are burned with fire: your
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is, a land that is overthrown

8 A virgin is forsaken, a
in a vineyard, as
garden, and she is
as a barren

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11 To what purpose is the
of your sacrifices unto me
Lord: I am full of the bur
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**THE
GOD
YOU THOUGHT YOU
KNEW**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00)

Majesty

Chancel Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#89

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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Wayne Hay

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amanda Fuller

All are invited to the Lord's table, so there is no Children's Church today. Children's Church (with a Bible lesson and fun) resumes next Sunday for kindergarten-second graders. Nursery care is always available – exit right and go to the end of the hall. Worship binders can be found next to the welcome center.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:11-32 (NRSVUE)

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.

SERMON

Rev. Mike Holly

"God Is Not Your Parents...Supersized!"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Words/responses will be displayed on the screens. Or, you may follow along on page 12 in the United Methodist Hymnal.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

In Remembrance of Me

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

#121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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. Mike Holly, Senior Pastor

Rev. Michael Bowman, Pastor of Spiritual Formation

Amanda Fuller, Director of Asbury KiDS

MUSIC

Nancy Beard, Director of Music; Ellen Stanton, Jerry Toole, Justin Ward, Grayson Lawrence, Wayne Hay

PRODUCTION CREW

Michael Morris, Technical Director

Amy Gonzalez, Communications Director

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Virginia Dell Kirkpatrick, Bible Bearer (11:00)

Geoffrey Gonzalez, Acolyte (11:00)

Lucy Lomax, Acolyte (11:00)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

In-person & Online Attendance: 2,723

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

In-person & Online Attendance: 984

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Give online today at asburybham.org/give

CONNECTION CLASSES

Ready to dive into Asbury's concepts of "Worship," "Serve," and "Grow?" Join us for a series of informative sessions on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Come to all three sessions or pick the ones that interest you. No registration required.

JAN. 11: WORSHIP

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

JAN. 18: SERVE

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

JAN. 25: GROW

Led by Rev. Michael Bowman, this session covers our vision and values across all age groups, the importance of small groups, and church-wide events.



2026 FLOWER CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

Remember a loved one, honor a friend, or celebrate an important day by sponsoring the sanctuary flowers.

What happens to the flowers after worship? Congregational care volunteers create and deliver arrangements to church members facing difficult days.

JAN. 11

3:30-5



● **Indonesia,
Bulgaria,
Sudan,
Europe,
and
Thailand**

International Missions **CELEBRATION**

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.

READY TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEPS AT ASBURY? Visit our Next Steps area immediately following worship. If you’re interested in church membership or simply getting more connected, stop by for a short conversation with a member of the pastoral team or staff.

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

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COMMUNITY GROUPS - NEW GROUPS FORMING

Asbury’s Community Groups are creating real, open relationships by bringing people into smaller, welcoming spaces where faith, friendship, and life are shared together. Find a new group this month; you’ll start meeting in February.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RETURN JAN. 14 | 2 NEW CLASSES WITH PASTORS ROBERT & MICHAEL
Rev. Robert Mercer is leading a 5-week class designed to help parents nurture lasting faith in their kids. Dive deeper into “The God You Thought You Knew” sermon series with Rev. Michael Bowman. Both classes held Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.