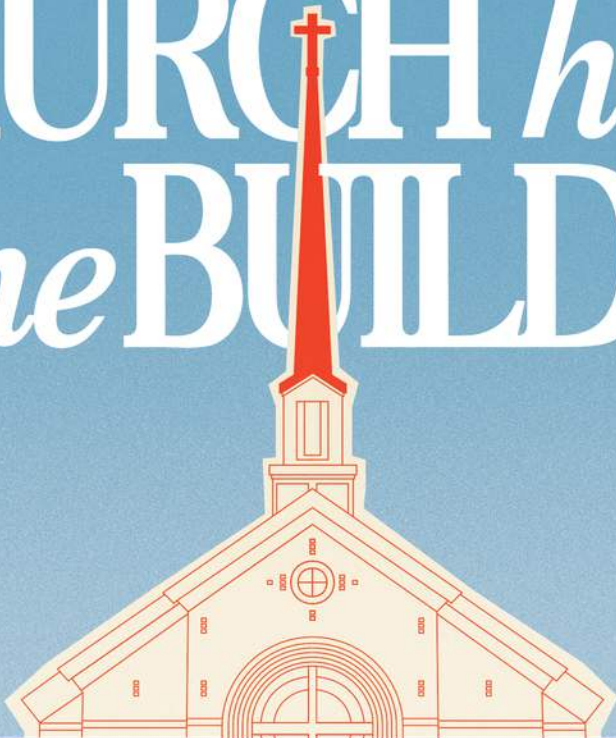


ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AL | SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

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CHURCH *has*  
*left the* BUILDING



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# Second Sunday of Easter

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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir  
*We Sing the Mighty Power of God*

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

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### 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

### BAPTISM (11:00)

Phillip Scott Paul Elsberry  
*Son of Morgan and Tyler Elsberry*

### CHILD OF BLESSING (11:00)

Child of blessing, child of promise,  
Baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
With this water God has sealed you  
Unto love and grace divine.  
Child of love, our love's expression,  
Love's creation, loved indeed!  
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,  
Into joy and laughter lead.

### 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

Rev. Dr. Kelsey Grissom  
*Could You Believe?*

### DOXOLOGY

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Melanie Stewart  
*At this time, kindergarten-second graders are invited to Children's Church (for a Bible lesson and fun) for the remainder of the service in Room 214. Nursery care is also available - exit right and go to the end of the hall. Activity binders can be found at the Welcome Center.*

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSVUE)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### ANTHEM (11:00)

*Who Will Go for Me?*

Chancel Choir

### SERMON

Rev. Mike Holly  
"The Church Has Left the Building"

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (8:30)

Ann Edwards

### HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*Go, Make of All Disciples*

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### 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*

Melanie Stewart

*Asbury KiDS Associate Director*

## MUSIC

Nancy Beard

*Director of Music*

Ellen Stanton, Grayson Lawrence,

Justin Ward, Sara James

## PRODUCTION CREW

Michael Morris, *Technical Director*

Eric Robinson, *Communications Intern*

## WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Lucy Lomax (11:00), *Acolyte*

McKenna Conolley (11:00), *Bible Bearer*

## HOLY WEEK

### ATTENDANCE

Maundy Thursday: 175

Good Friday (in-person & online): 787

Easter Sunday (in-person & online):  
2,763

**YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING:** \$1,128,235

**YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES :** \$1,179,889  
(through March)

**Give today at [asburybham.org/give](https://asburybham.org/give)**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY  
ARE IN HONOR OF**

**AILEEN M. AND  
JOSEPH J. ADAMS**

**GIVEN BY THEIR SON, JOSEPH ADAMS**



# ASBURY SERVES

**APRIL 18 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



EPISODE 3

**THE PEW**

PODCAST

ROUND TABLE CONVERSATIONS  
WITH THE ASBURY FAM



**SENIOR SUNDAY**



**APRIL 26 | 11:00 AM WORSHIP | 12:30 PM BANQUET**

## 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](http://asburybham.org/now).



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### ADULT MINISTRY DAY RETREAT | APRIL 17 | CAMP HARGIS

Asbury's Adult Ministry Team invites you to a Day Retreat at picturesque Camp Hargis. For lots of us, it seems nearly impossible to imagine a day focused on stillness. On Friday, April 17 from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM, you have the opportunity to do just that. Registration is open through Wednesday, April 15.

### THE CHURCH HAS LEFT THE BUILDING | SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Church of the Reconciler** - We're packing meals the second Sunday of every month and you can donate items and/or help with the packing. Join us today after worship at 12:15 PM in the Asbury kitchen!
- **Outreach Small Group** - Led by Missions Coordinator Brooke Wolde, this small group will meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM. The cornerstones of the group are Bible study, fellowship, and service and the first time the group meets is this Tuesday, April 14.
- **Asbury Serves** - From 9:00 AM to noon on April 18, you're invited to serve with ELI Thrive, Grace Klein, Shepherds Fold, or Urban Ministry. If you have limited time on Saturday, come to Asbury between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to donate blood with LifeSouth!