



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, AL | SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00) Chancel Choir
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

WELCOME

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

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 Wayne Hay
Just a Closer Walk With Thee

DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Amanda Fuller

At this time, rising 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 6:1-4 (NRSVUE)
Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

ANTHEM (11:00) Chancel Choir
The Gift of Love

SERMON Rev. Mike Holly
"Do The Right Thing For The Right Reasons"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #399
Take My Life and Let It Be

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
Rev. Griffen Cope
Associate Pastor
Amanda Fuller
Director, Asbury KiDS

MUSIC

Nancy Beard, *Director of Music*
Ellen Stanton, Grayson Lawrence,
Justin Ward, Martha LaCroix,
Wayne Hay, Abby Rossnagel,
Laura Thuirer

PRODUCTION CREW

Michael Morris, *Tech Director*
Amy Gonzalez, *Communications Director*

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS (11:00)

Carson Burton, *Acolyte*
Amelia Rowe, *Acolyte*
James Norton, *Bible Bearer*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY

CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF

RONALD LEE SHOEL

GIVEN BY BLAKE HERRING



AUGUST 23, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-person & Online Attendance:
1448

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING: \$2,457,650

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES : \$3,016,878

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community

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Launch Luncheon | Sunday, Sept. 13

The word "together," is important to us. We believe following Jesus is not a solitary act, but one that's done in community. We recognize that our church is full of people from different backgrounds, upbringings, and thought. Though we are not perfect, Asbury UMC is a church made up of loving, generous, and kind people just like you.

Wednesday Nights



DINNER, FELLOWSHIP, & MORE!

WELCOME TO ASBURY!

IS THIS YOUR FIRST VISIT? Look for a teal "Connect Card" in your pew, 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. You'll find a red "Prayer Request" card in your pew. Fill it out and take it to the welcome center after worship. Online prayer requests can also be submitted via the QR code above.

IS ASBURY STARTING TO FEEL LIKE HOME? 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.

