



***Share the joy!***  
***Invite a friend to Asbury this holiday season!***

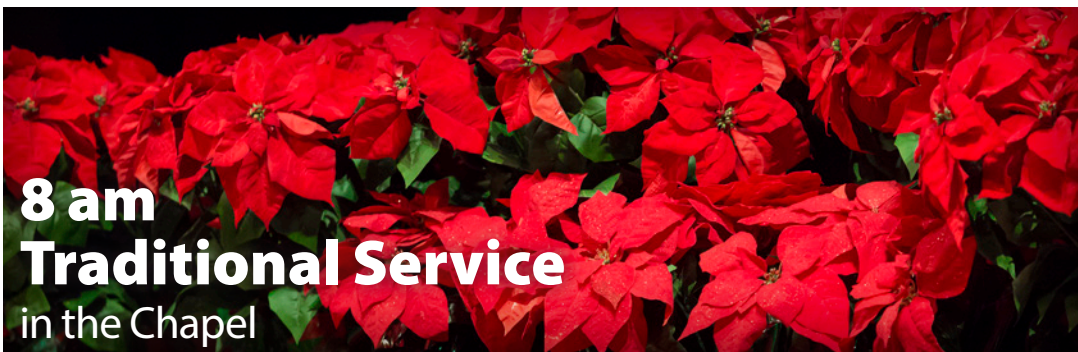
## **It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!**

As the song says, it's the most wonderful time of the year! The holiday season ... when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. But let's get more specific. Today, Sunday, is the most wonderful day of the week. Why? Because every Sunday, all year long, we get to join together as the Asbury family to worship Him, study His Word, and grow together. If you're a guest today, this is it: the most wonderful day of the week and your ONE Sunday as a visitor. From here on out, you're a part of the family if you want to be. Isn't it wonderful?

**Asbury**  
United Methodist Church

# Worship

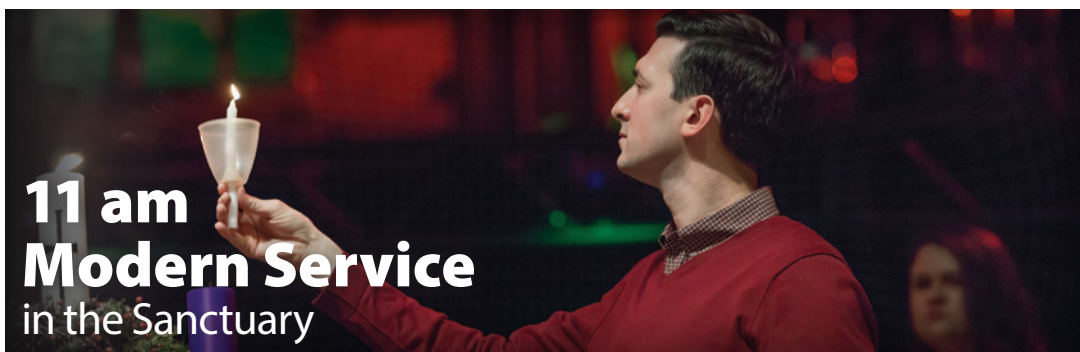
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**8 am**  
**Traditional Service**  
in the Chapel



**9:15 am**  
**Traditional Service**  
in the Sanctuary



**11 am**  
**Modern Service**  
in the Sanctuary



**Children**  
Nursery & Early Childhood  
Ages 6 weeks to Pre-K, first floor  
Hours: 7:45 am–Noon  
Elementary  
Ages kindergarten to 5th grade,  
second floor  
Hours: 9:15 or 11 am



**Students**  
6th–12th Grade  
6th–8th grades, Venue at 9:15 am  
9th–12th grades, Learn2Serve2

# Holiday Announcements 2016



## The Greatest Gift:

**TONIGHT, 5 pm, FREE INDOOR PERFORMANCE**

- Bring the whole family to experience the story of our Savior's birth with costumed actors, live animals, Christmas carols and more. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served following the performance. No reservations necessary. For more information, contact Jennifer Barnes at **918.392.4582** or [jbarnes@asburytulsa.org](mailto:jbarnes@asburytulsa.org).



## Peter Mayer:

**TONIGHT, 7 pm, Venue**

- Join us for the free Peter Mayer concert December 18 at 7 pm. An offering will be taken with all proceeds to benefit the Goodland Academy. Bring your friends and family as there's something for everybody. Doors open at 6 pm.



## Year-end giving:

Thank you for your continued generosity this year. For those who want to make end-of-year contributions to Asbury to be included in your 2016 tax statement, here are your opportunities:

- The church office will be open **Friday, December 30**, until 5 pm, for those who would like to personally deliver contributions.
- The south entrance of the church will be open **Saturday, December 31, 10 am-3 pm** to place a contribution in the drop box.
- If you wish to mail contributions to the church, they must be postmarked by December 31, or you can give online through [myasburytulsa.org](http://myasburytulsa.org) until **10 pm December 31**.
- Please contact the finance office at **918.392.1136** if you have questions.



## New Sermon Journals available today:

- Pick yours up at the Guest Services desk for \$5. It's a wonderful guide to help you in your daily Bible reading. Make reading the Bible daily your New Year's resolution!



## Perceptions Book Sales :

- Books are being sold this year for \$5 per copy TODAY from 8:30 am until noon at tables on the south side of the main lobby and in the north lobby on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Please join us for our Christmas weekend worship services as we celebrate the season with joyous carols and candlelight traditions in every service. Invite your family and friends!*



## Christmas Eve Services

**Saturday, December 24**

*Child care is available at the 4 pm, 6 pm and 6:15 pm services.*

- 4 pm** Family Christmas Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
- 6 pm** Traditional Service with Carols and Candlelight, Choir, Orchestra, Grady Nichols, Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm** Carols, Candlelight and Communion in Mason Chapel with Chris Cleveland, Modern Worship Leader
- 8 pm** Traditional Service with Carols and Candlelight, Choir, Orchestra, Grady Nichols, Sanctuary
- 11 pm** Carols, Candlelight and Communion in Mason Chapel with Chris Cleveland, Modern Worship Leader



## Christmas Day Service

**Sunday, December 25** (One Service Only)

- 10:30 am** Family Christmas Service (for all ages)  
No child care will be available



### Volunteers for Christmas Eve Services:

This is a meaningful night in the life of the church when we have the opportunity to welcome a large number of guests - many who are not followers of Jesus. In order to demonstrate the hospitality of Jesus, we need a lot of extra help. We're encouraging those who are able to worship one service and serve during another. If you are able, please sign-up to serve on [myasburytulsa.org/serve2](https://myasburytulsa.org/serve2).



### New Year's Day:

- Start off the new year in joyful worship with your Asbury family! All services will be held at their normal times.

# Next Steps



## ***Are you new to Asbury? Are you looking for a deeper, more meaningful connection with Jesus?***

If the answer is yes, our Discipleship Pathway is the way to get connected and grow spiritually alongside others. This initiative is our vision in action. Asbury's mission is HELPING OTHERS FOLLOW JESUS. Following Him provides direction in our lives, gives meaning, heals the hurting and secures our salvation and eternity with God. Get started on the path today!

### **Step 1 Welcome Brunch**

- January 8, February 19 and April 23
- 9:15 am and 11 am

### **Step 2 Disciple Orientation** (must attend Welcome Brunch first)

- January 15, February 26 and April 30
- 9:15 am and 11 am

### **Step 3 Learn2 Courses and Serve2 Teams**

#### **Learn2 Classes for Winter 2016-2017**

#### **9:15: Salvation: Beyond the Altar**

*This five-week course will take a closer look at salvation from a Wesleyan perspective with the goal of having a fuller and deeper understanding of what salvation actually is.*

Taught by Josh Coats, Pastor Dick Read & Sarah Pradhan

#### **Learn2Core: Prayer**

*Prayer is an essential practice for Jesus' followers. The goal of this Learn2 core course is to move you toward an increasingly robust, powerful and effective prayer life that is free of guilt and fear.*

Taught by Pastor Jim Lenderman, Katelyn Moore & Ryan Proctor

#### **11:00: Learn2Core: Worship**

*Worship is an essential practice of the church, yet some aspects of our services can be puzzling. The goal of this course is to expand your understanding of worship, so you can more fully participate when we gather together.*

Taught by Pastor Todd Craig and Jon Ensor

**Winter 2016-2017 courses began December 4. Join anytime.**

## **Discipleship Pathway registration links:**

[asburytulsa.org/brunch](http://asburytulsa.org/brunch)

[asburytulsa.org/learn2](http://asburytulsa.org/learn2)

[asburytulsa.org/serve2](http://asburytulsa.org/serve2)



# Order of Worship | December 18, 2016

## 8 am

**WELCOME**

Dr. Guy Ames

**ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO**

**PRELUDE**

*Introduction to Angels We Have Heard on High*

Rosanna Corrales

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn #238

Dr. Pat Calhoun  
Anna Calhoun

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Holy, Holy, Holy and Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Hannah Linsenmeyer

**ADVENT CANDLE READING**

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Hymn #234

**GREETING**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*We Three Kings*

Cate Linsenmeyer

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROLS**

*Joy to the World*

Hymn #246

Dr. Pat Calhoun  
Anna Calhoun

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Hymn #230

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Silent Night*

Emma Linsenmeyer

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Dr. Tom Harrison

**PASTORAL MOMENT**

**DOXOLOGY**

**OFFERTORY**

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Barbara Graves

**SCRIPTURE**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**MESSAGE**

**WAITING ON**

**Waiting on Resurrection**

Rev. Jon Odom

**SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

Dr. Guy Ames

**POSTLUDE**

## Daily scripture readings for the upcoming week:

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Next Week: ***Waiting on a Savior***

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**9:15 am**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>The Sound of Christmas</i>	Johnny Fuller
<b>ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO</b>		
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Sean Groombridge
<b>WELCOME</b>		Rev. Gloria McGee-Denton
<b>BAPTISMS</b>		Dr. Tom Harrison
<b>CONGREGATIONAL CAROL</b>	<i>What Child Is This?</i> Hymn #219	Sean Groombridge
<b>ADVENT CANDLE READING</b>		
<b>CONGREGATIONAL CAROL</b>	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> Hymn #240	
<b>SPECIAL</b>	<i>Joy to the World! with Good Christian Men, Rejoice!</i>	Johnny Fuller
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		Dr. Tom Harrison
<b>PASTORAL MOMENT</b>		
<b>DOXOLOGY</b>		
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Cynthia Bedford Handbell Ensemble
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37:1-14</b>	
<b>MESSAGE</b>	<b>WAITING ON</b> <b>Waiting on Resurrection</b>	Rev. Jon Odom
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>Make My Life a Bethlehem</i>	Sean Groombridge
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		Dr. Tom Harrison
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		Rosanna Corrales

## Connect with our pastor:

Rev. Gloria McGee-Denton | [gmcgee-denton@asburytulsa.org](mailto:gmcgee-denton@asburytulsa.org)  
[twitter.com/runthehumanrace](https://twitter.com/runthehumanrace)

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## 11 am

### **ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO**

**WORSHIP SONG** *Joy to the World* Chris Cleveland

### **ADVENT CANDLE READING**

**WORSHIP SET** *The Herald Angels Sing*  
*How Glorious*  
*Silent Night* Chris Cleveland

**BAPTISMS** Jon Odom

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Tom Harrison

### **PASTORAL MOMENT**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**SCRIPTURE** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**MESSAGE** **WAITING ON** Jon Odom  
**Waiting on Resurrection**

**WORSHIP SONG** *Jesus Only Jesus* Chris Cleveland

**BENEDICTION** Dick Read

### **Connect with our pastors:**

Jon Odom | [jodom@asburytulsa.org](mailto:jodom@asburytulsa.org) | [twitter.com/jonodom](https://twitter.com/jonodom)

Dick Read | [rdread@asburytulsa.org](mailto:rdread@asburytulsa.org)

If you would like someone to pray with you, prayer partners are available following the service in the prayer room by the elevators near the south entrance.

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