

Asbury United Methodist Church

WORSHIP BOOKLET

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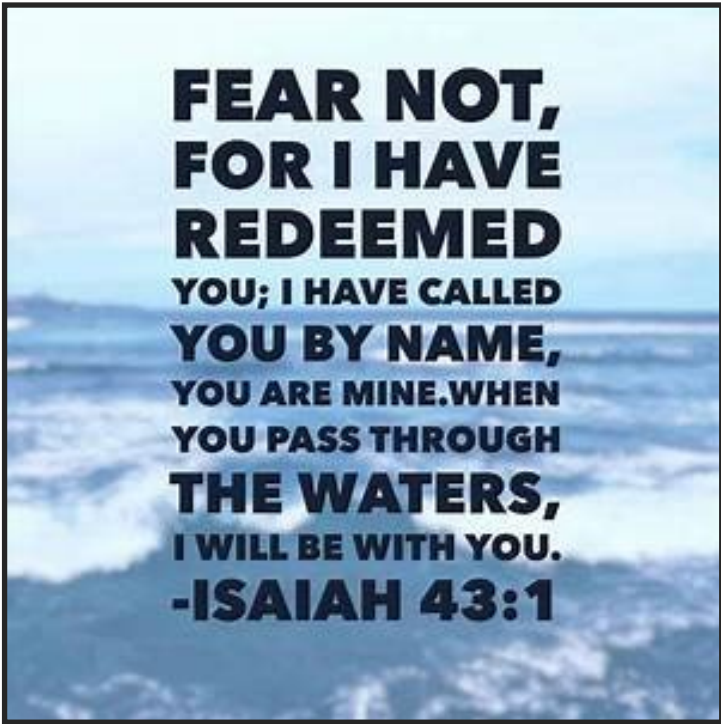
Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Nursery Care is provided in Room 122

Parking Lot Entrance on the Camden Avenue entrance/exit that is closest to the church offices is now CLOSED, as we await repairs/repaving.

1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022



**FEAR NOT,
FOR I HAVE
REDEEMED
YOU; I HAVE CALLED
YOU BY NAME,
YOU ARE MINE. WHEN
YOU PASS THROUGH
THE WATERS,
I WILL BE WITH YOU.
-ISAIAH 43:1**

Sermon Series

Wine, Water, and WOW!

Sermon Title

Water

Scriptures for Sunday, January 9, 2022:
Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Music for Sunday, January 9, 2022:

8:00 am ~ EMA Worship:

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Organ, Piano

8:45 am ~ CAYR Worship:

Praise Band

11:00 am ~ Festive Worship:

Chancel Choir

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Organ, Piano, Director

Scriptures for next Sunday, January 16, 2022:

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Music for next Sunday, January 16, 2022:

Early Morning Asbury (EMA)

8:00 am Reflective Service in the Sanctuary

Those Leading worship today include:

Lay Reader:

Head Usher:

Sound:

⊗ *Designates your invitation to stand*



Prelude

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Organ

Welcome and Announcements

⊗ **Passing the Peace of Christ**

⊗ **Opening Hymn**

⊗ **Greeting:**

One: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Many: Jesus emerges from the water.

One: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

Many: “This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.”

One: Jesus is named and loved.

Many: Let us worship the one who names and loves us still.

⊗ **Affirmation of Faith**

UMH No. 883

Opening Prayer

Most wonderful God, flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. We too yearn to be washed clean and called beloved. When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up and Spirit came down like a dove. Send the Spirit upon us again today, and open us to your unending love. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

First Lesson, Isaiah 43:1-7

(Scriptures found on [page 8](#))

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson, Acts 8:14-17

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Organ

⊗ **The Gospel Lesson, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

(Scripture found on [page 8](#))

One: The Gospel of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Message

Water

Pastor Tom Pasmore

Prayers and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Piano

⊗ **Presentation Hymn**

UMH No. 94

Remembering Your Baptism
(See below)

Music during the Celebration - Michael

⊗ **Sending Forth**

⊗ **Closing Hymn**

UMH No.

Postlude

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Organ



Prayer List

Please pray for the families of Corene Peacock Danehower (Mother of Debbie Vorhis), Fran Rickman (Mother of Sharon Moak), for all families experiencing loss or illness, and for the following:

Ron Ardis
 Garrett Bailey
 Fred Batie
 Robin Beattie
 Ian Beckerman
 Macon Bentsen
 Josh and Rachel Birch
 Veronica Byrd
 Scott Campbell
 Aria Carey
 Peg Castagnola
 Lauren and Lorie Cataldi
 Sylvia Chiofola
 Stacie Cohick
 Linda Conner
 Pat Cooper
 Shirley Cropper
 Kathy Donovan
 Tucky Franz
 Josh Gagge
 Henry Gibson
 Ron Gordy
 Joanne Gum
 Eileen Haley
 John Hall
 Wayne Hawkins
 Haven Helmuth
 Baby Julian &
 the Helton Family

Liz Hickman
 Beth Hillman
 Joe Hogan
 Steve and Beverly Janso
 Melissa Johnson
 Andi Stover Kennington
 Pam Kondoff-Micallef
 Karen Lucas
 Claudia Macauley
 Elizabeth Madruga
 Marilyn Mann
 Moses Martinez
 Carl McIntyre
 Baby Owen & the
 McPhail-Drollette Family
 Karen Meredith
 Elizabeth Murphy
 Leslie Nielsen
 Laura Panagoulis
 Rosamond Panda
 Teresa Peters
 Mary Pines
 Mary Powell
 Kara Press
 Steven Pulhamus
 Harry "Hank" Rhodes
 Fran Rickman
 Darin Ruark
 Leya Schiller

Deke Sheller
 Jason Spence
 Sisters of the Spirit
 Ronald Steen
 Layla Warner
 Alice Anne & Dean Wells
 Debbie Williams
 Wendy Williams
 Wendy Witt
 Lois Shockley-Wooten
 Junior Rodriguez-Zamudio
 Penny Ziegler
 Active Military
 Veterans
 Our Schools and Children
 Haiti
 Afghanistan
 Victims of Natural Disasters
 Immigrant Families
 LGBTQ Community
 Victims of Gun Violence
 and all other Violence
 Cure for Coronavirus
 All who are Lonely
 Healthcare Workers
 Racial Justice
 Servants in Fellowship
 Law Enforcement Officers
 Faith in a Secular World

The Prayer Group at Asbury continues to pray weekly for the many concerns lifted up to them confidentially. Please keep this prayer ministry in your thoughts and consider joining with them for healing and peace for all. If you need prayer during the week, please contact Pastor Tom, Heather or Genevieve at the church, or Carol Bisker at (410) 749-3563.

Please let us know if prayers are no longer needed for anyone on the Prayer List. We try to keep as up-to-date as possible.



Altar Guild

Brenda Martin, *Chair*
 Carolyn Conners
 Norma Dobrowolski

PRAY on it
 over it
 about it
 through it

Sanctuary: *The new blue parament on the lower altar is given by the Altar Guild in memory of all Altar Guild members who have passed on.*

Fellowship Hall: *The altar arrangement is given in memory of our friend, Fred Webster, from all those in the CAYR service who knew and loved him.*

If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar, please call the church office.

Come As You Are (CAYR)

8:45 am Order of Worship in Fellowship Hall

Those leading worship today include:

Lay Reader:

Sound:

⊗ *Designates your invitation to stand*



Welcome and Announcements

Brooke Christensen

⊗ Passing the Peace of Christ

⊗ Opening Songs

Praise Band

First Lesson, Isaiah 43:1-7

(Scriptures found on [page 8](#))

Second Lesson, Acts 8:14-17

Children's Message

Heather Harman

Prayers and Concerns

Kristin West

The Lord's Prayer

(See back page)

Offering Our Gifts

Rev. Kristen Wall-Love

⊗ Offertory

Praise Band

⊗ Gospel Lesson, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(Scripture found on [page 8](#))

Message

Water

Pastor Tom Pasmore

Remembering Your Baptism

Music during the Celebration

TBD

⊗ Sending Forth

⊗ Closing Song

Praise Band

Festive Worship at Eleven

11:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Those leading worship today include:

Lay Reader:

Head Usher: *Steve Donovan*

Sound:

☼ *Designates your invitation to stand*



Prelude

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Piano

Welcome and Announcements

☼ **Passing the Peace of Christ**

☼ **Processional Hymn**

UMH No.

☼ **Greeting:**

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Children's Message

Heather Harman

Musical Reflection

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Organ

Sung Gospel Acclamation: *Celtic Alleluia* [Sung by all-standing]

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

☼ **The Gospel Lesson, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

(Scripture found on [page 8](#))

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All: **Thanks be to God.**

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☼ **Presentation Hymn**

UMH No. 94

☼ **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Remembering Your Baptism

(See below)

Music during the Celebration - Michael

☼ **Sending Forth**

☼ **Closing Hymn**

UMH No.

Postlude

Dr. Michael Stefanek, Organ



Scriptures

Isaiah 43:1-7 (*Common English Bible*)

But now, says the Lord - the one who created you, Jacob, the one who formed you, Israel: Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched, and flame won't burn you. I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Because you are precious in my eyes, you are honored, and I love you. I give people in your place, and nations in exchange for your life.

Don't fear, I am with you. From the east I'll bring your children; from the west I'll gather you. I'll say to the north, "Give them back!" and to the south, "Don't detain them." Bring my sons from far away, and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name and whom I created for my glory, whom I have formed and made.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 8:14-17 (*King James Version*)

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)

Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (*New American Standard Bible*)

Now while the people were in a state of expectation and they all were thinking carefully in their hearts about John, whether he himself perhaps was the Christ, John responded to them all, saying, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but He is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the straps of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well pleased."

One: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Steps

1. Reread the scriptures for this week.

2. What do you need to be washed clean from?

3. Can you imagine God saying to you, “You are my child, the beloved; with you I am well pleased?”

4. How does it feel to imagine God saying those words to you?



Asbury News

Pledge Cards-2022 Generosity Campaign

Thanks to all who have turned in a Generosity Pledge Card in support of our 2022 operating budget. Update- we have received 141 cards representing \$521,522 in pledge commitments. Thank you to those who have made a step in faith with your pledge!! If you have not made a commitment we still need your pledge to help support our operating budget for next year. Every dollar donated helps to support our ministries as well as operating costs.

2021 Operating Budget Finances

In September, the operating budget started running a deficit and we continue to do so as we end November-an approximate \$30,000 deficit. As we bring this to your attention we invite you to pray over the church finances. If you have offered a commitment this year, we ask that you prayerfully complete your pledge. If you can give beyond your commitment, we would ask you to pray about an additional financial gift to support this year's budget. **Remember you cannot out give God!**

Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness (formerly CESP)

Asbury will be providing dinners for the Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness Shelter from January 22 to February 4. If anyone or any group can provide a dinner please go to <https://signup.com/Activities#/3891859/jobs/edit> to see the dates that are still available and to sign up. Please include what you will be serving in the comments section. If you have any trouble with this or have additional questions just call Shelly Marshall at 410-726-2491 for more information. There is **not** a commercial kitchen at the shelter so dinners will need to be prepared and taken to the shelter to be served. Asbury's kitchen will be available for cooking meals. We will also be collecting breakfast and lunch foods to send to the shelter to cover these 2 weeks. More information regarding this will be available after the holidays.

Asbury News

UMW Circle

Women--are you looking to build relationships, spiritually grow and serve God in your community? If you are not part of a United Methodist Women (UMW) circle, you are invited to check out circle Deborah, which meets the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Contact Maggie Fulkrod at 410.937.8104 or mfulkrod1@verizon.net.

Puppets for Christ Spaghetti Dinner is Back! Tickets Available TODAY!

Please come out to support Puppets for Christ's annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Friday, January 28th. This year's show will be entitled "Comin Alive". Entertainment will begin at 6:00pm with dinner following. Ticket sales begin TODAY, Sunday, January 9 and continue January 16 and 23 at each service, which gives you 3 Sundays to buy your tickets! Ticket prices are \$10/adult, \$5/children (4-12) and children 3 and under are FREE. The ticket sale deadline will be January 23rd. Tickets will not be sold after this date and there are no ticket sales at the door. Reservations for parties of 6 or more can be made when you buy your tickets. Won't you join us for a night filled with wonderful entertainment and delicious spaghetti? We hope to see you there!

Salisbury Urban Ministries

***PLEASE NOTE:** Salisbury Urban Ministries' office and programs will be closed Dec. 20th through Jan. 2nd. If having donations shipped, please avoid these dates. The Lazarus Food Pantry will re-open to clients on Thursday, Jan. 6th.

- ♦ **Lazarus Food Pantry:** Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper, Boxed side dishes (potato, noodle, rice.)
Canned soup
- ♦ **Kids Café:** bottled water, sturdy paper plates

Donations can be dropped off in the hallway near the Sanctuary. If you prefer to order online, please deliver to Salisbury Urban Ministries 326 Barclay Street, Salisbury, MD 21804. **Thank you for supporting this important ministry!**

DATE	DAY	JANUARY EVENTS	TIME	LOCATION
19	Sun	Lessons & Carols	7:00pm	Sanctuary
21	Tue	Farmers Market	2:30-5:30pm	Parking Lot
24	Fri	Christmas Eve Services	4:00, 5:30, 7:00 and 10:30pm	Sanctuary & Outdoors
26	Sun	One-Combined Service	10:30am	Sanctuary

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,
for ever.
Amen.

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Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore
Pastor of Care
Ministries:
Rev. Genevieve Jones
Brown

Directors of

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Music Ministries:
Dr. Michael Stefanek
Finance & Building:
Janice Ilczuk
Children & Care
Ministries:
Heather Harman
Adult Spiritual
Formation and
Membership:
Rev. Kristen Wall-
Love

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Ways to Give:

- Drop your cash or check in the offering plate during service.
- Mail to: Asbury United Methodist Church
Attn: Janice Ilczuk
Visit www.asburyweb.org and click "Give Here".
[PayPal will keep 1.99% + 0.49 of each transaction]
- Electronic Funds Transfer can be set-up with Janice Ilczuk
or through your local bank.

We have been given a unique charity link that will take you directly to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0607975) and automatically selects Asbury as the charity recipient so that you do not have to search for us on their site. Our direct link is: **<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-0607975>**

*** If you would like to add a church-related announcement to the Asbury News section, please email lydia@asburyweb.org at least 2 weeks prior to the event.*** Thank You!

Please send pics of any church happenings for social media via email: aumcsalisburycommunications@gmail.com. Thanks!

