November 29th 2026, 11:15 a.m.
First Sunday in Advent Liturgical Color: Blue

Waiting – Waiting – Waiting!



Asbury – St. James United Methodist Church
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Reverend Timothy G. Shaw
Church Lay Leader: Luke Shaw
Musician: Herb Spear
Crucifer: Charlie Holder

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2 ESV

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Procession of the Cross, God's Word, and Light

Welcome and Invocation

Please use this time as a period of quiet personal reflection and reverence for the opening of our time of worship.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Rev. Tim, Tina, & Luke Shaw

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmauel" verse 1 Pg. 211

***Call to Worship**

Pastor:	Thanking God for one another,
People:	**we gather to worship and pray.**
Pastor:	Richly blessed in everything we need,
People:	**we gather in trust and hope.**
Pastor:	Loved faithfully in Christ Jesus,
People:	**we gather to sing and rejoice.**

***Hymn:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Pg. 140

***Psalter:** Psalm 80:1-7 Pg. 801

***Gloria Patri** Pg. 70

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed** Pg. 881

Special Music Luke Shaw

**Congregation is invited to stand, as able.*

New Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 Luke Shaw

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Words of Assurance (All)
Christ's light is shining. God's love is true. And the Spirit is making us new. Amen.

The Sermon Lesson: Mark: 13:24-37

The Sermon: "Waiting – Waiting – Waiting!"

Pastoral Intercessory Prayer – Joys & Concerns

You may write a prayer request or praise report on the slip located on the pew back. Your request will be picked up.

Special Music Luke Shaw

Offertory: Please bring your offering to the Altar

***Doxology** Pg. 95

***Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Pg. 196

***Commissioning & Blessing**

***Postlude:** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Revived and restored by God's love, we will share holy love and hope with the world. With Christ's light to guide the way, we will brighten the world with love.

Stewardship Reporting

	Giving	Attendance & Streaming	Bible Study
November 22nd	$1,925.00	150	4
Year-to-date	$69,817.00		

Welcome Visitors!

If you're visiting, we welcome you and would enjoy talking with you. Please fill out a Visitor Card. Reverend Shaw is available to you and your family.

Thank You for the Food Pantry Supplies

Thanks for the generous support of our Thanksgiving collection to replenish the Food Pantry inventory.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 5	10:00 - Gather to decorate the sanctuary and Chrismon tree. Everyone is welcome – the more the merrier!
Dec. 6	Second Sunday in Advent
Dec. 6	Blessing of the Greens, Chrismon Tree, and Poinsettias Dinner after worship in the Family Life Center. Fried chicken, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Workers to help with set-up and clean-up are needed. Please sign-up with Pauline Lenox.
Dec. 24	3:00 - Christmas Eve Service

In Our Prayers

Larry Bouronich, Joe Boyd, Alyse Chandler, baby Bennett Fischer, June Harrell, Paula Hehn, Alta Kaiser, Barbara Shaw, Tom Walters, Sr.

The Advent Growth Challenge Starts Today!

1st Week of Advent (11/29/26) **SEE** Walk or drive through our community and identify 3 groups or places we could invite to ASJUMC
2nd Week of Advent (12/6/26) **INVITE** Each church member invites 3 people
3rd Week of Advent (12/13/26) **ENGAGE – OUTREACH** Pantry, door knocking, or calling every member on the roll
4th Week of Advent (12/20/26) **EXPERIMENT – "TAKE A HOLY RISK"** Do something different – change worship time
5th week of Advent (12/24/26) Christmas **FOLLOW-UP** Contact every visitor within 48 hours and invite to Bible study, to join the choir, etc.