

Welcome to Asbury United Methodist Church

August 23, 2026

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE **Emiko Nadimi**

***CENTERING SONG:** Billy Alston
“Everybody Say Amen!”
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” **UMH 526**

***DOXOLOGY**
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH 95**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** **Rev. Donna**
Leader: Long ago, God spoke through the prophets, revealing His will and His promises.

People: In these last days, God has spoken to us through His Son.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

Leader: On the road to Emmaus, the risen Christ opened the Scriptures and revealed Himself to His followers.

People: Open our eyes, O Lord, that we may recognize Your presence among us.

Leader: Christ is God's final and perfect Word.

People: We gather to worship, to listen, and to be transformed by His living Word.

***OPENING SONG** “Blessed Quietness” **TFWS 2142**

OPENING PRAYER: **Rev. Donna**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING: “All Things Come of Thee: **UMH 588**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karen Smith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Lord Jesus, You opened up Your Word to Your disciples on the road to Emmaus, and their hearts burned within them. Open Your Word to us today. Remove distractions and every barrier that keeps us from hearing Your voice. Give us understanding through the power of the Holy Spirit. Challenge us where we have become comfortable and transform us into faithful disciples. Speak, Lord, for Your servants are listening. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT

SERMON “Christ Is God’s Final Answer”

Habakkuk 1:1-3

Pastor Barnes

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Barnes

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** “To God Be The Glory” **UMH 98**

***BENEDICTION**

Go in the peace of Christ, trusting God who has never stopped speaking. When your way is uncertain, may His Word guide you, His Spirit strengthen you, and His grace sustain you. And now, may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

UMH 898

POSTLUDE Carrying Our Light into the World

The flowers on the pulpit are in honor of Chuck Gurley's birthday.
Denise Gurley

JOIN US IN PRAYER
(Please continue to Pray)

Intercessory prayers:

- Continued prayers for our nation's return to its true source of Hope in Jesus Christ.
- Please keep Ryan, Angie, Victor, and Landon in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to transition to Durham, NC.
- Please keep Chuck and Denise Gurley and their family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the passing of Bill Gurley. May they find comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time.
- Prayers for Sis. Kathy Ricker
- Continued praise for Bro. Roger's successful and steady recovery.
- Continued praise for Bro. Bruce and Sis. Brenda's successful and steady recovery.
- Continued praise for Bros. John, Jason, and Taylor. Glory to God for their souls.
- Continued praise for Bro. Steve's successful and steady recovery.
- Continued praise for Bro. Tom's successful and steady recovery.
- Prayers for Karen's neighbor, Caleb's immediate medical condition, and recovery.
- Sister Virginia's recovery and adaptation to her recent move to Birmingham Green, 8605 Centreville Rd, Manassas, VA 20110.
- Prayers for Chuck & Denise Gurley's health and God's favor in the lives, health, and human condition of their family.
- Pray for those affected by natural disasters, man-imposed disasters, and trauma worldwide.
- Brother John and Sister Nancy Paganoni are still fighting to regain good health. Praise their recovery and positive progress.
- Continued prayers and praise for Susan's sister's health recovery.
- Prayers for Marla's pancreatic cancer. The Lord's favor!

Did you remember to pray this morning?



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MORNING BLESSINGS



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