

Prelude

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Greeting

**Asbury Mission Statement**

“We are Asbury; Abundantly thankful to God;  
Saved by Christ’s resurrection; Blessed by God; United by Christ’s love for each of us;  
Reaching out to our church family and our community;  
Yearning to tell the Good News to all by being Christ’s voice, hands, and feet in the world.”

Announcements

Birthdays

December 2 Ashley Anderson

December 3 Kevin Quinn

**Centering Hymn:** TFWS #2232 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* vs. 1, 2.

**Call to Worship**

Pastor: Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,

**People: A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.**

Pastor: We know deep within that our hopes and fears

**People: Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.**

Pastor: It is Advent -

**People: Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.**

Pastor: Advent -

**All: Time to go home.**

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**Opening Hymns: UMH 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs 1, 2, 4**

**Advent Reading and Advent Candle Lightening**

TIME TO GO HOME

Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36

**Reader One:** We have endured these past few years and know that there is more to face before us. We don’t know if we have the strength to withstand what might be around the next corner. And we wonder who will stand with us, who will have our back, who will occupy our corner.

**Reader Two:** Who is with us? That is what we begin to wonder these days. Who will light our way and chart our course? Who is on our side, who will welcome us home again?

**Reader One:** Home. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a branch that will be raised. Jesus spoke of a Son of Man that will descend. Both point to a hope. A hope that calls us home. Our true home, where we’re welcomed and loved and included. Where there is justice and equality and peace. It’s time, this Advent season, time to go home.

**Reader Two:** We light this candle, as a sign of our hope, our strong hope that there is a way to go home. To the home in Christ, and it starts with us, and it starts here, and it starts now. It’s time to go home.

*Light the first candle on the Advent wreath*

Hymn TFWS #2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (x2)

Joy and Concerns

Pastoral 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Offering Invitation

Offering Our Gifts

Offering Prayer

**Scripture reading**

**Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>21:25</sup> "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

<sup>21:26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>21:27</sup> Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.

21:28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because our redemption is drawing near."  
21:29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees;  
21:30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.  
21:31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.  
21:32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.  
21:33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.  
21:34 "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly,  
21:35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.  
21:36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**Sermon**

\*Closing Hymn TFWS #22236

\*Benediction

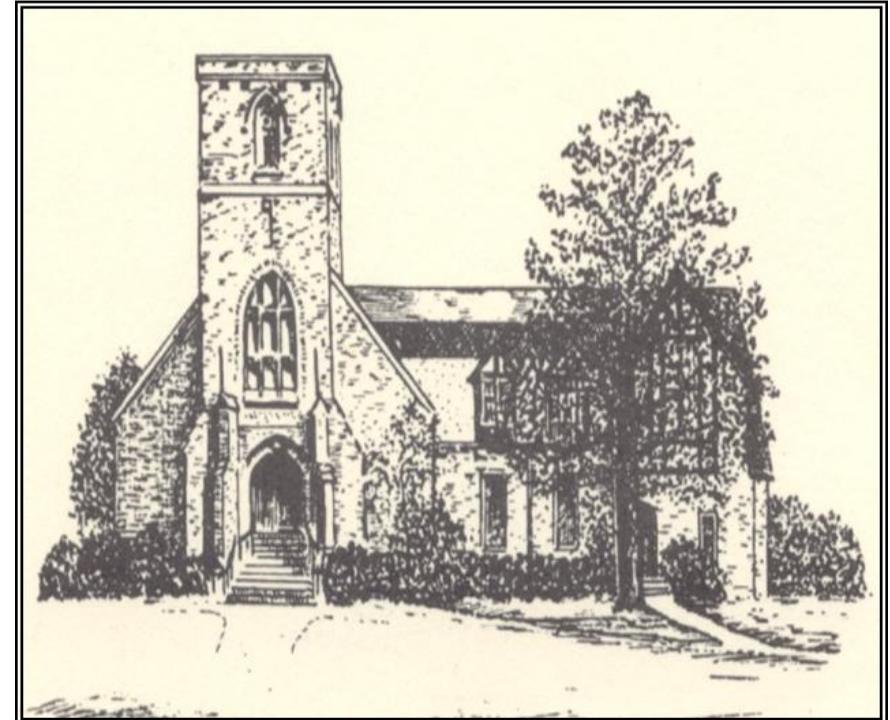
\*Postlude

**Time to Go Home**

*Gather Us In* vs 1,2, 4

**Rev. Yohan Go**

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*Asbury United Methodist Church*

*Pastor*

*Rev. Yohan Go*

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