



Loving, Serving, and Transforming Lives!

August 16, 2026

10:00 AM

In-Person & Online Services

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship God with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

Hewbrews 12:28



I'M CALLING COLLECT

MISSION STATEMENT

Love God and one another, serve our community, and transform lives.

VISION

A radically inclusive community, empowered to spread God's love throughout the world.

BELIEFS

We Believe That:

All are created in the image of God, God loves everyone, and through Christ, He saves, revives, and renews the world, that God, through the Holy Spirit, changes lives, that the church is the body of Christ with a mission, that the Bible is the word of God, that God has gifted everyone and the church for the purposes of God, and that discipleship is a continuing journey.

†† – Those who are Able May stand
AAHH – African American Heritage Hymnal – Yellow Hymnal
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal – Red Hymnal

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome & Announcements		Kisha L. Woolen
++ Gathering Hymn	<i>"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"</i>	400 UMH
Morning Prayer		Kisha L. Woolen
Prayer Response	<i>"Spirit Song"</i>	347 UMH
Scripture Readings	<i>Isaiah 55:1-8</i>	Bernice Harleston
Sermonic Selection	<i>"If I Can Help Somebody"</i>	arr. Nathan Carter, Francese Brooks, soprano, (soloist)
Sermon	<i>"I'm Calling Collect"</i>	Rev. Dr. Marcus Simmons
Invitation to Discipleship	<i>"My Tribute"</i>	111 AAHH
Invitation to Give		Bernice Harleston
Offertory Selection	<i>"I Will Give Thanks Unto Thee"</i>	G. Rossini Francese Brooks, soprano, (soloist)
Sending Hymn	<i>"I Will Trust in The Lord"</i>	391 AAHH (vv. 1, 2, & 4)
++ Benediction		Rev. Dr. Marcus Simmons
Postlude	<i>"Postlude"</i>	Wayne Wold

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Music	Alma Castello, Guest Organist, Francese Brooks, Guest Soloist, Stephen Key, Pianist, Asbury Ensemble
Guest Organist	Alma Castello
Guest Soloist	Francese Brooks
Liturgists	Kisha L. Woolen, Bernice Harleston
Trustee On Duty	Beverly Allen

Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. Marcus Simmons



Rev. Dr. Marcus Simmons is a native Philadelphian, a husband, a son, a brother, and a follower of Jesus Christ currently serving as the Lead Pastor of Sanctuary United Methodist Church in North Wales, PA. In addition to living out his calling as a pastor, he is an award-winning singer, educator, instrumentalist, author, scholar, conductor and composer. Dr. Simmons holds degrees from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Miami University, Indiana University, and Luther Seminary and has served in ministry for over 15 years.

He has served in United Methodist Church at the Annual Conference, Jurisdictional, and General levels as well as in congregations in Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania. Dr. Simmons' ministry in local churches has focused on Pastoring through Preaching and Teaching, Music and Worship Arts, Children, Youth, and Christian Discipleship, and Outreach ministries.

In addition to his time in ministry, Dr. Simmons has also served in other fields in many different capacities. As a professor, he has served on the faculties of Rust College, Bethel University, Indiana University and Indiana State University. As a teacher, he taught in the School District of Philadelphia. As an operatically trained **bass-baritone**, Dr. Simmons frequently participated in performances of operas, recitals, lectures, and concerts on stages from Carnegie Hall, to the Saigon Opera House, Verizon Hall and the Queensland Performing Arts Center. He has collaborated with groups such as the *Together in Hope Project*, *Trondheim Solistene*, *Reno Chamber Orchestra*, *Des Moines Metro Opera*, *Philadelphia Orchestra* and in a Grammy recognized collaboration with the *Minnesota Orchestra and Chorale*, among many others.

As a scholar, Dr. Simmons has been asked to present at Regional, National, and International Conferences as well as across the US in the Emmy-winning documentary "*Amen! Music of the Black Church*" on PBS. The Rev. Dr. Simmons is the loving husband to "Lady J" Jessica Simmons, and they are proud parents to MarieLynn, MarKendrick, and Zemirah Simmons.



Asbury's Week At A Glance

Sunday, August 16, 2026

9:00 AM **All-in-One Sunday School**
Ages 4-12, 3rd Floor, Room 208

10:00 AM **Worship Service**
[In-person and online via Livestream]

Monday, August 17, 2026

3:00 PM **Asburyan Deadline**

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

11:00 AM **Weekly Office Staff Meeting**

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

12:00 PM **Midweek Intercessory Prayer**

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Friday, August 21, 2026

Saturday, August 22, 2026

From The Senior Pastor's Desk | August 2026

Theme: **Summer Giving**



We Give Because We See the Fruit!

Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. At Asbury, we believe giving is about far more than meeting a budget—it is about investing in God's work through this church.

Because of your generosity, families facing eviction have remained housed, utilities have been restored, neighbors experiencing hunger have been fed, and people in crisis have found hope and support. Through our connectional giving, lives are also being transformed around the world, including students at Africa University whose education is made possible through the faithfulness of congregations like ours. Simply put, we give because we see the fruit.

As we enter the summer months, we invite every Asbury household to prayerfully consider making an additional gift of \$500 above your regular giving over the next 45 days. While our church is facing real financial challenges, our appeal is rooted not in fear but in faith.

For 190 years, God has used Asbury to love God, serve our community, and transform lives. Together, we can continue that legacy, ensuring that the ministry we celebrate today remains strong for generations to come. Thank you for your faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to the mission of Asbury. Amen

Rev. Dr. Ron Bell, II

ASBURY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
WASHINGTON, DC

**YOU ARE WELCOME
TO WORSHIP WITH US!**
We pray you are uplifted and encouraged.



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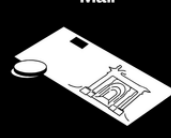
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926 11 STREET, NW
WASHINGTON DC, 20001

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Parking Instructions



Monday - Friday

Asburyans and guests on church business should park in the parking garage and bring the printed parking ticket to be validated in the church office. Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). Drivers will scan the front of the ticket (invoice) and then the back (payment). Push the call button if you have any issues, and the LAZ Garage Staff will assist you.

Saturday & Sunday

Parking is available on Saturday and Sunday until 4 pm (unless otherwise noted). Park on levels P2 or P3 and take the elevator to the "G" level to exit the building (to the left toward 11th Street). The church provides parking passes (half sheet paper passes) to use as you exit the garage. **You must give the parking attendant your printed ticket and the parking pass.**



Asbury United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Thursday 8:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Friday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM [Office Closed]



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BACK TO SCHOOL

BLESSING SUNDAY

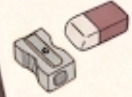
**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 23, 2026**

 **Praying for and
supporting students
& educators.**

 **12:00 PM**

 **926 11th St. NW,
Washington, DC 20001**

For those inclined
to help, please
reach out to
Sarita and
Chance to
donate
school
supplies.





COME Worship WITH ME FOR MY 100TH BIRTHDAY Celebration

REV. IRENE C. PIERCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

CELEBRATION IMMEDIATELY
Following Worship



WORSHIP TIME
10:00 AM



LOCATION
ASBURY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
926 11th St. NW



MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR IN CONCERT

JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL EVENING OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION!



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4,
2026**

4:00 PM
ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
926 ELEVENTH STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001

**TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH
EVENTBRITE AND IN PERSON
FOLLOWING SUNDAY SERVICE AT
TABLE IN THE NARTHEX**

PRICES:
ADULTS \$30
STUDENTS \$15

PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE GARAGE.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026



AUGUST 23RD

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20TH

190TH HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE

OCTOBER 4TH

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR IN CONCERT @ ASBURY

OCTOBER 11TH

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

OCTOBER 18TH

LAITY SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24TH

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING "BAGSKET" DISTRIBUTION DAY: 11:30AM - 1:00PM

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION DAY

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: 9:00AM - 12 NOON

TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT THE SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO

SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AT 9:00 AM FOR ALL AGES

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR (N2N) 4TH SUNDAY OUTREACH

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY FROM 9:00AM -10:30AM

GETTING AROUND

- There is an elevator in the Education Building that accesses all levels of the church—the sanctuary, the fellowship hall, and all the Sunday School rooms.
- Free parking is available Sundays in the garage adjacent to our 11th Street entrance. Pick up a parking pass from the 11th Street reception desk.
- Restrooms are on the lower level on either side of the narthex and on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

UPPER ROOM - DAILY READINGS

DATE	SCRIPTURE
SUNDAY AUGUST 16, 2026	HABAKKUK 3: 17-19
MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2026	ROMANS 12: 1-13
TUESDAY AUGUST 18, 2026	DEUTERONOMY 7: 12-14
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19, 2026	HEBREWS 10: 19-25
THURSDAY AUGUST 20, 2026	ISAIAH 46: 3-10
FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 2026	LUKE 18: 15-17
SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2026	ISAIAH 43: 1-7



ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bell, II., Lead Pastor

Everett P. Williams, Jr., Minister of Music

Tawana C. Jackson, Stephen Minister

Monica McEaddy & Patrick Wilkerson, Lay Leaders

Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference

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