

***TIME OF SINGING & PRAISE**

“How Great Is Our God”
 “He Knows My Name”

Led by the Praise Team

(While the baptismal water is being administered, we will sing the following hymns as time permits . . .) UMH #191 – “Jesus Loves Me” UMH #347 – “Spirit Song”
 UMH #368 – “My Hope Is Built”

(The ushers will collect the Prayer Cards at this time.)

ANTHEM

“Sing Praise to the Lord Above!”

Chancel Choir

READINGS FROM GOD’S WORD

2 Timothy 1:3-7
 Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

Ron Freeman
 Pew Bible: N. T. pg. 287
 Pew Bible: N. T. pg. 81

CHILDREN’S FOCUS

(Following the Children’s Focus Children’s church is available for kids ages 5- Grade 5.
 Julie Tarr is the facilitator today.)

Deb Dilley

MESSAGE

“Remember Your Baptism, and Be Thankful”
 (Sermon notes are available in the bulletin insert)

Pastor Tim

***BAPTISMAL RENEWAL**

Pastor Tim & People

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I ask you again: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

People: I do renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

People: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in the Christian faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

People: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Come then, receive the sign of the cross upon you with the baptismal water, recalling your baptism into Christ, and renewing your pledge and promise to live in this baptismal identity and promise as long as you live.

(You may come forward at this time to receive the sign of the cross on your forehead with water from the baptismal font. Pastor Tim will administer the water.)

PRAYER AFTER BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to live everlasting.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6 adapt.)
 The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLE

Unison: “Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me.” (Psalms 103:2; NLT)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Linda Braun

UMH #95

Ron Freeman

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Tim

***CLOSING SONG**

“Amazing Grace” (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6)

UMH #378

***POSTLUDE**

Linda Braun

We carry Christ’s light into the world...

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED; OUR WORSHIP THROUGH SERVICE NOW BEGINS!

The Altar Flowers were given to the Glory of God by Pat and Pam Bennett for loved ones.

We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

We especially welcome guests and would love to get better acquainted with you!

Children are welcome in the 10:15 a.m. Service. The nursery is not staffed at this time, but parents are welcome to use it if needed. We are in the process of making decisions as the needs arise in this ministry.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation **Pastor:** Tim Dilley **Liturgist:** Ron Freeman

South Greeter: Donald Gillespie

West Greeters: Roger and Linda Prescott

North Greeters: Larry and Sandy Loyd

Ushers: Charles Bentz, Bruce Bailey, Brian Bentz, Glen Bryant, Larry Cavanaugh,
Tom Dunn II, Donald Gillespie, Carl Locker and Larry Paxson

On the Radio this Morning for Moments of Dev. (7:00 A.M. on WPGW): Ron Freeman

In Our Prayer

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus.” Thessalonians 5:16-18

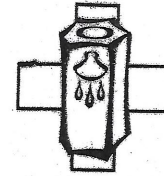
Please place this with your devotional book or some place visible, like your refrigerator, to aid you in your daily prayer life. (Special Note: Upon entering the hospital as a patient, please have a family member

notify the church office, or if possible, call before you are admitted. Also, please let the office know when you have been dismissed from the hospital.)

Concerns

Please Keep the Following People and Situations in Your Prayers This Week.

- *Fruitful Congregation Process
- *Paula Borders – treatment for cancer
- *Mark Heath – continuing treatment for cancer
- *Please keep our college kids in your prayers: Ian Bentz, Sammi Compton, Trey Dunn, Alex Dunn, Catherine Dunn, Kristen Dilley, Amelia Freeman, Cara Garringer, Mary Hudson, Cydney Huey, Katie Ireland, Kristen Ireland, Alyson Lucas, Emily Morris and Ericka Reynolds
- *June Beard is at Ball Hospital – pray for her as she regains her strength
- *Warren and Jan Lowe’s granddaughter, Maddie Roseboom - recovering from her third open heart surgery
- *Mary Boozier’s son, Greg Franklin – health concerns
- *Mary Boozier’s sister, Norma Tullias – health concerns
- *Larry Grier at IU Hospital – recovering from surgery
- *Davina Dotson, daughter of Diana Goodman – health issues
- *Bill Gallup, father of Janice Fritze – health issues
- *Debbie Minnis’ daughter, Megan Sobolowski – health concerns
- *George Noble is at Jay County Hospital
- *Cindy Roser – facing major colon surgery on January 20
- *Pray for Felica Hicks, Albert Hick’s, sister-in-law



**Welcome to
Asbury United Methodist Church
Portland, Indiana**

Asbury’s Mission Statement:

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

Vision Statement:

**“We will be a Multi-Generational Church who Reaches and Disciples
Children, Youth and Young Adults under the age of 40”**

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 10, 2016
10:15 a.m. Worship Service**

The asterisk (*) invites you to stand, but please feel at home sitting if standing is difficult.
Discreet listening-enhancing earphone units are available from the ushers upon request.

As We Gather . . .

What took Jesus some 30 years takes the Church Year only a few weeks. Today Jesus publicly begins His ministry by presenting Himself to John for baptism in the Jordan River. Jesus goes down into the water as the righteous Son of God but comes out wearing the stain of sin. Because of His Baptism, we go into baptism’s living waters as the dirty marked with death only to rise up clean and marked for new and everlasting life. Jesus’ baptism identified Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; our Baptism imparts the new identity as the children of God. Here God marks us and claims us: “You belong to Me”.

GATHERING MUSIC

“Blessed Assurance”
“You Are Holy”

Praise Team

WELCOME, GREETING ONE ANOTHER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign and pass the pew pad and welcome guests near you

Pastor Tim

VIDEO CLIP

“A New Year Focused On Jesus”

OPENING PRAYER

Ron Freeman & People

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us pray . . .

Leader & People (in unison): Eternal Father, you have given us your only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at His baptism in the River Jordan, grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.