

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave information so that we might be in contact with you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome & Sign the Attendance Pad

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Are you hungry?

People: Come and worship.

Leader: Are you thirsty?

People: Come and worship.

Leader: Are you weary, worn out, and tired?

People: Come and worship.

Leader: Are you joyous?

People: Come and worship.

Leader: Are you grateful?

People: Come and worship.

Leader: Are you full, expectant, and hopeful?

People: Come and worship.

ALL: Let us come just as we are to worship the King. Amen.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #327 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Children's Message *Nate Merchant*

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Nate;
younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Rynne.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem - Chancel Choir "A Celtic Thanksgiving"

§ Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46

Leader: This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon

"Eternal Choices in a Contemporary World"

Michael Moser, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response UMH #203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory - David Armstrong, solo

"Rise"

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth FWS #2130 "The Summons"

§ Benediction

We enter this world of cruel injustice firm in the promises of
God and passions of the faith to touch all the less fortunate.
When we "do it" to the least of these, we "do it" to you. Amen.

Postlude

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

The Altar Cornucopia

We thank Edwards Apple Orchard for their donation of some of
the gourds, pumpkins, etc. in our cornucopia. We also thank the
Worship Committee for their hard work of gathering the items as
well as setting up the altar to enhance our worship.

Next Sunday, November 30th, we will be taking a special offering to support United Voices for Children, an agency that speaks and acts on behalf of all children and youth in the Northern Illinois conference and generates financial support for ChildServ, Methodist Youth Services and Rosecrance. Please make your check out to Court Street UMC with "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo line.

2015 Altar Flower sign-up sheet is posted beneath the 2014 altar flower sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up now to get your first choice.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 50 children. Many of these children live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison. Family members of the children will be contacted to determine needs. Each child will receive 2 gifts, one a toy and one a clothing item. You can help us by: 1) Volunteering to distribute "angels" following any worship service. 2) Buying gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each). Do not buy any gifts until you receive your angel. 3) Making a cash donation or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with Angel Tree Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at 1321 Camp Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shopping for gifts. 5) Organizing and delivering gifts between December 21st and December 24th. 6) Praying for the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel, please look for the Angel Tree representative following today's service in the Narthex. For questions, contact Barb or Gene at (815) 965-6518.

**NO Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - November 26
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!**

The UMW Brunch, Bakery, Bazaar and Evergreen Sale will be on Dec. 7th this year. If you are interested in having a table to sell your items, please call and leave a message with your name and phone number. Geri Ryan, (815) 877-2141.

It's not too early to start buying Scrip for Christmas gifts and to help supply our Emergency Scrip cards for those in need. Stop by Jan's table in the narthex or the church office to see the complete offering of Scrip cards--our order form is only a portion of those available. And the cards are good nation-wide! Deadline for ordering for Christmas is Dec. 14; they will be returned to you Dec. 21.

Turn in your order & money for red poinsettias for Christmas by TOMORROW, Monday, November 24. Pick up on Sunday, December 7, 9am-Noon, on the Lower Level. See your November newsletter, The Chimes, or find a form in the Narthex.

Thanks to all of you who helped prepare and/or serve a meal at the Women's and Children's Crisis Center this past year. If you did not participate in this mission during 2014, please consider signing up for 2015. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex next to the coffee. All dates are open. We prepare and serve the meal the second Wednesday of each month. Ask your church committee or group members, your family, your neighbors, your friends or Barb Ferry who will gladly help you. You can reach Barb at 815-965-6518.

Get your holiday help here! Contact Nate (NateMerchant@courtstreetumc.org) to reserve our Youth group in hourly slots Dec. 7 to help you prepare for Christmas. Funds raised support our Youth Ministries

Please note the calendar on the reverse side for more events.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Earle Mailand **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel
Fellowship Hostesses: Geri Ryan & Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday Christ the King Sunday

11/23 9:00 am Sunday School in Nursery, 310, 309, & 209
10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
6:00 pm Youth Group:
How we got the Bible, in the Youth Center

Mon 11/24 THANKSGIVING PREP LOWER LEVEL

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
 5:00 Thanksgiving Committee in the Library
 6:00 Gamblers Anonymous in Room 205

Tue 11/25 THANKSGIVING PREP LOWER LEVEL

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 Quilters in Room 206
 9:00 History & Archives in Room 201
 9:00 "Busy Bag Ladies" in Room 205
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 9:00 Mother/Baby Class in the Parlor
 9:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 4:00 pm Tutoring for K-8 in Room 310
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 205 & 209

Wed 11/26 THANKSGIVING PREP LOWER LEVEL

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100 & the Parlor
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

Thu 11/27 11:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner Lower Level

Fri 11/28 CHURCH CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sat 11/29 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens

Sunday Student Sunday/1st Sunday of Advent

11/30 9:00 am Sunday School in Nursery, 310, 309, & 209
10:00 **Worship in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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Communion Special offering - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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WELCOME! November 23, 2014
 We're glad you're worshiping with us this morning! Please fill out this card if you are a visitor to our church or if you have changed your address or phone number. Place completed card in the offering plate as it is passed.

- I'm a visitor.
- Please note my address change.

Name (s): Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

How did you hear about Court Street? _____

Children:
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
 E-mail _____

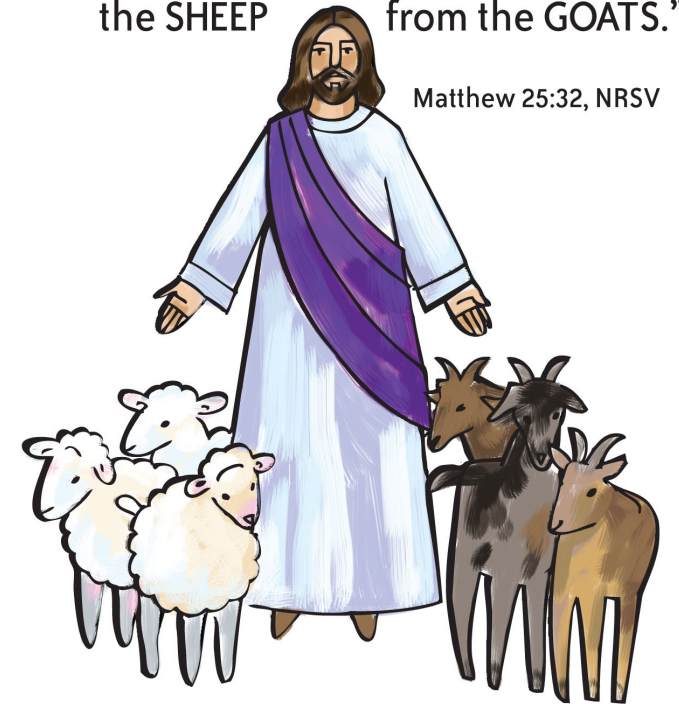
If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.
 Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

"He will separate
 people one
 from another as
 a shepherd
 separates
 the SHEEP from the GOATS."

Matthew 25:32, NRSV



Welcome to Court Street United Methodist Church



We are a people called United Methodists.
 Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

The mission of Court Street United Methodist Church is to be a welcoming, nurturing, and serving community of Christ.

Christ the King Sunday
 November 23, 2014