

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Send Him Down"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets

Ringing of the Bell
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

Lighting of the 3rd Candle of Joy *Tegan Ludington & Family*
The peace of God will keep us in Christ Jesus.
ALL: COME, LORD JESUS. AMEN.

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #715 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Prayers of the People

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 877 Zephaniah 3:14-20
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.
***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
Children's Message *James L. Crow*
"Gloria"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 198 Philippians 4:4-7
Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.
***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

Sermon "Happy, Healthy, & Holy!" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory "Carol Medley"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets

§ **Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**
Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

*The communion bread served is gluten-free
so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Music
"Blest Are They" ~ *arr. David Haas*
"Of the Father's Love Begotten" ~ *arr. Walter Pelz*

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #202 "People, Look East"**
All: verses 1, 2, & 4 Choir only: verse 3

§ **Benediction**
Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. ***Amen.***

Postlude "Mary, Did You Know?"
Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

**We thank Rev. Miriam Castro-Rodriguez
for assisting with communion today.**

Thank you for the opportunity Court St. UMC gave me to be my Home Church for more than 2 years. I had the opportunity to learn a lot and I have good memories and Misael as well. I will be connected through JFON Clinic and I will have the opportunity to attend some worships. This is not a "Good Bye", [it] is a Thank you! As United Methodists we are connected, as people living in Rockford, living in the same town, we are connected too. As Christians, we are part of the same faith family. Manuel, Misael and I have the opportunity to worship as a family and to help at the church. We have a lot of things to do and this is good. At Court St., at Centennial, or to any church we go to worship; we want to work for the Kingdom of God. It is God's call.

**Thank you again! Blessings,
Deacon Miriam**



Poinsettias have been given...
... in honor of the Spirit of the Season
by Bob Henbest.



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!

Today we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. Please read the insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

Today through Thursday, December 24th, poinsettias will be our altar flowers. Worship committee will purchase them. If you would like to donate towards them & memorialize someone, please donate \$24 & sign up on the altar flower list outside the church office. We only need 2 memorials each Sunday at the most. The plants would not be picked up until Dec. 24th.

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Dec. 16th!
Last Holy COW! for 2015!

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

• Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

• Dinner by Diane in the Dining Room for only \$3.50/person

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

• Men's Fellowship Group in the Dining Room - we will be joining in the study described below.

• **Last study session during Advent of the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Christmas!** Meeting at 6:00 pm for only 1 hour, this will give you a much-needed break from the hurry and scurry of preparations. Books are only \$8 each - get yours in the Church Office.

It is time to gather children's mittens, gloves, caps, and perhaps a scarf or two to be placed on the "mitten tree" which is in the narthex. The Nurture Committee will distribute them to needy little ones after Christmas.

Don't forget:

Final date to order Scrip for Christmas giving is TODAY.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 55 children, many of whom 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: 1) Volunteer to distribute angels following any worship service. 2) Buy gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each Retail). **Do not buy any gifts until you receive your angel.** 3) Make 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) Shop for gifts. 5) Organize and deliver gifts between December 20th and December 24th. 6) Pray for the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel, please look for Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree representative following the service in the Narthex starting Nov. 15th. For questions, contact Barb or Gene at 815-965-6518.



TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Bob Buckardt **Liturgist:** Karen Brown
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **SoundTech:** Brian Meligan
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer
Fellowship Hosts: *Can you help?*

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent
12/13 9:00 am Lamplighters in Room 209
9:00 Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary - Puppets
11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
11:15 Children's Choir in Choir Room
1:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets
1:00 Youth Homework 2nd Floor Computer Lab
2:00 Dowel Rod Ministry
3:00 Youth Christmas Party in the Youth Center
Mon 12/14 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
6:00 pm Worship Committee in the Parlor
Tue 12/15 Chimes DEADLINE
9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:00 Quilters in Room 206
9:00 History & Archives in Room 201
9:00 "Ugly Bag" Ladies in Room 205
10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
11:00 Adult Computers, Computer Lab, 2nd Floor
6:00 pm JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room
7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
Wed 12/16 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Deborah Circle at Donna Dow's, 7581 W. State
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
11:30 Dorcas Circle at RCC
4:00 pm Holy COW! -- SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thu 12/17 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library
5:45 Caroling in the Neighborhood
Fri 12/18 9:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
10:00 Image Class in the Library
1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
Sat 12/19 10:00 am Pageant Rehearsal
1:00 pm Advent Workshop in the Youth Center
Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/20 8:30 am Angel Tree sorting in the Dining Room
9:00 Lamplighters in Room 209
9:00 Sunday School in Room 104/Nursery
9:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Parlor
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
11:15 Fellowship Time & Blood Pressure Check
in the Parlor

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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! December 13, 2015
We're glad you're worshipping 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.

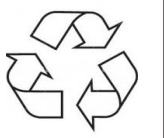
Name (s): Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

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

Worshiping
While
We
Walk



THIRD SUNDAY OF
Advent

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.

Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2015