

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude "Advent" ~ Camil Van Hulse

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

**Advent Reading & Lighting the Candle of Peace**

*Please see the screens and participate as you are able.*

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #61** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson - Old Testament p. 631 Isaiah 2:1-5

*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"

*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message "Seeing Angels" *James L. Crow*

**Hymn FWS #2026** "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 21 Matthew 20:1-16

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Anthem "Soon and Very Soon" ~Arr. Mark Hayes

Message *Abby Logli, student*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Prelude in E flat Major" ~ Orlando DiLasso

§ **Doxology UMH #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #196**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

§ Benediction

Send us forth, O God, as lights to this world. Like candles on a hill that no one can hide, we have a presence in this world, although we are citizens of Your kingdom. May Your love protect us, Your word instruct us, and Your Spirit lead us. **Amen.**

~ *The Rev. Faith Green Timmons,*

*Flint Bethel United Methodist Church, Flint, MI*

Postlude "Prelude & Fugue in C Major" ~ *J.S. Bach*

**Facetime by the Big Bell**

*Please have some cake and join Tim & Kathy Welk as they celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.*

Advent Reading & Lighting of Candle: *Whitmore Family*

Student Ushers: *Tegan Ludington, Brooklyn Davis,*

*Jake Voigt, Ella Anderson*

Student Liturgists: *Lydia Ludington, Aaliyah Davis,*

*Hannah Whitmore*

Student Sound Techs: *Alex Ludington, Carter Anderson*



*Altar Flowers are given...*



...in celebration of our 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23rd  
by Tim & Kathy Welk.

**Memory Verse for This Week**

*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

~ *Psalm 95:2 (RSV)*

**30 Minute Worship**  
Noon • Chapel

**Wednesday - November 30 - Bah! Humbug!**

*Rev. Richard Wang • Dan Holmes, guitar*

View more than 500 nativities from around the world and listen to Christmas music from our **Chancel Choir** members at 5:30 p.m. and our **JuBellation Handbells** will play at 6:00 p.m. WHERE: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 324 N. University, Rockford. WHEN: Friday, December 2, 2016. Admission is free.



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 celebrate United Methodist Student Sunday and take a special offering to support students.** The special offering funds scholarships and student loans for qualified and deserving United Methodists. We strengthen our denomination when we help students to pursue their educational goals as they discern God's plans for them.

**Poinsettia orders are due TOMORROW - order forms in Narthex**

Is redemption possible for Ebenezer Scrooge? **"The Redemption of Scrooge" study starts today at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor with Pastor Cal.** Books are available for \$10 each. If you can't make today, come Wednesday to study with James L. Crow at 6:00 p.m.

**\*\*Holy COW(Church On Wednesday)! on Nov 30th\*\***

**4:00 - Ray Rhoads' Class (Library)**

**5:30 - Dinner by Diane (Dining Room) \$3.50/person**

**6:00 - "The Redemption of Scrooge" Study (Dining Room)**

**6:00 - Mens' Fellowship (Parlor)**

**December 4th (Sunday) is our yearly, and always anticipated, Brunch, Bakery, Bazaar, and Evergreen Sale.** If you are interested in having a table for your items to sell, please call 815-877-2141.

Invite your friends and neighbors for next week's worship. **"Night of the Father's Love," a Christmas cantata, will be presented by our Chancel Choir and orchestra under the direction of James Marck.** It will be the perfect preparation for this beautiful season. You also won't want to miss the **Bakery, Bazaar, & Evergreen Sale that starts that morning at 9 am and continues after worship. The Brunch will be served (\$6/adult; \$3/ages 4-10; free/ages 3 & under) after worship also.** Proceeds to benefit our UMW Mission Fund.

**Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison.** This year we have 57 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 Retail). **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 18th and December 22. 6) Praying 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 today.

For questions, contact Barb or Gene at 965-6518.

**Turn over to see the calendar on the back for additional events.**

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

**MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET**

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**WELCOME!**

November 27, 2016

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S WORSHIP  
**Greeter:** Lorna Wakefield  
**Ushers:** The Sandy Gregory Team      **Sound Tech:** Brian King  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley      **Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel  
**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson  
**Facetime Hosts:** Ray & Margaret Rhoads

**Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week**

- Sun 11/27 1st Sunday of Advent/UM Student Sunday**
  - 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
  - 9:00 Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 in 104; grades 6-12 in Balcony West
  - 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
  - 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
  - 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
  - 11:15 Children's Choir, lower level Choir Room
  - 11:30 "Redemption of Scrooge" Study in the Parlor
  - 12:30 pm Dowel Rod Ministry in the Sanctuary
  - 1:15 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
- Mon 11/28** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
- Tue 11/29** 8:30 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
  - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307
  - 5:00 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
  - 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
  - 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
  - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
  - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- Wed 11/30** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
  - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
  - 12:00 pm 30 Minute Worship in the Chapel
  - 4:00 Holy COW! -- \*\*see announcements\*\*
- Thu 12/01** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
  - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
  - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307
- Fri 12/02** 8:30 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
  - 5:30 Nativity Display & Concert @ 324 University Dr, Rockford
- Sat 12/03** 10:00 am Cantata Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- Sun 12/04 2nd Sunday of Advent**
  - 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
  - 9:00 Bakery, Bazaar, Evergreen Sale, Lower Level
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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!

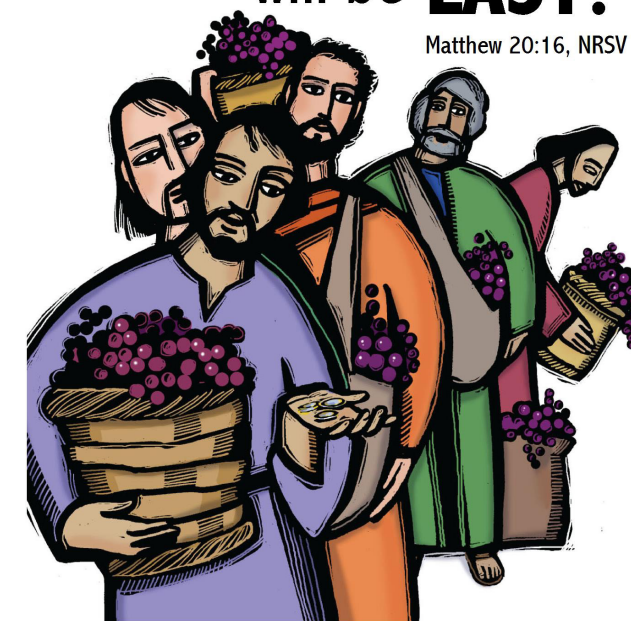


ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

**F**orging a *Family* of **Faith**

So the **last** will be **FIRST**,  
and the **first** will be **LAST.**

Matthew 20:16, 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.

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