

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Miniature Suite: Prelude ~ James H. Rogers

Ringing of the Bell

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

Advent Reading & Lighting the Candle of Love

Geri & Michelle Ryan

Please see the screens and participate as you are able.

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #202**

“People, Look East”

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. 172 Deuteronomy 15:7-11

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 Shepherds”

Andrew Crow

Hymn FWS #2026

“Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

§ Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 58

Luke 2:8-20

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem “Advent Supplication”

~ Hal Hopson

“The Greatest Gift”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Miniature Suite: Pastoral ~ James H. Rogers

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #214**

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Verse 1: ALL

Verse 4: Men

Verse 2: Women

Verse 5: ALL

Verse 3: ALL

§ **Benediction**

Lord Jesus, light our darkness; with joy dispel our gloom. Prepare us to receive you, and in our lives make room for humble loving-kindness, for just and honest ways, that we might walk together in Love-illuminated days. **Amen.**

--Mary Nelson Keithahn, Come Away With Me:

A Collection of Original Hymns, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998), 50.

Postlude Miniature Suite: Toccata ~ James H. Rogers

Facetime by the Big Bell



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

Memory Verse for This Week

*“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”*

~ Luke 2:14 (RSV)

Join us on Friday, December 16th, 6:30 p.m., at United Lutheran Church, 3630 Rockton Ave., Rockford, for a time of prayerful meditation and introspection in the spirit of Taizé. All are welcome to come, by the glow of candlelight, and enter the warmth of God’s embrace.

Hey kids! Free Advent Workshop for grades K-8 on Saturday, December 17, Noon – 2:00 p.m. Come for pizza, arts, & crafts!



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 are taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment. There is an insert to help you understand the importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC with “Apportionment” on the memo line.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 116 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 today. For questions, contact Barb or Gene at 965-6518.

“The Redemption of Scrooge” study continues today at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor with Pastor Cal. If you can’t make today, come Wednesday to study with James L. Crow at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.

30 Minute Worship

Noon • Chapel

Wednesday - December 14 - The Life of Christmas Present
Rev. Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart • Dan Holmes, guitar

****Holy COW(Church On Wednesday)! on Dec. 14th****

5:30 - Dinner by Diane (Dining Room) \$3.50/person - last one for Dec.

6:00 - “The Redemption of Scrooge” Study (Dining Room)

6:00 - Mens’ Fellowship (Parlor)

Christmas Blues

Wednesday • December 21 • 5:00 p.m. • Chapel
Contemporary Seasonal Service

Family Christmas Service

Saturday • December 24 • 4:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

Candlelight Service

Saturday • December 24 • 9:30 p.m. • Sanctuary

If you have not yet turned in your 2017 pledge card, you may still do so. Please contact the church office or see an usher if you need a pledge card. You may mail or bring to the church office, drop it in the offering plate, or give to an usher. Thank you!

Don’t forget to order Scrip for Christmas giving TODAY!

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.

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WELCOME!

December 11, 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 _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail _____

TODAY'S WORSHIP

- Greeter:** Joann Dill
- Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team
- Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
- Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore
- Liturgist:** Randiann King
- Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
- Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer
- Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 12/11 3rd Sunday of Advent**
 - 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
 - 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 12/12**
 - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 11:00 Stewardship Committee in the Library
 - 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm: Intro Class in 307
 - 4:00 SPRC in Room 209
- Tue 12/13**
 - 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
 - 5:30 pm Trustees in the Library
 - 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
 - 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 - 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
- Wed 12/14**
 - 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 - 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 - 11:30 Dorcas Circle @ Rockford Country Club
 - 12:00 pm 30 Minute Worship in the Chapel
 - 4:00 Holy COW! -- **see announcements**
- Thu 12/15 Chimes DEADLINE**
 - 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 12/16**
 - 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
 - 6:30 Taizé Service @ United Lutheran Church, 3630 Rockton Ave., Rockford
- Sat 12/17**
 - 10:00 am Children's Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 - 12:00 pm Advent Workshop on the Lower Level
- Sun 12/18 4th Sunday of Advent**
 - 9:00 am 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 - 9:00 Sunday School: PreK-grade 5 in 104; grades 6-12 in Balcony West
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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

Forging
 a *Family* of **Faith**



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.

*3rd Sunday of Advent
 December 11, 2016*