

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

## WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude Ach Gott und Herr  
"Oh Lord and God"  
*Johann Gottfried Walther*

*Ringing of the Bell*

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

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* We celebrate this day  
the baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

***People:* We follow Christ's example  
when we baptize those whom God has called.**

*Leader:* Baptism is a sign of the covenant  
between God and the church.

***People:* It signifies God's faithfulness.**

*Leader:* It testifies to the washing away of sin.

***People:* It symbolizes rebirth.**

*Leader:* It embodies our adoption into God's family.

***People:* It witnesses to the resurrection of Christ.**

*Leader:* In baptism, we put on the fresh garment of Christ.

***People:* In baptism, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.**

***All:* Thanks be to God, by whose grace  
we are called to baptism!**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #428 "For the Healing of the Nations"

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*  
Pastoral Prayer  
**The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895**

## WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Reading from the Psalter, UMH #761 **Psalm 29**

Hymn FWS #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"  
*The children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

Children's Message "Following Jesus' Example" *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

### § Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 3 Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

## Hymn of Response UMH#252 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

"Heavenly Hydration!"  
*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

### COVENANT PRAYER

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed  
by thee or laid aside for thee,  
Exalted for thee or brought low by thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
To thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory Christum wir sollen loben schon  
"We should Praise Christ"  
*Johann Gottfried Walther*

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

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

### § Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #189 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

### § Benediction

May God take you deep into rivers of blessing, lead you beside  
refreshing streams and anoint you with the waters of everlasting  
love. **Amen.**

Postlude Allein zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ  
"Alone with you, Lord Jesus Christ"  
*Johann Gottfried Walther*

### Facetime by the Big Bell

**Memory Verse for This Week**  
*"Let the Lord give strength to his people!  
Let the Lord bless his people with peace!"*  
Psalm 29:11



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.** 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.

The **2017 Altar Flower chart** is posted outside the church office on the bulletin board. Sign up now to get your favorite date to honor or memorialize someone you love.

**Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Jan. 11th!**

**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 Parlor

**For the month of January, Nurture & Outreach is appropriately collecting shovels for the students at Haskell Academy.** We know the children love to help out and this will help more students keep the school grounds safe. You can drop off the shovels in the church narthex by the sign for Haskell Academy. Thank You in advance!

**Join us on Friday, January 20th, 6:30 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St., 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.

**Rockford Dist. Leadership Training Event** ~ Saturday, January 28, 2017, Faith UMC of Freeport, 1440 S. Walnut, Freeport, 8am-12:30pm. Workshops offered include: Staff-Parish Relations Committee Work, Trustees Work, The Way of Christ, Best Financial Practices, Church Presence in Neighborhood, Alternate Leadership Structure and Statistical Report. Especially if you are new to a committee, here is a wonderful chance to learn what your committee needs to do. No cost to attend, but they do request that you register by January 25th. To register, please go to: [www.umcnic.org/2017RkfdTraining](http://www.umcnic.org/2017RkfdTraining). For more information, call: 815-561-8285.

**Angel Tree Ministry** ~ Thanks to ALL of you for your financial support, for purchasing and wrapping gifts for the children and for your prayers. Because of your generosity, gifts were purchased for 56 children from 22 families in our church neighborhood and in the nearby area. Each child received two gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent. In addition extra funds were left over to provide \$25 or \$50 in grocery gift cards to each family based upon size of family or need. Thanks also to those of you who helped organize and deliver the gifts to the families. May God bless you all, for it is in giving that we are richly blessed. We ask that you continue to pray for the incarcerated parents and their families. *Barb and Gene Ferry*

*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!**

January 8, 2017

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Geri Ryan

**Ushers:** The Sue Cram Team

**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Van Driver:** Bob Lutmer

**Acolyte:** Martin Leonard

**Facetime Hosts:** Breakfast Club

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

**Sun 01/08** **Baptism of Our Lord**  
 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  
 12:30 pm Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary  
 1:15 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302

**Mon 01/09**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 11:00 Stewardship Committee in the Library  
 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307  
 4:00 SPRC in Room 209  
 6:00 Rockford Rhythm (12-16) in the Gym  
 6:00 Worship Committee in the Parlor

**Tue 01/10**  
 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  
 5:00 pm Council Choraleers in the Chapel  
 5:30 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 01/11**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 4:00 pm Holy COW! -- \*\*see announcements\*\*

**Thu 01/12**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307  
 6:00 Chatterbox Supper Group

**Fri 01/13**  
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 11:00 Rockford Ministers' Fellowship in the Dining Room  
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

**Sat 01/14** 8:30 am UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm Inn

**Sun 01/15** **2nd Sunday after Epiphany - Chimes DEADLINE**  
 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 Christian Ed Committee in the Dining Room  
 12:30 pm Stick Ministry in the Sanctuary  
 1:15 Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302  
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4347 Applewood Ln.

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**



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.

*Baptism of Our Lord*  
 January 8, 2017