

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

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude BISHOPTHORPE ~ Healy Willan

Ringing of the Bell

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, people of God! The light has come;
it shines around us, within us, and without us.

People: **In the gloom of winter we seek out the light of
Christ; we yearn for God's radiance and warmth.**

Leader: Gather, people of God!

Come to encounter the Holy Mystery of God-with-us.

People: **As the wise men journeyed from afar,
so have we come to pay homage to the Christ child.**

Leader: Give thanks, people of God! Let us be servants
of the gospel, sharers in the promise of Christ.

People: **Through Christ, we have access to God;
let us be bold in our worship!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #545 "The Church's One Foundation"

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 #758 Psalm 27

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

Children's Message "Security Blanket" *James L. Crow*

Hymn FWS #2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Scripture Lesson - New Testament p. 166 I Corinthians 1:10-18

Leader: This is the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

Anthem Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Arr. S. Drummond Wolff

"(FAQ) Fellowship Answers and Questions"
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 DUNDEE ~ Healy Willan

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #549

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Sung to "MARTYRDOM"

§ Benediction

May the grace of God enfold us,
the love of Christ uphold us,
and the Spirit of truth set us free.

Go forward in faith, transform the chains that bind the world
to a chain of solidarity. *Amen.*

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in D minor ~ J.S. Bach

Facetime by the Big Bell

Memory Verse for This Week

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus

Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions

among you, but that you be united in the same mind

and the same purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

UMW's first luncheon of the New Year will be Feb.1st at noon in the Dining Room. Our program will be Megan Brechon (Diane Luter's daughter-in-law), the Ex. Dir. of a new program that allows supervised visitation of children and non-custodial parents in a safe environment. Cost for luncheon is still \$7.00 and reservations, please. All women, family and friends are welcome. Call Geri at 815-877-2141.



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!

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.

Now that the holidays are over, Welcome to 2017! The Scrip committee encourages you to keep Scrip purchases going strong. In 2016 \$4100 was earned to contribute to the church's work. Please continue to support this effort. There are always birthdays to celebrate and gift cards are an easy present. For daily lunches there are many cards available, for weekly purchases, you already know about Woodman's, Valli and Mobil. But available for order are Petsmart, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Bergner's, Best Buy, Burger King, Cold Stone Creamery, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin Donuts and Fannie Mae candy. A full list of items can be viewed at the Scrip table on Sundays. Let's keep this worthwhile program growing!

Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! on Jan. 25th!

4:00 - 5:30 p.m. • Rev. Rhoads' class in the Library - Adults

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. • Dinner by Diane - Dining Room - \$3.50/person

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. • Men's Fellowship Group in the Parlor

Next Sunday, January 29, we will be taking a special offering, **United Voices for Children, to benefit ChildServ, MYSI Corp, and Rosecrance.** As a network of child advocates, United Voices for Children keeps the needs of the voiceless, powerless little ones before the church and the community. You may make your check out to CSUMC, with "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo line. We will have an envelope inserted next week for your convenience.

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. 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 22, 2017

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

Greeters: Fred & Judy Mehren **Acolyte:** Morgan Whitmore
Ushers: The Sue Cram Team **Sound Tech:** Stan Tunnell
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Tim Gorman
Facetime Hostesses: The Rhoads **Liturgist:** Randiann King

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 01/22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
 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
 9:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex
 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
 2:00 JFON Clinic for Volunteers on 2nd Floor
Mon 01/23 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 2:30 pm Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
Tue 01/24 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 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Wed 01/25 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 01/26 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm Chimes stuffing in the Library
 2:30 Rockford Rhythm Intro in Room 307
Fri 01/27 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
Sat 01/28 Rockford District Leadership Training, Freeport
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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**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters... that there be no divisions among you, but that you

be united
 in the same **mind**
 and the same **purpose.**

1 Corinthians 1:10, 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.

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2017