

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Also, please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Prelude People Look East (Besançon) ~ Wayne World
Ringing of the Bell
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

Call to Worship in Song

Here We Are to Worship - *Prayin' & Praisin' Puppets*
Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
Good, Good Father

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Gracious God, eternal God,
you have led us to curiosity about our creation,
ourselves, and all things unknown.

***People:* Let us never lose our sense of wonder
about the world you have given us.**

Leader: God of Abraham and Sarah, you lead us
to new understandings when we least expect them.

***People:* Let us never see ourselves as too young, too old,
or too wise to learn new lessons from you.**

Leader: God of the prophets, you call us to speak truth
to a reluctant world.

***People:* Give us courage to judge ourselves, and wisdom to
learn from those you send to teach us.**

Leader: God of the rich younger ruler, you love us
though we shrink from the challenge of discipleship.

***People:* Teach us to surrender our own wills, that
we might seek yours and draw closer to your grace.**

§ Opening Song

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

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

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading - p. 590 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God
***People:* Thanks be to God.**

"Every Step I Take" *Mini-Movement*

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message *James L. Crow*
"When the child is ready, the teacher will appear"
Chinese proverb

Hymn - see screens, vs 1

"This Little Light of Mine"

§ Gospel Reading - New Testament p. 34 Matthew 28:16-20
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.
***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Peace" *Morgan Whitmore*

"Lifelong Learners"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Please refer to the 'Baptism' insert.

Baptism *Robert Gaines Strader*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory Joshua ~ *arr. Ruth Artman*
Children's Choir

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

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Song of Sending Forth** **Glorious Day**

§ Benediction
Everlasting, ever-loving God, teacher, creator, giver of knowl-
edge and freedom, fear and courage, doubt and faith, grant that
we might always use our gifts to build a world where peace,
justice, love, and hope reign in wisdom and in truth. **AMEN**

Choral Benediction "Celebrate Jesus" *Prayin' & Praisin' Puppets*

Postlude Father, I Adore You ~ *Terry Coehlo, Arr. Fred Bock*

**Facetime in the Dining Room - All are invited to come
to the Lower Level Dining Room to congratulate Robert
on his baptism today.**

Memory Verse for This Week

"Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20b



Altar Flowers are given...

...in honor of the Spirit of the Season by Bob Henbest.
... in honor of Edna Pearson's 100th birthday
by Connie Magnuson.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in wor-
shipping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed and
invite you to return!

**TODAY we are celebrating United Methodist Student
Sunday and are taking 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.

**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. 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 An-
gel Tree Ministry on memo line and mailing to Barb or Gene Ferry at
1321 Camp Ave., Rockford, IL, 61103. 4) Shopping for gifts. 5) Organiz-
ing and delivering gifts between December 17th and December 22nd.
6) Praying for the prisoners and their families. To receive your angel,
please look for the Angel Tree representative following the service in the
Narthex. For questions, call 815-965-6518.

Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 and 2:00, Chicago Melikin Puppets
will be performing **The Night Before Christmas as seen through the
eyes of the family dog** and **The Shoemaker and the Elves**. Prayin' and
Praisin' Puppet Project will also be performing. Admission is \$5.00 per
person. Children under 5 free. This is a fundraiser to cover expenses for
our puppeteers to go to the International Puppet Festival this summer.

On Sunday, December 5, come to Waffles and Worship, a modern
worship experience in the Dining Room. Waffles starting at 8:00, wor-
ship begins at 8:30. Communion will be served.

**Sunday, December 10th, is our yearly, and always anticipated,
Brunch, Bakery, and Bazaar.** If you are interested in having a table
for your items to sell, please call 815-877-2141.

Granny's Corner is a new addition to the Christmas Bazaar. It is an
additional effort to raise money for UMW. We need contributions.
..TREASURED ITEMS ...that you can part with. KEY WORD IS TREA-
SURED, NOT RUMMAGE. Examples might include CHRISTMAS
TREASURES you no longer use, VINTAGE JEWELRY, SPECIAL BAS-
KETS, OLD BENCHES. You can drop off donations before and after
church in the Lower Level Worship Room on Nov. 26 and Dec. 3.

Come to 'A Charlie Brown Christmas,' a live performance of the tele-
vised special performed by our Fine Arts Saturday Troupe. Choose
your date and time: December 8 at 7:00, December 9 at 2:00 and 7:00,
December 10 at 10:00 and 2:00. \$5.00 per person/Children under 5 free.

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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TODAY'S WORSHIP
Greeters: Fred & Judy Mehren
Acolyte: Morgan Whitmore
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King
Video Tech: Steve Ripley **Van Driver:** Dan Boon

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 11/26 Christ the King Sunday/Student Sunday
 9:00 am Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime in the Dining Room
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities begin
 11:30 'Because of Bethlehem' Study in the Parlor
 3:30 pm 'Because of Bethlehem' Study at 5772 Pepper

Mon 11/27 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 12:00 pm Nurture & Outreach in the Dining Room

Tue 11/28 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
 6:00 JuBellation Handbell Choir in Choir Room
 6:15 pm Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202 & 209
 7:00 Chancel Choir in the Choir Room

Wed 11/29 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Thu 11/30 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor

Fri 12/01 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 & Parlor
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 12/02 10:00 am Fine Arts Saturday Troupe (FAST) rehearsal
 11:00 Melikin Puppets in the Sanctuary
 2:00 pm Melikin Puppets in the Sanctuary

Sun 12/03 1st Sunday of Advent
 8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adults) in Room 209
 9:00 'Believe' Study in the Parlor
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:15 Happy Days Youth Activities begin
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room
 11:30 'Because of Bethlehem' Study in the Parlor
 3:30 pm 'Because of Bethlehem' Study at 5772 Pepper

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Have with God



"I'm going into all the world to make disciples of all nations. So I might be a little late for dinner."

& Growing in Love



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.

*Christ the King Sunday/Student Sunday
 November 26, 2017*

WELCOME!

November 26, 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 _____