

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

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

Ring of the Bell - Please use this to begin focusing for worship.

Prelude "Now Thank We All our God" ~ Lloyd Larson

§ Call to Worship ~ The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Leader: All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

**People: so we lift our hearts up to You, God,
in praise and thanksgiving.**

Leader: As we count our blessings
and acknowledge Your goodness,

**People: our hearts go out to those
who do not have and who are in need.**

Leader: We thank You for plentiful harvests
and full refrigerators

**People: and ask that You supply the needs
of those who are hungry.**

Leader: We thank You for jobs that provide for our families
and supply the needs of our society,

**People: and pray that You would care for those who have
no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.**

Leader: We thank You for opportunities and choices,
for meaning and challenges,

**People: and pray that You would give a sense of purpose
to those who feel trapped.**

Leader: We thank You for family and friends
who love us and care for us

**People: and pray that You would befriend
those who are alone.**

Leader: The abundance of the harvest is a symbol
of the abundance of Your love in our lives.

**People: May we live in a spirit of gratitude to You
and generosity to our neighbor.**

Leader: Loving God, in this season and all year long,
give to us the gift of a thankful heart,

**People: so that we may acknowledge You as the Giver
of all that is good in our lives.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus we ask it.

People: Amen.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #131

"We Gather Together"

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 Old Testament 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Please refer to the Table of Contents to find it in your Bible.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message "Encourage One Another" James L. Crow

Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Musical Witness ~ "See Amid the Winter's Snow" ~ Alan Lohr

Reading from the New Testament Hebrews 10:11-25

Please refer to the Table of Contents to find it in your Bible.

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"Once and For All"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "I Will Give Thanks" ~ Douglas Nolan

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

§ Benediction

Hear the words of St. Paul: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received ..., and the God of peace will be with you." Go with God's peace. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction

Postlude "Elegy" ~ Anton Wilhelm Leupold

Facetime by the Big Bell

Calling all crafters! If you knit, crochet, weave, or work with fleece, consider making a scarf to donate to The Jubilee Center. **Drop off at Court St UMC Church no later than Sunday, November 25, please.**



We welcome you, visitor or member, as we join in worshipping God this morning. We are all one family. We pray you will be blessed and invite you to return!

Noisy Offering is TODAY!!

Dig out your coins & help support Waffles & Worship

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 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 16th and December 22nd. 6) Praying for the prisoners and their families. 7) Assisting with the administration of this program. To receive your angel, please look for the Angel Tree representative following the service in the Narthex starting **TODAY.** For questions, call 815-965-6518.

Hang the greens with us on Saturday, November 24, 9:00 a.m.

Come when you can, leave when you must.

Next Sunday we will 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.

Prayerfully consider joining a small group study of Adam Hamilton's book, "Not a Silent Night," during Advent. The group(s) will decide if they want to do it in 4 or 5 sessions. Also, please consider facilitating a group. Let Pastor Cal or the Church Office know if you are interested.

Dear Congregation, Thanks to those of our church community who participated in caring for the children whose family member was meeting with the Domestic Violence Task Force on November 8 at the Unitarian Church. We had a time of sharing with each other and participating in activities with the children. Please continue to pray and to discuss domestic violence with others. The United Methodist Men will begin their Bible Study, 'Amending Through Faith: The Problems of Domestic Violence Against Women,' on Saturday, December 8, at Stockholm Inn. **ALL MEN ARE WELCOME.** Thanks for your prayers and support. *Nurture and Outreach Committee*

Rockford Choral Union presents Handel's Messiah at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Avenue, on Saturday, November 24 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, November 25, at 3:00 pm. Featuring over 100 singers, internationally known soloists, chamber orchestra, pipe organ, and harpsichord. Conducted by Michael Beert. No admission charge.

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: Norma Lee & Bill Barnhart **Acolyte:** Hannah Whitmore
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell **Liturgist:** Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart
Van Driver: Bob Lutmer
Facetime Hosts: Beverly Maus, Dorothy Powell

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 11/18 26th Sunday after Pentecost/Thanksgiving Sunday
 9:00 am Sunday School
 104, Dining Room, Balcony W, 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
 11:30 Christian Ed Team in the Dining Room
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
 2:00 JFON Clinic on the 2nd Floor
 4:00 CSUMC Book Club @ 4288 Uram Lane

Mon 11/19 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 4:00 pm Finance Team in the Library
 5:00 Administrative Council - look for sign

Tue 11/20 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 Winn Cty Substance Abuse in the Library
 11:00 Organ Lessons in the Sanctuary
 3:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
 6:00 AGO Presentation in the Parlor
 6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

Wed 11/21 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Thu 11/22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
 11:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner in the Dining Room

Fri 11/23 CHURCH is CLOSED

Sat 11/24 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 9:00 Hanging of the Greens - Sanctuary/Chapel

Sun 11/25 Christ the King Sunday/UM Student Sunday
 9:00 am Sunday School
 104, Dining Room, Balcony W, 209
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
 11:30 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY**



WELCOME! November 18, 2018
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 _____

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.

*Thanksgiving Sunday
 November 18, 2018*