

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 "Prelude for Christ the King Sunday" ~ Wayne Wold

§ Call to Worship ~ Based on Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Women: Come and worship the Lord with gladness.

Men: Come into the presence of the Lord with singing.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

Women: It is he that made us.

Men: And we are his.

All: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Women: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
and bless his holy name.

Men: For the Lord is good.

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever
and his faithfulness is to all generations.

All: Come, let us worship our Lord, Christ the King!

§ Opening Hymn UMH #439 "We Utter Our Cry"

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 #849 Psalm 132:1-5; 11-18

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message

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

Reading from the New Testament

Revelation 1:4b-8

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.

"Totally in Charge!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"I'll Fly Away"

Arr. Craig Courtney

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #529 "How Firm a Foundation"

§ Benediction

We are called to serve Christ as king of our lives. Let us love one another as we are loved, and go forth from this place rejoicing in the love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction

~ Armstrong

Postlude

"Fantasia in F"

~ Victor Ewald

Facetime by the Big Bell



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!

TODAY we celebrate **United Methodist Student Sunday** and take a special offering to support 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 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. For questions, call 815-965-6518.

Rockford Choral Union presents Handel's Messiah at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 920 3rd Avenue, TODAY at 3:00 pm. No admission charge. Donations appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to join a small group study of Adam Hamilton's book, "Not a Silent Night," during Advent:

Sunday • December 2nd • 8:30 a.m. • Church Parlor

Chris Druce Jones, facilitator

Sunday • December 2nd • 11:30 a.m. • Church Parlor

Pastor Cal, facilitator

Wednesday • December 5th • 10:30 a.m. • Church Parlor

Ray Rhoads, facilitator

Friday • December 7th • 1:00 p.m. • various homes

Dec. 7 location: 2534 Revelation

Participants, facilitators

Waffles & Worship is NEXT Sunday, December 2, starting at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Free-will donation for breakfast. A modern worship service and communion will be served. All are welcome!

Sunday, December 9th, is our **United Methodist Women's yearly, and always anticipated Bakery, Bazaar, and Brunch.** If you are interested in having a table for your items to sell, please call 815-227-4402. Brunch will be after worship and cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 4-10, Free for ages 3 and under. Proceeds benefit UMW Missions. Also, **the Children's Christmas program, 'The Good Old Days,' will be presented in worship that day.**



Altar Flowers are given...

...in the Spirit of the Season

by Bob Henbest.

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: Judy & Fred Mehren	Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner
Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team	Video: Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Brian King	Liturgist: Randiann King
Van Driver: Dan Boon	Facetime Hosts: Youth

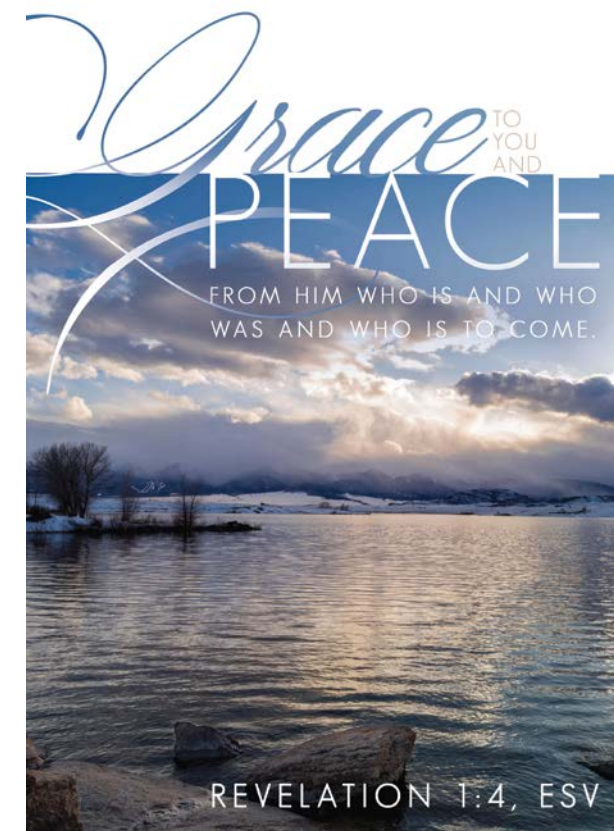
Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- 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
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302
- Mon 11/26** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 1:00 pm **Chimes** stuffing in the Library
- Tue 11/27** 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
 3:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in the Choir Room
 6:15 Knitting Group @ 4250 Ahlstrand Dr.
 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 11/28** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
- Thu 11/29** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 12:00 pm Jeremiah Executive Board in Room 209
 1:00 pm **The Journeymen in the Parlor**
- Fri 11/30** 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
 3:00 Visitation for Hoppy Mann in Chapel
 4:00 Celebration of Life for Hoppy Mann in Chapel
 5:00 Johnson/Lucas Wedding Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- Sat 12/01** 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 4:30 pm Johnson/Lucas Wedding in the Sanctuary
- Sun 12/02 1st Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 am Waffles & Worship in the Dining Room
 8:30 'Not a Silent Night' Study in the Parlor
 9:00 Sunday School - 104, Dining Room, Balcony W
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY**



WELCOME!

November 25, 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.

*Christ the King Sunday/United Methodist Student Sunday
 November 25, 2018*