

**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.*

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

Prelude "Savior of the Nations Come" ~ Douglas Wagner

§ Lighting of the Advent Candle - First Sunday - Hope

*Teresa:* Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,

Remembering the promises of God with prayer.

*Jim:* In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war any more. (Isaiah 2:2-4)

**People: We light this candle of Hope.**

*Teresa:* Let us pray. Faithful God, out of war's chaos, You

bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope that we

may work toward Christ's advent of peace

among all nations.

**All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.**

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

Sharing of Joys and Journeys

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Pastoral Prayer

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*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 "Advent A to Z"

~ James L. Crow

**Hymn FWS #2129, vs 1**

**"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

§ Reading from the New Testament

Luke 21:25-36

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

*Leader:* This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

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

"Keep an Eye Out!"

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD**

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "And The Glory Of The Lord"

~ John Mabry

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.*

## **The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE**

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.*

*The communion bread served is gluten-free*

*so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

Communion Music

## **WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #216**

**"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"**

§ Benediction

Be alert! Stay on your guard! Despite the headlines of our daily news, the presence of Jesus Christ in the world is evident, if we will only look and listen to the signs of his coming. Go into your world this week to deliver the good news that Christ is with us! **Amen.**

Choral Benediction "Our Last Amen" ~ Keveren

Postlude

"Oh Come, Emanuel"

~ Robert Estrin

**Facetime by the Big Bell**

**Next Sunday, Dec. 9th, we will be taking a special offering to help us meet our Apportionment.** You may make your check out to CSUMC with "Apportionment" on the memo line.



**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!

**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.

**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**

Best remedy for Holiday Angst is the CHRISTmas Activities planned at CSUMC. These activities are guaranteed to Reduce Your Stress, Refresh Your Spirit, and Renew Your Soul. Come for a **30-Minute Worship on Wednesday, December 5, at Noon in our Chapel. Then stay for a light lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation.**

**Next 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. Get your blood pressure checked for free also before and after worship.**

**Mark your calendar & join us:**

**Blues Christmas Service - Fri., Dec. 21 - 6:00 p.m. - Chapel**

**Choral Presentation - Sun., Dec. 23 - 10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary**

**Christmas Eve Family Service - Mon., Dec. 24 - 4:00 p.m. - Sanctuary**

**Candlelight Service - Mon., Dec. 24 - 9:30 p.m. - Sanctuary**

*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!**

December 2, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Tim Gorman **Acolyte:** Hannah Whitmore  
**Ushers:** The Davis/Dienhart Team **Video:** Steve Ripley  
**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk **Liturgist:** Randiann King  
**Van Driver:** Bruce Shindel **Facetime Hosts:** Sue Cram, Dessie Voigt

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

**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  
 11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell  
 11:30 'Not a Silent Night' Study in the Parlor  
 11:30 Children's Choir in the Choir Room  
 12:00 pm Praisin' & Prayin' Puppets in Room 302

**Mon 12/03** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

**Tue 12/04** 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  
 6:00 Recovery from Life in the Youth Center  
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room  
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Room 202

**Wed 12/05** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103  
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100  
 10:30 Mission Team in Room 209  
 10:30 'Not a Silent Night' Study in the Parlor  
 12:00 pm Noon Worship in the Chapel  
 12:30 Lunch in the Dining Room

**Thu 12/06** 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  
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

**Fri 12/07** 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  
 4:00 Armstrong/Rehberg Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

**Sat 12/08** 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor  
 8:30 UMM Breakfast @ Stockholm, 2420 Charles St.  
 3:00 pm Armstrong/Rehberg Wedding in the Sanctuary

**Sun 12/09 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 8:30 am 'Not a Silent Night' Study in the Parlor  
 9:00 Sunday School - 104, Dining Room, Balcony W  
 9:00 Bakery, Bazaar on the Lower Level  
 9:30 Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex  
 10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
 11:15 Brunch, Bakery, Bazaar on the Lower Level  
 11:30 Pick up Wreaths/Poinsettias in Chapel Narthex  
 11:30 'Not a Silent Night' Study in the Parlor  
 11:30 Blood Pressure Check in the Dining Room

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY**



*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.

*1st Sunday of Advent  
 December 2, 2018*