

**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 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" ~ *Paul Manz*

§ Lighting of the Advent Candle - Second Sunday - Peace

Krysta: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Peggy & Chuck: We light this candle of hope.

We light this candle of peace.

Krysta: Hear God's Promise of Peace from Isaiah 11 1-10
(*Scripture is read.*)

Let us pray: Faithful God, You are at work to restore
all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your
shalom that we may be reconciled to all enemies in
the peace that passes all understanding through
Christ Jesus our Lord.

**ALL: God of Promise, God of Hope,
into our darkness come.**

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

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

Malachi 3:1-4

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.

'A Child's Celebration of Christmas'

§ Reading from the New Testament

Luke 1:68-79

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.

"When God Speaks, We Should Listen!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #213**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

§ Benediction

We leave this sacred space in peace and joy because of what
the Incarnation means. We have a Savior who knows what it is
to be tired and tested, befriended and betrayed, adored and re-
viled. There is no sadness, no pain, no grief we can experience
that he has not already plumbed to the depths. He is in every
circumstance, in every place, at all times with us. Go, beloved,
to walk with God. **Amen.**

Postlude

**Come to the Lower Level to enjoy
our United Methodist Women's
Brunch, Bakery, & Bazaar**

Brunch is \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 4-10, free for ages 3 & under



Poinsettias are given in part...

...in memory of W.F. (Jack) Diestelmeier, Joan's father,
whose birthday would have been today by Stan & Joan Tunnell.



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

**TODAY is our United Methodist Women's yearly, and
always anticipated Bakery, Bazaar, and Brunch.** Brunch will be af-
ter worship and cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 4-10, Free for ages 3
and under. Proceeds benefit UMW Missions.

**Get your blood pressure checked for free TODAY in the Narthex
before worship and in the Lower Level after worship.**

**TODAY we are taking a special offering to help us meet our Ap-
portionment.** Please see the bulletin insert to help you understand the
importance of this offering. You may make your check out to CSUMC
with "Apportionment" on the memo line.

**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 dona-
tion 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) Or-
ganizing 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 Hamil-
ton's book, "Not a Silent Night," during Advent:**

Sunday • 8:30 a.m. • Church Parlor

Sunday • 11:30 a.m. • Church Parlor

Wednesday • 10:30 a.m. • Church Parlor

Friday • 1:00 p.m. • various homes

Call Gwen Culpepper for location: (815) 708-6383

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 12, at Noon in our Chapel. Then stay for a
light lunch in the Dining Room for a free-will donation.**

All are welcome to join us in preparing for & celebrating Christ's birth!
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 9, 2018

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

Greeter: Alice Gillette **Acolyte:** Carter Anderson
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team **Video:** Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Tim Welk **Liturgist:** Chris Druce Jones
Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- Sun 12/09 2nd Sunday of Advent**
 8:30 am 'Not a Silent Night' Study in the Parlor
 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
- Mon 12/10**
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 5:30 pm Worship Team in the Parlor
- Tue 12/11**
 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 "Busy Bag Ladies" in Room 205
 3:30 pm Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 5:30 Trustee Team in the Library
 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 12/12**
 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 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 12/13**
 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
 6:00 Chatterbox Supper @ Granite City, 7140 Harrison
- Fri 12/14**
 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
 1:00 pm 'Not a Silent Night' Study
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:30 Beautiful Beginnings Toy Distribution-Chapel Narthex
- Sat 12/15 DEADLINE for January 2019 Chimes information**
 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
- Sun 12/16 3rd Sunday of Advent**
 8:30 am '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

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.

*2nd Sunday of Advent
 December 9, 2018*