

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 "Christmas" ~ John Bergmen

§ Call to Worship

Leader: For those who have not been welcomed before,

People: You are welcomed by Christ here.

Leader: For those who have been turned away,

People: Christ is opening the door for you.

Leader: For those who have been forgotten,

People: God cannot forget you, for God made you.

Leader: Come, join together in worship of our God.

**People: You are God's beloved. We welcome each other
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

~ Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, *rev-o-lution.org*.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

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 #861 Psalm 148

Hymn UMH #657 "This Is the Day"

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Children's Message *James L. Crow*

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

Reading from the New Testament Colossians 3:12-17

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.

"All Dressed Up and Someplace To Go!"

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Unison Offertory Prayer

As we come to the end of one year, may we prepare our hearts, minds and bodies to begin anew. As we ask the ushers to come forward, may we give generously, thanking God for all good gifts of this past year. As we enter a new year, may our hearts be attuned to sharing what we have been abundantly given. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "With a Voice of Singing" ~ Shaw

§ Doxology UMH #94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #246 "Joy to the World"

§ Benediction

May the blessing of God who risked everything for our sake, the blessing of the Christ who releases in us new visions of hope, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit who guides and directs us into new forms of obedience, be with us all. Go forth as preparers and proclaimers.

~ From the worship book for "Communication Skill Building for the '90s," Nashville, Tenn., Scarritt-Bennett Center, 8-13 July 1991.

Choral Benediction "Our Last Amen" ~ Keveren

Postlude Postlude on "Oh Morning Star" ~ Dietrich Rheines

Facetime by the Big Bell



Poinsettias are given in part...

...in Celebration of our Savior's Birth

by Tim & Verlette Gorman.



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 will be taking a special offering, United Voices for Children, to benefit ChildServ, MYSI Corp, and Rosecrance. As a network of child advocates, United Voices for Children keeps the needs of the voiceless, powerless little ones before the church and the community. You may make your check out to CSUMC, with "5th Sunday Appeal" in the memo line. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Please turn in all 2018 contributions by Monday, December 31st. Thank you!

The 2019 Altar Flower chart is posted outside the Church Office on the bulletin board. Sign up now to get your favorite date to honor or to memorialize someone you love.

Church is Closed on Tuesday, January 1 - Happy New Year!

If you are ever here at Court Street UMC, either for a meeting or volunteering, Monday through Friday, we have permission for you to park at 2nd/1st. That way you may park and not worry about receiving a parking ticket. Just please don't park there on Sundays as they need the space for their own parishioners.

On Sunday, January 6, come to Waffles and Worship, a modern worship experience in the Dining Room. Waffles starting at 8:00, worship begins at 8:30. Communion will be served.

Help Worship Committee take down the church Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 12. We'll begin work at 9:00 a.m. until finished. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PART OF WORSHIP COMMITTEE to come help. The more people we have, the faster it will go.

Who has taken over the title 'Chief Hugger' here at Court Street since Dee Davis passed on to new life in 2010? Start 'practicing' your hugs on each other for Hug Day coming Sunday, January 20th.

Beginning Oil Painting Class - all are welcome! Come to the Art Room (2nd floor, Room 204) on Thursdays, January 24th & 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

All are invited to an Art Tea on Saturday, January 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Room 204. Come share plans and ideas, enjoy some tea, and fill in your calendar.

Start saving your money for Blanket Sunday, February 3rd.

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	
Greeter: Carol Johnson	Acolyte: Rachel Whitmore
Ushers: The Davis/Dienhart Team	Video: Steve Ripley
Sound Tech: Brian King	Liturgist: Cindy Anderson
Van Driver: Dan Boon	Facetime Hostess: Judy Mehren

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 12/30 1st Sunday after Christmas Day
 10:00 am **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**

Mon 12/31

Tue 01/01 - Happy New Year! - Church is Closed

Wed 01/02 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Thu 01/03 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 **The Journeymen in the Parlor**

Fri 01/04 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:00 pm **'Not a Silent Night' Study**
 1:30 Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 01/05

Sun 01/06 Epiphany of Our Lord
 9:30 am **Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:15 **Blood Pressure Check in the Narthex**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

MEETING WHERE JOINING **U** R ON

The **JOURNEY** 



WELCOME! December 30, 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 _____

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 after Christmas Day
 December 30, 2018*