

**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 “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
“Pastores A Belen (Shepherds in Bethlehem)”
“Do You Hear What I Hear?”
“And The Glory Of The Lord”

Mark Nelson Brass Quartet

Choral Introit “Fanfare for Christmas” ~ Pfrautsch
Chancel Choir & Brass Quartet

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Second Sunday

Hymn Response UMH #211, verses 1-4

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The advent of Christ brings the love of God’s presence into our midst!

***People:* We sing praises to God for the salvation Christ brings to us!**

Leader: Because of Christ, the weak are strengthened, the fearful are encouraged, and the unrighteous are redeemed!

***People:* Love came down when God came down to us. God has come to us in Christ to walk with us in the paths of righteousness!**

***All:* As we continue our preparations for Christmas, may our celebrations renew our faith and fill us with God’s love. Amen.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #250 “Once in Royal David’s City”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading Romans 1:1-7

Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

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

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

“My Favorite Things”

JuBellation

Children’s Message

Ryanne Ludington

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

§ Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

“Keep Calm and Carry On!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “Bring A Torch, Jeanette, Isabella” ~ *Arr. Wetzler*

“Carol of the Bells” ~ *Arr. Wilhousky*

Chancel Choir

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #236

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

§ Benediction

May the Creator who gives birth in the heart of a servant give birth within you.

May the Christ who comes to live with us walk beside you.

May the Spirit who sang within Mary’s heart also sing within your own. **Amen.**

Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You And Keep You” ~ *Rutter*

Postlude “Ding Dong Merrily On High” *Brass Quartet*

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

If you wish to leave, you may do so,

leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

Facetime by the Big Bell

We thank the following people for making today’s musical offering possible:

Jack Armstrong, *Dir. of Music* & Andrew Mertenich, *Organist*

JuBellation Bell Choir & Chancel Choir

Mark Nelson Brass Quartet:

Mark Nelson & Vicki Hastings, *Trumpets*

Cary Shely, *Trombone* & Jeff Suarez, *French Horn*



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!

The Special Advent Study Series with Pastor Cal continues today at 11:30 AM in the Parlor. This year’s study focuses on Adam Hamilton’s *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*. Books are still available through the Church Office for \$14. The study series will hold a final bonus session next Sunday, December 29.

We would like you to keep the scrip cards in mind this holiday season. They make excellent items to give as gifts or to help with your holiday purchases. And the best part is your scrip card purchases allow us to return profits to support Court Street UM Church programs. Come to the Scrip table to view our complete list of cards that can be ordered.

Have some last minute holiday purchases to make? Consider ordering through Amazon’s Smile website when you order online. Simply shop on smile.amazon.com and select Court Street UM Church as the charity you would like the AmazonSmile Foundation to donate to, and CSUMC will receive .5% of the value of your eligible purchases.

For December we hope you will put gloves, socks, mittens, hats, or scarves on our Mitten Tree in the Narthex. We will donate these to the Haskell Elementary School students in need. If we have extra we will donate to an agency that can distribute to their friends that are cold. *Nurture and Outreach Committee*

Christmas Eve at Court Street offers two unique services. The 4 PM service is geared towards families, while the 9:30 PM service is a traditional Candlelight service. The Candlelight service will begin with a 15-minute musical prelude courtesy of the Chancel Choir and JuBellation Bell Choir. Then at 9:45 PM, we will hold a Service of Lessons and Carols.

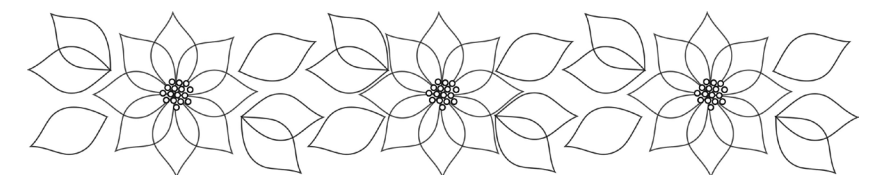
The church will be closed Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25th) and New Year’s Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1st). We hope you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Save the Date:

Worship & Waffles, Sunday, January 5, 8 AM

De-green the Church, Saturday, January 11, 9 AM


Holy COW! Potluck, Wednesday, January 15, 5:15 PM



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 22, 2019

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

Greeters: Annette and Larry Gillette **Acolyte:** Kaylee Bulliner
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Tim Gorman **Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk
Liturgist: Norma Lee Kerns Barnhart **Facetime Host:** Kay Galloway

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Sun 12/22 9:00 am Sunday School in 104, Balcony West
9:00 The Lamplighters, Library
9:40 Carol Sing in the Sanctuary
10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
11:30 Advent study series with Pastor Cal, Parlor
11:30 Youth Choir

Mon 12/23 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 12/24 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
4:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
9:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wed 12/25 Church Closed for Christmas.
 Have a Blessed Christmas!

Thu 12/26 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
10:00 Painting in the Art Room 204
 12:00 pm Jeremiah Exec. Board in Room 209
1:00 The Journeymen in the Parlor
1:00 Chimes Stuffing, Library
6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room

Fri 12/27 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 10:00 Early Head Start in Room 100
 1:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100

Sat 12/28 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
9:30 Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room

Sun 12/29 9:00 am Sunday School in 104, Balcony West
9:00 The Lamplighters, Library
10:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary
11:15 Facetime by the Big Bell
11:30 Advent study series with Pastor Cal, Parlor
11:30 Youth Choir



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

God
 Forward in Faith

Growing



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.

*4th Sunday of Advent
 December 22, 2019*