

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

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord from the earth.

People: Proclaim the divine name among brothers and sisters;

Leader: Young men and women, old and young together, praise the Lord.

All: In the midst of the congregation, let us praise the Lord.

§ Opening Hymn UMH #251

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

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”

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

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.

*“Beyond Christmas!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

Anthem

“Jesus Is Coming”

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Mary Did You Know”

Curly Thompson

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #235

“Rock-a-Bye, My Dear Little Boy”

§ Benediction

May God the Father bless us; may Christ take care of us; the Holy Ghost enlighten us all the days of our life. The Lord be our defender and keeper of body and soul, both now and for ever, to the ages of ages. ~ *Saint Æthelwold, c. 908-984*

Postlude

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 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!

Though the Christmas gift-giving season has come and gone, we would still like you to keep the scrip cards in mind. Your gift card purchases allow us to return profits to support ongoing Court Street UM Church programs. Come to the Scrip table and view our complete list of cards that can be ordered.

The Special Advent Study Series with Pastor Cal concludes today at 11:30 a.m. in the Parlor. This year’s study focuses on Adam Hamilton’s *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph*.

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*

Please turn in all 2019 contributions by Tuesday, December 31. Thank you!

The church will be closed New Year’s Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1). We hope you have a Happy New Year!

Next Sunday, January 5, is Worship & Waffles, now made possible in part by a grant from the United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois Conference, Inc. If you are interested in attending, please join us in the Dining Room at 8 a.m. for food and fellowship.

We need volunteers on January 11 at 9 a.m. to help De-green the Church.

Our next Holy COW! Potluck will be Wednesday, January 15, at 5:15 p.m. As always, we request you bring your own table setting and drink and a dish to share. January’s Holy COW! will feature a presentation by Stan Tunnell about the ComEd Hourly Pricing program for residential customers, so bring your electric bill and learn how you may save money on electricity.

We will host the AGO January Jubilee 2020 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, January 18.

This year’s Rockford District Leadership Training will be held at Freeport: Faith UMC (1440 S. Walnut Avenue) in Freeport, IL on Feb. 1. Staff, committee members, and congregation members are welcome to attend. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and features a morning service with Bishop Sally Dyck as guest speaker and two educational workshops. The RSVP deadline is January 24.

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 29, 2019

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: Teresa Field **Acolyte:** Emmanuel Bragori
Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team **Video Tech:** Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Jeff Mann **Liturgist:** Randiann King
Sound Tech: Tim Welk **Facetime Hosts:** Judy Mehren & Sue Cram

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

- 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
- Mon 12/30** 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
- Tue 12/31** 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
- Wed 01/01** Church Closed
 Happy New Year!
- Thu 01/02** 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
 10:00 Stewardship Team, Library
 1:00 pm The Journeymen in the Parlor
 2:30 Early Head Start in Room 100
 6:30 Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room
- Fri 01/03** 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 01/04** 8:00 am Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor
 9:30 Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room
 4:00 pm Chancel & Bell Choir Rehearsal, R. Wang's
- Sun 01/05** 8:00 am Worship and Waffles
 9:00 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 Youth Choir



ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



For this reason
JESUS
 is not ashamed
 to call them
BROTHERS
 and **SISTERS.**

Hebrews 2:11, NRSV

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
 December 29, 2019