

**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.

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

Prelude Variations on “We Three Kings”
III - Crown of Gold
V - Myrrh’s Bitter Perfume
VI/VII - Star of Wonder/Leading West
~ arr. by Gyllsdorff & Mertenich

§ Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, And the Word was with God.

***People:* All things came into being through him, And apart from him nothing came into being.**

Leader: What has appeared in him was Life, And the Life was the Light of all people.

***People:* And the Light shines in the Darkness, And the Darkness cannot put it out.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #369

“Blessed Assurance”

Sharing of Joys and Journeys
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:1-12
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.**

Hymn UMH #254, verses 1-2

“We Three Kings”

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”

§ Gospel Reading John 1:1-18

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 John.

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

“Seeing God More Clearly in 2020: Jesus Who?”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD’S WORD

Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory “Look At The World”

~ Rutter

§ 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.

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #152

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

§ Benediction

God’s love go before you, Christ’s blessing be around you and the Spirit’s joy be within you.

~ Larry J. Peacock, *Water Words 4 (Fall 1991)*

Choral Response

“Three-Fold Amen”

Postlude

“Processional in C”

~ Hal Leonard

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.

Throughout this winter we hope you will put gloves, socks, mittens, hats, or scarves in the donation box in the Narthex. We will donate these to the Haskell Elementary School students in need.

We need volunteers on January 11 to help De-green the Church. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and work until finished.

Next Sunday, January 12th, 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.

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, 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.

The 2020 Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet is posted outside the Church Office. Sign up now to secure your favorite date to honor or memorialize a loved one, an event, or a season.


If you requested 2020 Offering Envelopes, please check in the Narthex for your name on the batches of envelopes. If you want envelopes and do not find your name, please contact the Church Office.

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 options for two educational workshops. Workshop choices include: CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY, MEDIA AS A WAY OF EVANGELISM, MINISTERING THE SENIOR, WORKING AGAINST RACISM, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, SIGNS OF VITALITY IN OUR CONGREGATIONS, APPORTIONMENT & NEW FORMULA, PROPERTY INSURANCE, and SPRC & BOUNDARIES. The RSVP deadline is January 24. Register at: <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/rockford-leadership-training-event>. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Donna Hoffman at (608) 293-0194.

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: Karen Brown	Ushers: The Sue Cram Team
Sound Tech: Ryan Welk	Video Tech: Steve Ripley
Van Driver: Bruce Shindel	Liturgist: Randiann King
Acolyte: Jeriel Bragori	
Facetime Hosts: Dessie Voigt & Dustin Urness	

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

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**

Mon 01/06 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103

Tue 01/07 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**
 5:00 **Council Choraleers in the Chapel**
 6:00 **JuBellation in the Sanctuary**
 7:00 **Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary**
 7:00 **Grace Awakening in Room 202**

Wed 01/08 8:30 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:30 **Early Head Start in Room 100**
 11:00 **Domestic Violence Subcommittee, Library**
 12:00 pm **Nurture & Outreach, Dining Room**

Thu 01/09 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**
 1:00 pm **The Journeymen in the Parlor**
 5:30 **Jeremiah Full Board**
 6:00 **Chatterbox Supper Group, Hoffman House**
 6:30 **Praise Team Rehearsal, Dining Room**

Fri 01/10 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 01/11 8:00 am **Rockford Rhythm/Phantom Regiment 3rd Floor**
 8:30 **UMM Breakfast, Stockholm Inn**
 9:00 **De-green the Church, Chapel & Sanctuary**

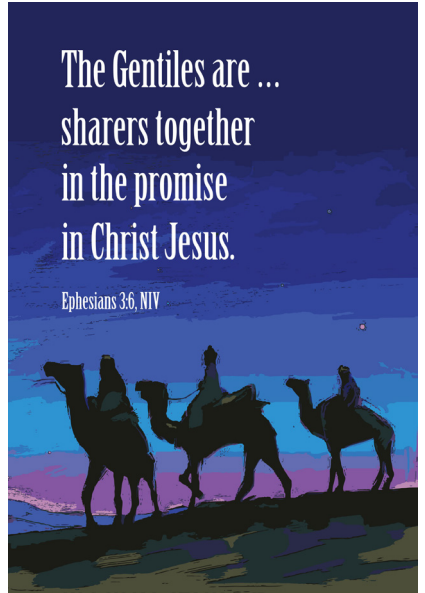
Sun 01/12 9:00 **Sunday School in 104, Balcony West**
 9:00 **The Lamplighters, Library**
 10:00 **Worship Service in the Sanctuary**
 11:15 **Facetime by the Big Bell**
 11:30 **Youth Choir**

ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME! January 5, 2020
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	_____
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Name	_____	age	_____	grade	_____

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 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.

*Epiphany Sunday
 January 5, 2020*