

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.
Thank you.

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.
If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave
information so that we might be in contact with you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude - Tim Welk, saxophone "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Choral Introit - Chancel Choir "I Love You, Lord"

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, for who you are, and all you do in our lives;

People: Thank you!

Leader: For all the times you gave us a shove in the right
direction;

People: Thank you!

Leader: For the times that we were so wrapped up in what
was going on that we forgot to say it;

People: Thank you!

Leader: For all of the answered prayers;

People: Thank you!

Leader: Lord, help us in all circumstances and situations
always to remember to say,

People: Thank you!

§ Opening Hymn #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9b-13 (New Life Version)*

Our Father in heaven, Your name is holy.

May Your holy nation come.

What You want done,

may it be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us the bread we need today.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not let us be tempted, but keep us from sin.

Your nation is holy.

You have power and shining-greatness forever.

Let it be so. Amen.

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading Hosea 11:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (FWS) #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The Young Church Gathers to Worship *James L. Crow*

Hymn (FWS) #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

*Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Mr. Jim;
younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Ryanne.*

§ Second Scripture Lesson Luke 1:68-79

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Anthem - Chancel Choir "A Celtic Thanksgiving"

Sermon Series: Vital Worship
"Obsession-Filled Worship" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves
Offertory - JuBellation "Hymn to Joy"

§ Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth (FWS) #2008
"Let All Things Now Living"

§ Benediction
My friends, our time of worship is over and the work of wor-
ship is just beginning. The week before you, you will never
have again. Use your time wisely then to bring the love, grace
and peace of God to each person you meet in the days ahead.
Amen.

Response (FWS) #2036 "Give Thanks"

Postlude

Fellowship Time in the Narthex

*We thank Tim Welk, saxophone;
Lance Tuula, guitar; Sam Campbell, percussion;
Leah Zahn, violin, and Delle Peterson, cello;
for sharing their musical gifts with us today.*

It's not too early to start buying Scrip for Christmas gifts and to help supply our Emergency Scrip cards for those in need. Smaller denom-
inations are now available while supplies last: \$5 for Barnes & Noble
and Pizza Hut; \$10 for Target and Walmart; not to mention those that
are always available on our Scrip sheet. **Deadline for ordering for
Christmas is Dec. 8; they will be returned to you Dec. 15.** See Jan
Marlow in the narthex or come to the church office during the week.

Advent is just around the corner, and that means **Hanging of the
Greens Day** is too. If you are a teen or older, join us Saturday, Novem-
ber 30, at 9:00 a.m., starting in the Sanctuary to decorate our church
for this festive season. Snacks will be provided to keep you energized.



We welcome you, member or visitor, as
we join in worshiping God this morning. We
pray you will be blessed.

What do you see? As you sit in our beautiful
sanctuary, you will notice many symbolic el-
ements. This month, we focus on a new sym-
bol in our Sanctuary, the United Methodist
flag, which is next to the organ. The insignia
on the flag was formally adopted in 1971, and
the words, The United Methodist Church, have been added.

NO Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)! - November 27

Church is closed Thurs., Nov. 28, & Fri., Nov. 29

May you & your family have a blessed Thanksgiving!

**Don't forget your donations of food and time to the Thanksgiving
Dinner.** Spread the word, too, about the serving times, 11 am to 1 pm,
and the fact that the dinner is free and not just for the homeless. We are
all lonely at some point in our lives, and this just might help someone!

**Next Sunday, December 1st, we will be celebrating United Meth-
odist Student Sunday and taking a special offering to support stu-
dents through gifts to United Methodist Student Day. We welcome
Ana Kelsey-Powell to the pulpit to share her insights with us.** The
special offering funds scholarships and student loans for qualified and
deserving United Methodists. We strengthen our denomination when
we help students to pursue their educational goals as they discern
God's plans for them.

Volunteer opportunities:

- 1) Host the after-worship fellowship time - see Geri Ryan.
- 2) Prepare and/or serve the **December** Crisis Center Meal - see the
board in the Narthex.
- 3) Be part of an existing usher team - see DuWayne Stanis.

Angel Tree, a Ministry of Prison Fellowship, is a program designed
for children whose parent is in prison. This year we have 50 children.
Many of these children live in our church neighborhood. We buy gifts
for the children and give them on behalf of the parent who is in prison.
Family members of the children will be contacted to determine needs.
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 wor-
ship service. 2) Buying gifts for the children (\$15-\$25 each). Do not
buy any gifts until you receive your angel. 3) Making a cash donation
or a check payable to Court Street United Methodist Church with An-
gel 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 15th and December
23rd. 6) Praying for the prisoners and their families. To receive your
angel, please look for Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree representa-
tive following the service in the Narthex. For questions, contact Barb
or Gene at (815) 965-6518.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Greeter: Jan Mace **Liturgist:** Kathy Welk
Ushers: The Sandra Gregory Team **Sound Tech:** Brian King
Van Driver: Tim Gorman **Fellowship Hostess:** Geri Ryan

Court St. United Methodist Church at Work This Week

Today Christ the King Sunday

11/24 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
 11:15 "Not a Fan" Study in the Parlor
 11:30 Praisin' and Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East

2:00 pm JFON on the 2nd floor

Mon 11/25 Thanksgiving Dinner Prep in the Kitchen/DR

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym

Tue 11/26 Thanksgiving Dinner Prep in the Kitchen/DR

8:00 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
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 10:30 Staff Meeting in Staff Conference Room
 4:00 pm Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
 5:30 Council Choraleers in the Chapel
 6:00 JuBellation Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
 7:00 Grace Awakening in Rooms 205 & 209

Wed 11/27 Thanksgiving Dinner Prep in the Kitchen/DR

8:00 am MAYA's House in Rooms 102 & 103
 9:00 SAFE Program in Rooms 202 & 203
 10:00 Love INC in the Library
 12:30 pm Early Head Start in Room 100
 4:00 Rosecrance in Room 202 & Gym
 7:00 Men's Group in the Parlor ????

Thu 11/28 THANKSGIVING DAY - Church is closed except for:

10:00 am Thanksgiving Dinner in the Dining Room

Fri 11/29 CHURCH IS CLOSED

Sat 11/30 9:00 am Hanging of the Greens - all are welcome!

Sunday 1st Sunday in Advent/UM Student Sunday

12/01 8:50 am Sunday School in the Youth Center
 9:00 Lamplighters (Adult Sunday School) in 209
10:00 Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:15 Fellowship Time in the Narthex
 11:15 "Not a Fan" Study in the Parlor
 11:30 Praisin' and Prayin' Puppets in Balcony East

MINISTRY STAFF AT COURT STREET

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Communion Special offering - The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes. Your contributions the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach.

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WELCOME!

November 24, 2013

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:

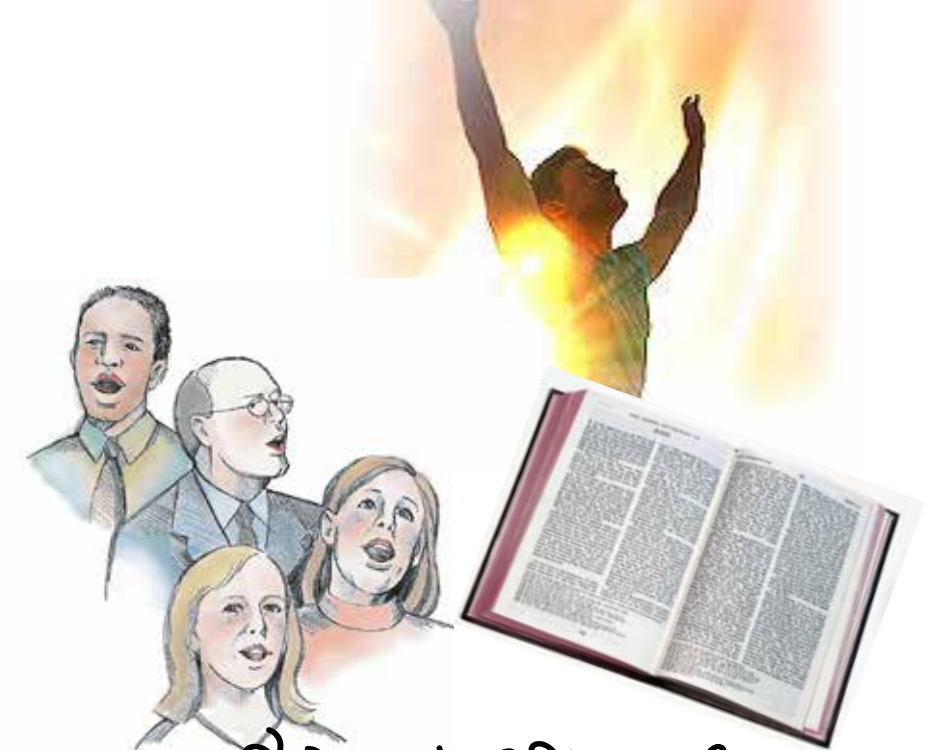
Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____
 Name _____ age _____ grade _____

Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (h) _____ (w) _____
 E-mail _____

If you do not wish to keep any part or all of your bulletin at the the end of service, please give it back to an usher and we will recycle it.
 Thank you for helping our environment!



ORDER OF WORSHIP
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



Vital Worship



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.

Christ the King Sunday
 November 24, 2013