

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

Acts 9:13-16, 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.

Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021

Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Please wear a mask and continue to social distance even if you are vaccinated.
At this time, sing only in your hearts. Thank you.

§ denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

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

Prelude "Thanksgiving Bells" *arr. Kinyon*
Performed by Jubellation

§ Call to Worship

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

***People:* We need not look up to find God; we need only look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

Leader: We need not listen for distant thunder to find God; we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.

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-From Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi, eds.,
Touch Holiness (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1990), 172.

Opening Hymn UMH #694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading Acts 9:1-19

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Children's Message

New Testament Reading Romans 8:1-4

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Unshakable Hope Sermon Series:
There Is No Condemnation In Christ”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Musical Witness
“A Celtic Thanksgiving”
Williams/Martin
Performed by Chancel Choir

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #184

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

§ Benediction

We have gathered together as God’s family, and now we leave this place knowing that the bonds of holy love keep us bound together. May Christ’s love for us and all the world flow through our living, so that the world will know we are one and that God’s Spirit always goes with us to all the world. Amen.

Choral Response

“Our Last Amen”

Keveren

Postlude

Prelude on “Morning Song”

Robert J. Powell

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!



**A special thank you to the Worship Committee
for enhancing the altar this week with a lovely
arrangement of autumn gourds.**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

Liturgist: Dorothy Powell

Van Driver: Jeff Mann

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Ella Anderson

Director of Video Ministries: Krysta Tilges

Announcements

- Want to help a child who has a parent in prison have a more wonderful Christmas this year? To learn more about the Angel Tree program, contact Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree Representative in the Narthex following TODAY'S service.
- This year's Advent study will be based on James W. Moore's *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam*. The study will begin Sunday, December 5th after service, location TBD.
- Orders for UMW Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti, Wreaths, and Pots of Greens will be available for pickup in the Chapel Narthex on Saturday, Nov. 27th from 1 to 2 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 28th after service.
- Like with Easter tulips, Worship Committee has opened this year's red Christmas poinsettias up to donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. However, the flowers will be displayed on the altar for the entire Advent season, beginning Nov. 28th. Please contact the office by Nov. 22nd to establish a \$5 to \$10 donation and dedication.
- This year marks the 40th year of Court Street's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. If you can donate time, please contact Bert Cromwell. Otherwise, consider donating money or food items like pies, applesauce, and bottled water. Contact the church office for more details.
- Plus, if you need (or know someone who needs) a carryout Thanksgiving dinner delivered to them, please let the church office know by Noon of Tuesday, Nov. 23rd.
- The church will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25th, except during the Thanksgiving Dinner, and Friday, Nov. 26th. The church office will be closed both days.
- Please join the Worship Committee Saturday, Nov. 27th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Hanging of the Greens.
- We are collecting handmade scarves for the Jubilee Center from now until Monday, Nov. 29th. Please donate by Noon of that day, otherwise donations will go towards Haskell's Mitten Tree.

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