

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

XII. Justice Will Prevail

³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**Acts 17:30-31,
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.

First Sunday in Advent/ Student Sunday
November 28, 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.
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 “People Look East, The Time is Near” *Wayne Wold*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - First Sunday “Time To Go Home”
Derek Weber (Discipleship Ministries)

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Something stirs deep within us ...

***People:* A longing, for hope,**

Leader: A thirst for joy,

***People:* A hunger for peace,**

Leader: A yearning for blessing.

***People:* We know deep within**

Leader: That our hopes and fears

***People:* Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.**

Leader: It is Advent ...

***People:* Season of waiting, hoping, yearning**

Leader: Advent ...

***All:* Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #211

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:22-31

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

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

Children's Message

New Testament Reading

Revelation 22:1-5

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

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Unshakable Hope Sermon Series: Justice Will Prevail”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory

“How Shall We Know Him?”

Gilbert M. Martin

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 #216**

“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”

§ **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.

Choral Benediction

“Deep Peace”

Sexton

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

John A. Behnke

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.



Thank you to everyone who donated money for this year's Altar Poinsettias. Please see today's insert for a listing of in whose honor or memory these flowers have been dedicated.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The Sandy Gregory Team

Sound Tech: Ryan Welk

Liturgist:

Van Driver: Dan Boon

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Natalie Urness

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 after today's service.
- We are collecting handmade scarves for the Jubilee Center until TOMORROW (Monday, Nov. 29th). Please donate by Noon, otherwise donations will go towards Haskell's Mitten Tree.
- We are collecting socks, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for the students of Haskell from now until Christmas.
- The first Midweek Advent Service will be held Wednesday, December 1st in the Chapel at noon.

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Poinsettia Dedications 2021

In memory of **Daniel Barnhart** by Rev. Norma Lee & William Barnhart.

In honor of **Catherine Barnhart** by Rev. Norma Lee & William Barnhart.

In memory of **Corinne Woods, Juanita Culpepper, and James Bentley** by Pastor Cal & Gwen Culpepper.

In memory of their friend **Richard Sarles** by Gene & Barb Ferry.

In loving memory of Annette's parents, **Robert & Thelma Katke**, and in loving memory of Larry's dad, **Robert Gillette**, by Larry & Annette Gillette.

In memory of her sisters, **Pam & Julie**, by Annette Gillette.

In loving memory of our **Mothers** and **Fathers** by Tim & Verlette Gorman.

In loving memory of **Brian L. King** and his parents, **Ross & Elizabeth King**, by Randianne King.

In loving memory of **William Mace** by his wife Jan & their family.

In memory of **our parents** by Bruce & Nancy Shindel.

In memory of **Bill Hesson** by Bruce & Nancy Shindel.

In memory of **Beth Shindel** by Bruce & Nancy Shindel.

In honor of the **church staff** by Bruce & Nancy Shindel.

In memory of **our parents** and **our grandparents** by Rev. Richard & Jeanine Wang.

In honor of **our children** and **grandchildren** by Rev. Richard & Jeanine Wang.

In memory of Susan's parents **John & Mary Boyer**, and in memory of Susan's brother, **Lt. Lewis Boyer**, by Susan and Phil Zimmerman.

