

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



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.

Second Sunday in Advent
December 5, 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 "Mary Did You Know" *Lowry/Greene*
Performed by Curly Thompson

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Second Sunday "The Fear of Home"
Derek Weber (Discipleship Ministries)

§ Call to Worship

Call: The Lord is near! Prepare the way of the Lord!

***Response:* All people everywhere, let us make ready to enter God's presence.**

Call: For the Lord is holy, pure and righteous.

***Response:* God's glory fills this place.**

Call: God calls us to truth, mercy and peace.

***Response:* Hearts that are just and kind please God.**

Call: Let us enter God's presence with humility.

***Response:* The Lord is near! Prepare the way of the Lord!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #384, vs. 1-3

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading *Malachi 3:1-4*
Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.
***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message *James L. Crow*

§ Gospel Reading *Luke 3:1-6*
Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
***People:* Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Get Ready!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Offertory “What Child Shall Come?” *Liebergen*

Service of Word and Table: INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON, & OFFERING

Please follow along with the slides for the communion liturgy.

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves

§ **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

§ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Please partake of your wafer and grape juice when instructed.
Gluten-free wafers are available.*

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #213, vs. 1-2, 4** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

§ **Benediction**

We have gathered, prepared, celebrated and received. Now let us go. Go to encounter and engage your world in such a way that those who meet you have met the incarnational presence of Christ. Know that God goes before you and with you and that you will meet no one along the way whom God has not appointed to be in your path. Amen.

Choral Benediction “Christ Be With Me” *Keveren*

Postlude “Broken & Poured Out” *Lyndell Leatherman*

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team

Sound Tech: Tim Welk

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Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Kaylee Bulliner

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.
- Don't forget to purchase Scrip cards for your own use or to give as gifts. We have cards to help you prepare for that hard-to-buy-for person or for charitable giving and, of course, a variety of restaurant cards! Gas cards are always available as well as many more that can be ordered for you.
- This year's Advent study will be based on James W. Moore's *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam*. The study will begin TODAY after service in the parlor.
- We are collecting socks, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for the students of Haskell from now until Christmas. Drop off donations in the Narthex.
- Midweek Advent Services will be held each Wednesday of Advent.
- Echo Ringers will perform a Christmas Concert at Grace UMC on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 2:30 p.m. for a free will offering.

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