

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.

Third Sunday in Advent
December 12, 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 "The Christmas Shoes" *Ahlstrom/Carswell*
Performed by Hannah Flynn

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

§ Call to Worship

One: Something stirs deep within us ...

***All:* A longing, a hope,**

One: A thirst for joy,

***All:* A hunger for peace,**

One: A yearning for blessing.

***All:* We know deep within**

One: That our hopes and fears

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

One: It is Advent ...

***All:* Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.**

One: Advent ...

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

§ Opening Hymn UMH #220

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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 3:7-18

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

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

“Putting Your Faith into Practice”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory

“Carol Of The Bells”

Wilhousky

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 #221**

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

§ Benediction

We leave this sacred space in peace and joy because of what the Incarnation means. We have a Savior who knows what it is to be tired and tested, befriended and betrayed, adored and reviled. There is no sadness, no pain, no grief we can experience that he has not already plumbed to the depths. He is in every circumstance, in every place, at all times with us. Go, beloved, to walk with God. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“May The Peace Of God Dwell In You”

Larson

Postlude

“Aria”

Leon Nelson

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team

Sound Tech: Stan Tunnell

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Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Natalie Urness

Director of Video Ministries: Krysta Tilges

Announcements

- Don't forget to purchase Scrip cards for your own use or to give as gifts. We have cards to help you shop 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 Christmastime, SCRIP has \$10 Walmart Cards available for stocking stuffers.
- This year's Advent study is based on James W. Moore's *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam*. The study will continue 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 at noon in the Chapel. Join us December 15th and 22nd.
- Jeremiah Development is holding a fundraising Bake Sale at their Church Street office on Thursday, Dec. 16th, starting at 10 a.m. If you would like to donate items for the sale, do so to the church office by 2 p.m. of Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Please wrap baked items for individual sale (nothing that requires refrigeration).
- The court street kids will perform this year's Christmas Pageant during Sunday service on Dec. 19th.
- Echo Ringers will perform a Christmas Concert at Grace UMC on Sunday, Dec. 19th at 2:30 p.m. for a free will offering.
- The Blues Christmas Service will be held Winter Solstice (Tuesday, Dec. 21st) at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. The service will feature Rockford Public School District 205 Social Worker Katina Hayes as a guest speaker as well as musical performers Todd & Samantha Bonzi.

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