

# 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.

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
December 19, 2021



**Court Street Kids Present**

2021 Christmas Pageant

“Silent Night” & “Away In A Manger”  
The Youth Choir

§ Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-55

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

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

“Mary’s Mantra”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Offertory

“Hurry, Hurry Yonder”

*Davenport/Wagner*

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 #238**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

§ **Benediction**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us! God has anointed us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and to comfort all who mourn. Even in this season — perhaps especially in this season — our world aches to hear the good news of God’s advent, of God’s coming among us. Share the good news, in word and deed. And may the grace of our coming Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of the God who sent him, and the joy of the Holy Spirit who empowers us to receive him, be with us always. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“May The Peace Of God Dwell In You”

*Larson*

Postlude

“Woodlands (Tell Out My Soul)”

*J. Wayne Kerr*

**Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.**

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*We thank the following people for making today’s musical offering possible:*

Jack Armstrong, *Dir. of Music*, Andrew Mertzenich, *Organist*, and *Chancel Choir*

*Court Street Youth Choir:* Natalie Urness, Kaylie Bulliner, Layla Lutmer,  
Lilly Breson, and Madyson Murray

*Mark Nelson Brass Quartet:*

Mark Nelson & John Meyers, *Trumpets*

Tim Perian & Ryan Earl, *Trombones*

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team

**Sound Tech:** Ryan Welk

**Liturgist:** Cindy Anderson

**Van Driver:** Dan Boon

**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley

**Acolyte:** Ella Anderson

**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 Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Echo Ringers will perform a Christmas Concert **TODAY** at Grace UMC at 2:30 p.m. for a free will offering.
- The Blues Christmas Service will be held Winter Solstice (Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>) 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.
- There will be two services on Christmas Eve, a Family Service at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary and a Candlelight Service at 9:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
- The church will be closed Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas.

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