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

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 "Spiritual Christmas"

"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

"And The Glory Of The Lord"

arr. David Thomas Noel Rigney

Handel

Performed by Mark Nelson Brass Quartet

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Fourth Sunday

"The Blessing of Home"

Derek Weber (Discipleship Ministries)

§ Call to Worship

One: Shout for joy!

All: The Savior is coming.

One: Sing with gladness!

All: Our darkness shall be turned to light.

One: Let every heart prepare a space.

All: Let every home make ready.

One: Let all the hungry be filled.

All: Let all the homeless be sheltered.

One: For a new day is dawning.

All: The world is being made new.

One: The Savior is coming.

All: Sing with joy!

Solution Opening Hymn UMH #240

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading Micah 5:2-5

Leader: This is the Word of God for The People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

James L. Crow

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"

Larson

§ 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"

Postlude "Woodlands (Tell Out My Soul)" J. Wayne Kerr

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.

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

Ammouncements

- 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 22nd.
- 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 Solstace (Tuesday, December 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.
- 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 27th in observance of Christmas.

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