

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.

First Sunday after Christmas
December 26, 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 “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” *Johannes Brahms*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

***People:* Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.**

Leader: Come, people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

***All:* Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace, joy!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #250 “Once in Royal David’s City”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 148

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

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message *Ryanne Ludington*

New Testament Reading Colossians 3:12-17

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

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

“Going Forward!”
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Musical Witness

“My Confession”
Performed by Ian Mitchell

Richard Page

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 #229**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

§ **Benediction**

Go forth into the world. Go forth, singing of our Savior's birth. Go forth hopeful and expectant, joyful and triumphant! Amen.

Benediction Response

“Amen”

Jack Armstrong

Postlude

“Carillon de Westminster”

Louis Vierne

Please take your bulletins with you when you leave.

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

Jack Armstrong, *Director of Music*

Greg Gyllsdorf, *Organist*

Ian Mitchell, *Soloist*

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team

Sound Tech: Tim Welk

Liturgist: Georgalee George

Van Driver: Jeff Mann

Video Tech: Steve Ripley

Acolyte: Lili Breson

Director of Video Ministries: Krysta Tilges

Announcements

- Christmas is over, but Scrip cards are always available to use towards your everyday purchases, to give as birthday or anniversary gifts, or help with charitable giving. There is a fine selection of cash and carry items as well as many more that can be special ordered.
- This year's Advent study is based on James W. Moore's *Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam*. The study will conclude after service in the parlor.
- The church will be closed TOMORROW, Monday, Dec. 27th for Christmas.
- Volunteer Opportunity: For roughly one hour per week, help Jeremiah Development organize its "Take-a-Book Library" donations. Contact Sue Kanthak at (815) 627-0001 if you are interested in helping.
- The church will also be closed Monday, Jan. 3rd for New Year's Day.

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