

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 in Advent
November 27, 2022

Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Please continue to social distance; Masks may be worn at your discretion.
Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew. Thank you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER TO BE NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Don Hustad

§ Call to Worship

Call: Church, prepare to worship! Emmanuel is with us!

***Response:* A child is coming, a child of wisdom and strength and beauty.**

Call: The authority of God will rest upon his shoulders.

***Response:* He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God.**

Call: He will be called the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

***Response:* He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

Call: Jesus, Jesus is his name!

***Response:* His is the name before whom every knee will bow.**

Call: Every song of praise will be cast as crowns before him.

***All:* For Jesus Christ is Emmanuel, God with us. Let us worship!**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2196

“We Walk by Faith”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading #1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Please refer to your Bible’s Table of Contents to locate this scripture.

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

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

Children’s Message

James L. Crow

Processional Hymn, UMH # 191, vs. 1

“Jesus Loves Me”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

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United Methodist Student Sunday
Student Discussion Panel

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

"How Great Thou Art"

Arr. Armstrong

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #160**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

§ **Benediction**

May our loving God, provide for us his guidance that we may be teachers and learners together. To all students, may we give encouragement and our own excitement about learning. To all teachers, may we offer prayer and support. Enable us, O God, to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ so that hearts are warmed and lives changed. In the name of the Teacher from Nazareth. Amen.

Instrumental Benediction

"Peace"

Arr. Armstrong

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Arr. Virgil Fox

You are invited to finish worship by listening to the Postlude.

If you wish to leave, you may do so, leaving quietly so others may enjoy the Postlude.

Facetime by the Big Bell



Like last year, this year's altar poinsettias are open to donation in honor or memory of your loved ones. The flowers will be displayed on the altar for the entire Advent season. Please contact the office by December 7th to establish a \$5 donation and dedication. Dedications will be published on December 11th.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sandy Gregory Team	Van Driver:	Tim Gorman
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell	Acolyte:	Ella Anderson
Facetime Hostess:	<i>Please Volunteer</i>	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **CSUMC Book Club will meet TODAY at 2 p.m. at Dorothy Powell's home (4288 Uram Lane) to discuss *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout.** Contact Diane Risley for more information about the club.
- **Orders for Poinsettias, Christmas Cacti, Wreaths, and Pots of Greens are available for pickup after today's service in the Chapel Narthex.**
- **This year's Advent study will be based on Adam Hamilton's *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.** The study begins after service in the parlor.
- **Want to help a child who has a parent in prison have a more wonderful Christmas this year?** To learn more, contact Barb or Gene Ferry or an Angel Tree Representative following today's service in the Narthex.
- **Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, November 30th in the Chapel at Noon.**
- **Jeremiah Development is holding their 4th LOVE Rockford event at SecondFirst on Saturday, December 3rd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Today and tomorrow are the final days to donate items to the event.
- **Beth Eden UMC (3201 Huffman Blvd.) is holding its Bethlehem Market Place on Saturday, December 3rd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- **After the Mid-Week Advent Service on Wednesday, December 7th, join the UWF for their December luncheon and an afternoon of Christmas Carols and Christmas Trivia.** No RSVP required. All are welcome. Free-will donations appreciated.
- **The ECHO Ringers will hold their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11th at 2 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral (1243 N. Church Street).**

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