

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Shiloh
Mighty God
The Good Shepherd
King of Kings

Lord of Lords
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

EVERLASTING FATHER
Emmanuel

Prince of Peace
The Way, The Truth, The Life
Jesus Christ
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A central illustration of a nativity scene. It features a star at the top, a manger with a baby Jesus, and a woman (Mary) kneeling in prayer. The scene is set against a background of radiating light rays.

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.**

Second Sunday in Advent
December 4, 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 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” *Arr. Paul Manz*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Second Sunday

§ Call to Worship

Leader: Oh, holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.

***People:* Cast out our sin and enter in;**

Leader: Be born in us today.

***People:* We hear the Christmas angel,**

Leader: The great glad tidings tell.

***People:* O come to us, abide with us,**

Leader: Our Lord, Emmanuel.

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2205 “The Fragrance of Christ”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading Romans 15:4-13

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

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

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

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*

Your contributions in the white baskets on the 1st Sunday of every month at Communion will be greatly appreciated to further our local outreach. The Local Mission Committee will report what they do with your monthly contributions in The Chimes.

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

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

Message
"Advent Adversities"
Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.
You may also follow along with the slides for today's communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Bourrée (From Suite in E Minor BWV 996)" *J.S. Bach*

§ **Doxology UMH #94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Please remain standing as you are able.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

*We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.
The communion bread served is gluten-free so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.*

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #216** "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

§ **Benediction**

Beloved children of God, remember your baptism! You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Go in peace, and by your fruits may all people know that you are disciples of our Lord. Amen.

Instrumental Benediction "Three Fold Amen"

Postlude "People, Look East" *Stephen L. Aber*

*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



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 next week, December 11th.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The DuWayne Stanis Team	Van Driver:	Bruce Shindel
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Liturgist:	Cindy Anderson	Acolyte:	Kaylee Bulliner
Facetime Hostess:	<i>Please Volunteer</i>	Livestream Techs:	Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Announcements

- **This year's Advent study is based on Adam Hamilton's *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.** The study continues 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 will be held at Noon on Wednesdays in the Chapel during Advent.**
- **Beth Eden UMC (3201 Huffman Blvd.) is holding a Children's Christmas Shop on Saturday, December 10th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** It's a chance for kids to do some Christmas shopping.
- **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 Chancel Choir will present this year's Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 11th. *Jesus! The Advent of the Messiah*, written by Mary McDonald & Rose Aspinall (Orchestrated by Ed Hogan), will be presented during worship service under the direction of Jack Armstrong.**
- **The ECHO Ringers will hold their Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11th at 2 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral (1243 N. Church Street).**
- **Help the Nurture Committee decorate a Mitten Tree for the students of Haskell.**

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