

# 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.

**Third Sunday in Advent/ Christmas Canatata**  
December 11, 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

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## **WE GATHER to be NURTURED**

*Ringing of the Bell*

Prelude “Savior of the Nations, Come” *Douglas E. Wagner*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Third Sunday

§ **Opening Hymn UMH # 219** “What Child Is This”

Pastoral Prayer *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

**The Lord’s Prayer, UMH #895**

## **WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 9:2-7*

*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*

§ Gospel Reading *Luke 1:46-55*

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

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

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

***Please enjoy our presentation of this year’s Christmas Cantata.***



# CANTATA: *Jesus! Advent of the Messiah*

Mary McDonald & Rose Aspinall  
(orchestrated by Ed Hogan)

## *Overture & Christmas Gloria!*

Gloria, sing gloria!  
Gloria, sing gloria!  
Gloria, sing gloria!  
Gloria, gloria!

Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis Deo!

Unto you a child is born, and a son is given;  
and His name is Wonderful Counselor,  
the Mighty God of Heaven!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, sing gloria, gloria, sing gloria,  
gloria, gloria!

## *The Gathering*

A brilliant light is shining,  
the journey is too long.  
The Son of God is coming,  
we must be gone!

From distant lands we traveled  
led by the shining star.  
The Prince of Peace is coming!  
It is so far, it is so very far!

Angels in chorus singing:  
the Child is on the way.  
Good news to man they're bringing,  
Redemption's day!

Come! Come! Come to the manger.  
See where Jesus is found!  
Come! Come! Come to the manger.  
Come and find holy ground!

The shepherds from the hillside  
followed the heavenly sight  
to find the newborn Christ Child,  
the Lord of Light!

Let every nation gather.  
Arise! Lift up your voice,  
for God alone is worthy!  
Come now, rejoice!  
Come with us now, rejoice!

Come, like a child, to seek Him,  
to find the Holy One!  
Like wise men, bow before Him:  
Salvation's Son!

Come! Come! Come to the manger.  
See where Jesus is found!  
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Come! Come! Come to the manger.  
Come and find holy ground!

Come!



## *God with Us to Dwell*

### **Narrators:**

*Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart & James L. Crow*

Is this a dream? Can it be real?  
An angel voice, how should I feel?  
I thought He'd come to another one,  
for I am just a girl, He's the promised Son.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel:  
God's perfect plan with us to dwell.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel:  
God with us to dwell.

He comes to me; who can I tell  
that God is with us, Emmanuel?  
God's only Son with us to dwell;  
Holy One, Emmanuel!

Emmanuel, Emmanuel:  
God's perfect plan with us to dwell.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel:  
God with us to dwell. God with us to dwell.



## *Underscore 1 & Heavenly Peace*

**Narrators:** *Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart & James L. Crow*

Peace, peace, peace, peace.  
Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger.  
Sweet little Holy Child,  
didn't know who You were.

Long time ago You were born,  
born in a manger, Lord,  
sweet little Jesus boy.

Didn't know You'd come to save us all,  
to take our sins away.  
Our eyes were blind,  
we could not see, could not see,

we didn't know who You were.  
Sweet little Jesus boy.  
Sweet little Jesus boy.

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sweet little Jesus boy.  
Heavenly peace, in peace.



## *He Is Born*

**Narrators:** *Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart & James L. Crow*

He is born, the Holy Child;  
Play the oboe and bagpipes merily!  
He is born, the Holy Child;  
Sing we all the Saviour mild.

He is born, the Holy Child;  
He is born, the Holy Child;  
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!

He is born, the Holy Child;  
He is born, the Holy Child;  
Sing we all the Saviour mild.  
He is born!

Through long ages of the past,  
Prophets have foretold His coming;  
Through long ages of the past,

Now the time has come at last!  
He has come!

He is born, the Holy Child;  
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the Holy Child;  
Sing we all the Saviour mild.  
He is born, the Holy Child;  
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the Holy Child;  
Sing we all the Saviour mild.

Jesus, Lord over all the world,  
Coming as a child among us;  
Jesus, Lord over all the world,  
Grant to us Thy heavenly peace.

He is born, the Holy Child;  
Play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the Holy Child;  
Sing we all the Saviour mild.

He is born! He is born!

### *Born a Mighty King*

**Narrators:** *Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart & James L. Crow*

Born, born a mighty King!  
Creator, Sustainer, Lord of everything.  
He would deliver the sinner,  
redeem from suffering.  
This little Baby, was born a mighty King!

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redeem from suffering.

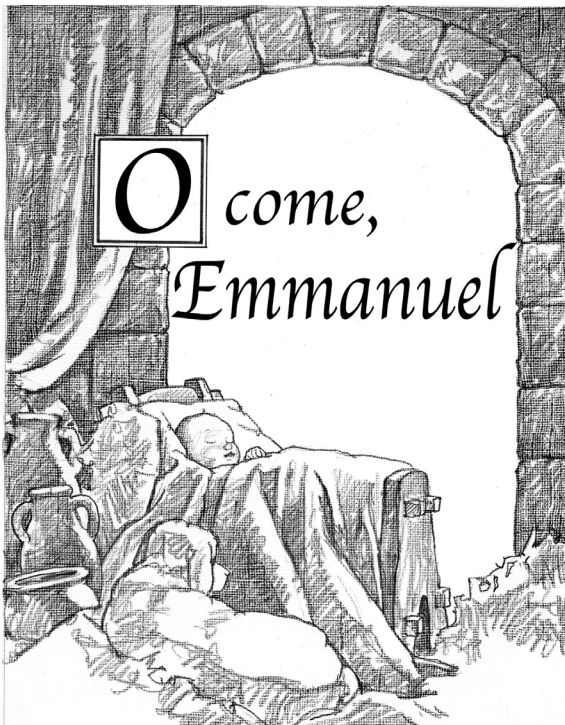
This little Baby, who made the angels sing:  
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!  
This child, who brought glory  
as only God could bring!  
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!  
This Child was born a mighty King!

Born, born a mighty King!  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
From the darkness, He would free us,  
eternity He brings.

Son of God, who made the angels sing!  
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!  
This Child, who brought glory  
as only God could bring!  
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!  
This Child was born a mighty King!  
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Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!  
This Child was born a mighty King!

Gloria! in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria! in excelsis Deo!

This Child was born a mighty King, a King!



## *Underscore 2 & There Is Room*

**Narrators:** *Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart & James L. Crow*

Sacred Infant, Savior mine,  
Redeemer sent for all mankind;  
Here, in the stillness of this place,  
we see in You a heart of grace.

There is room, there is room,  
room in my heart for You.  
There is room, there is room,  
there is room in my heart for You.

Redemption comes to greet us now  
as we before our Lord shall bow;  
We come to seek Your holy face  
in this quiet, sacred, holy space.

The Holy One is born tonight,  
and we behold this blessed sight;  
The Son, at last, is here to dwell:  
God's only Son, Emmanuel!

There is room, there is room,  
room in my heart for You.  
There is room, there is room,  
There is room in my heart for You!  
There is room in my heart for You, for You!

## *Jesus! High and Holy One!*

**Narrators:** *Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart & James L. Crow*

He is the Name above all names;  
heaven's Son to earth He came  
for the sinners to reclaim,  
His Name is Jesus!

Child of Mary, Lord of love,  
sent to us from heav'n above.  
God with us, Emmanuel!  
His Name is Jesus!

Jesus: greatest, highest;  
Jesus, powerful, mightiest,  
Jesus, Son of the Living God!  
He is Jesus: no one greater,  
Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
Jesus, High and Holy One!

At the Name above all names,  
knees will bow and tongues proclaim,  
for the Lord in heaven reigns!

He is Jesus! Name above all names!  
Praise His Name! Jesus, Holy is His Name!

Jesus: greatest, highest;  
Jesus, powerful, mightiest,  
Jesus, Son of the Living God!  
He is Jesus: no one greater,  
Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
Jesus, High and Holy One!  
His Name is Jesus! Jesus!

## WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

§ Doxology UMH #94

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ Hymn of Sending Forth UMH # 218

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

§ Benediction

May the Creator who gives birth in the heart of a servant give birth within you.

May the Christ who comes to live with us walk beside you.

May the Spirit who sang within Mary's heart also sing within your own.

Postlude

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Gregory Hamilton*

*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

### *Special Announcements*

The ECHO Ringers will perform their Christmas Concert today at 2 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral (1243 North Church Street).

If you would like to help a child who has a parent in prison have a more wonderful Christmas this year, learn more by speaking with an Angel Tree Representative in the Narthex following today's service.

The Advent Special Study will continue in the Parlor following today's service.

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

Jack Armstrong, *Director of Music*

Timm Adams, *Pianist*

David Stocker, *Percussionist*

Andrew Mertenich, *Organist*

Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart & James L. Crow, *Narrators*

and

The Chancel Choir of Court Street UMC:

Barb Adam, Rev. Jim Gibbons, Verlette Gorman, Nathacha Kahe, Randiann King,  
Bill Pittenger, Joan Tunnell, Lorelle Wandell, Rev. Dick Wang, and Loyd Wollstadt  
with additional vocalists

Rev. Calvin Culpepper, Glenda Hildreth, and Shelby Hildreth

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

**Ushers:** The DuWayne Stanis Team  
**Sound Tech:** Tim Welk  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Dr. Norma Lee Barnhart  
**Facetime Hostess:** Helen Gibbons, Nancy  
Doran, Georgalee George, &  
Dorothy Powell

**Van Driver:** Jeff Mann  
**Video Tech:** Steve Ripley  
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For a child has been born for us, a son given to  
us; authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6, NRSVA





# Altar Poinsettia Dedications

**This year's flowers have been given...**

In loving memory of Jack's parents, **Jim & Ann Armstrong**, by Jack & Tracey Armstrong.

In honor of Tracey's parents, **Gene & Lola Gustafson**, by Jack & Tracey Armstrong.

In loving memory of her parents, **Ray & Dora Cram**, by Sue Cram.

In loving memory of **Richard Sarles** by Gene & Barb Ferry.

In loving memory of Gene's parents, **Vada & Lee Ferry Sr.**, by Gene & Barb Ferry.

In loving memory of Barb's parents, **Ruby & Harold Kaney**, by Gene & Barb Ferry.

In loving memory of her mom & dad, **Mabelann & Myrl Fisher**, by Cindy Fisher.

In loving memory of **her daughter Nicole** by Leta Gerber.

In loving memory of Annette's parents, **Robert & Thelma Katke**, by Larry & Annette Gillette.

In loving memory of Larry's dad, **Robert Gillette**, by Larry & Annette Gillette.

In loving memory of Annette's sisters, **Pam & Julie**, by Larry & Annette Gillette.

In loving memory of **Truman Lander** by Lois Lander.

In loving memory of **William Mace** by Jan Mace & family.

In loving memory of **loved ones** by Fred & Judy Mehren.

In loving memory of **Glenn Palmer** by Gail & Greg Palmer.

In loving memory of **her daughter Katherine** by Judy Schmitt & family.

In loving memory of **Milton Schmitt** by Judy Schmitt & family.

In loving memory of **Scott W. Stanis** by Nancy & DuWayne Stanis.

In loving memory of **Bob & Betsy Wang** by Rev. Richard & Jeanine Wang.



# Upcoming Worship Services

*Please join us.*



## **Blues Christmas Service**

**Modern Seasonal Worship feat. Jazz**

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Chapel @ 6:00 p.m.

With a special presentation by guest speaker Katina Hayes, social worker with Ellis Elementary School (RPSD 205) and musical performances by saxophonist Harlan Jefferson



## **Christmas Eve Family Worship**

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Chapel @ 4 p.m.



## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Sanctuary @ 9:30 p.m.

## **Christmas Day Worship Service**

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Chapel @ 10:00 a.m.

