

# 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 18, 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 "Meditation on *Veni Emmanuel*" *Stuart Forster*

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Fourth Sunday

### § Call to Worship

*Leader:* Love comes wrapped as a baby,

*People:* **God's love lying in a manger.**

*Leader:* The ordinary conceals the unspeakable;

*People:* **God is with us. God knows us. God is with us, revealed in us. His name is called Emmanuel.**

*Leader:* God's love is coming to us.

*People:* **God's love is with us, again and again with us.**

*Leader:* Soon and always, with us.

*All:* **Emmanuel. God with us.**

### § Opening Hymn UMH #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

## WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading

Romans 1:1-7

*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.*

Noisy Offering (Contributions benefit our *Worship & Waffles Ministry*)

Concluding Hymn

"Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)"

*Author Unknown*

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

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

Message

“A Lesson In Love”

*Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

## **WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

*Anonymous*

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

## **WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE**

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #672**

**“God Be with You till We Meet Again”**

§ **Benediction**

May the presence of God the Creator give you strength;  
May the presence of God the Redeemer give you peace;  
May the presence of God the Sustainer give you comfort.  
May the presence of God the Sanctifier give you love. Amen.

(United Methodist Clergywomen's Consultation, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Cent., alt.)

Postlude

“Chorale Prelude on Helmsley”

*Alan Ridout*

*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**

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This year's poinsettia flowers have been given in loving memory of...

**Jim and Ann Armstrong; Ray and Dora Cram; Richard Sarles; Vada and Lee Ferry Sr.;  
Ruby and Harold Kaney; Mabelann and Myrl Fisher; Nicole Dionne Summons;  
Robert and Thelma Katke; Robert Gillette; Annette Gillette's sisters Pam & Julie; Truman Lander;  
William Mace; Fred and Judy Mehren's loved ones; Glenn Palmer; Dr. Katherine Andersen;  
Dr. Milton Schmitt; Scott W. Stanis; Bob and Betsy Wang**

and in honor of... **Gene and Lola Gustafson.**

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP

<b>Ushers:</b>	The DuWayne Stanis Team	<b>Van Driver:</b>	Curly Thompson
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Ryan Welk	<b>Video Tech:</b>	Steve Ripley
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Karen Brown	<b>Cameraman:</b>	Andrew Mertzenich
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Ella Anderson	<b>Livestream Techs:</b>	Krysta Tilges &
<b>Facetime Hostess:</b>	Sue Cram		Ella Anderson

## Announcements

- **This year's Advent study is based on Adam Hamilton's *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.** The study concludes after today's service in the parlor.
- **The fourth and final Midweek Advent Service will be held at 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in the Chapel.**
- **Help the Nurture Committee decorate the Mitten Tree for the students of Haskell.**
- **We will hold a special Blues Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.** It's modern seasonal worship featuring jazz. Guest speaker Katina Hayes, social worker with Ellis Elementary School (RPSD 205), will give a special presentation, and saxophonist Harlan Jefferson will lend his musical talents. Please join us at 6 p.m. in the Chapel!
- **We will hold 2 Christmas Eve Services on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.** The first is the Family Service, which will begin at 4 p.m. in the Chapel (no livestream). The second is the Candlelight Service, which will begin at 9:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (livestream available).
- **Our Christmas Day Service will be held at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.** There will be no livestream video for this service. There will be no Facetime after service.
- **SCRIP will not be sold on Christmas Day.** Only outstanding orders will be concluded that day; please make arrangements with Dave Risley in advance.
- **The Church will be closed Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas.**

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