

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Shiloh
MESSIAH
Mighty God
The Good Shepherd

Lord of Lords
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
Man of Sorrows
Light of the World
Bread of Life
Savior

King of Kings
True Vine
THE WORD
Lamb of God
Lion of Judah
EVERLASTING FATHER

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
Prince of Peace

Emmanuel
The Way, The Truth, The Life
Son of God
Jesus Christ
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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.

Christmas Day
December 25, 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 “Christmas In About 3 Minutes”

Advent Reading & Lighting the Christ Candle

Reader 1: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the Prince of Peace, Hope of the World, Love Eternal, Joy of our Hearts. We acknowledge that the world needs the peace, hope, love, and joy of Jesus Christ now more than ever.

**People: Christ is our hope and our salvation. Christ is God’s promise with flesh on. Christ brings meaning and hope to a world short on both. We light these candles again and remember how we have waited on love and love has not let us down.
(The 4 outside candles are lit)**

Reader 2: We light the Christ candle in the center of it all. The Light of the World was born this morning. His name is Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. Our waiting is over.
(The Christ candle is lit)

**All: Jesus Christ is our Peace. He is our Hope. Jesus Christ is Love. He is our Joy. Whoever believes in Him will never perish but have eternal life.¹
Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!²**

¹ John 3:16 ; ² 2 Corinthians 9:15

§ **Opening Hymn UMH #234**

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 98

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

§ Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14

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 John.

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

Message

“The Word Alive!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Coventry Carol”

Arr. Armstrong

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able after the Doxology.

The SERVICE of WORD and TABLE

Please refer to your insert for the liturgy for the Great Thanksgiving.

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 #246**

“Joy to the World”

§ **Benediction**

Leader: You have been promised a Savior and now He has been given to you.

People: **We go to tell of Him, to tell of His star and all the wonders we know because of Him.**

Leader: He came to bring life so that we might have it more abundantly.

People: **We go as bearers of His light, life and peace. Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Joy to the World”

Matt Limbaugh

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.

There will be no Facetime after today's service.

Please have a Safe, Blessed, and very Merry Christmas!

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: The DuWayne Stanis Team

Liturgist: Cindy Anderson

Acolyte: Lili Breson

Van Driver: Tim Gorman

Announcements

- **There will be no livestream video for this service.** There will also be no Facetime after service.
- **SCRIP will not be sold today or next Sunday.** Only outstanding orders will be concluded.
- **The Church will be closed TOMORROW, Monday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.**
- **The exercise class scheduled for Tuesday, December 27th has been cancelled.** Classes resume on January 3rd.
- **Next week's Sunday service will also be held in the Chapel at 10 a.m.** There will be no livestream video for this service. There will also be no Facetime after service.
- **The Church will be closed Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's.**
- **Prairie North is holding a District Leadership Training session on Saturday, January 28th.** It costs \$10 to participate, runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon, and includes snacks. Participants will choose 2 classes out of 8 available. The event will be at Faith UMC, Freeport, IL. Registration: www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training

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