

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 29, 2023



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.

**Parents, please escort your children to the restrooms.
Please keep your personal belongings with you at all times.
Thank you.**

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Reflection”

Douglas E. Wagner

§ Call to Worship

Leader: With all that we are, we gather to worship the Lord our God.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

Leader: We gather to remember the gracious providence of God and to celebrate his generosity.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live.**

Leader: We gather to receive the future as God’s gift to us and to renew our vows to Him.

People: **The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.**

All: **Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

§ Opening Hymn FWS #2117

“Spirit of God”

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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 # 585, vs. 1

“This Little Light of Mine”

The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Concluding Hymn

“Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)”

Author Unknown

§ Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

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 Matthew.

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

Message

“Divine Directive!”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Amazing Grace”

Arr. John Coates

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #703**

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

§ **Benediction**

Let us go out from this place and serve the world — set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, committed to live in the love of God, and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Choral Benediction

“May The Peace Of God Dwell In You”

Larson

Postlude

“Postlude on ‘A Mighty Fortress’”

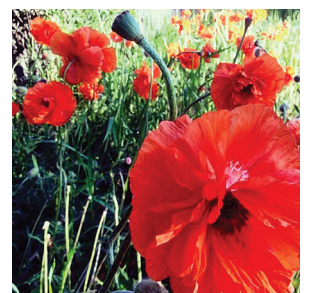
Arr. Eleanor Whitsett

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

Veterans Day Recognition During worship on Sunday, November 12th we will recognize those men and women in the congregation who have served in the armed forces. Please submit to the office by Tuesday, November 7 a photo of yourself in uniform and another of you doing your job or something of interest that is service related. We would also like as many details about your service as you wish to share, such as branch, division, classification, rank, service location, and any possible medals bestowed upon you.





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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Lili Breson
Sound Tech:	Stan Tunnell	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Jeff Mann	Liturgist:	Dorothy Powell & Lili Breson
Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson			
Facetime Hosts: Barb & Gene Ferry			

Announcements

- **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.** Please peruse the tent cards that have been placed on the Narthex tables. They include facts about Domestic Violence and engaging questions; see the bottom of the tent cards for answers to those questions.
- **Today is Consecration Sunday.** Please place your blue pledge cards in the little church drop box. Didn't get a card in the mail? Misplaced or forgot your copy? Additional blank cards are in the Narthex.
- **Today we are collecting the 5th Sunday Appeal.** Special offering envelopes are in the Narthex.
- **Next Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends.** Remember to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4th.
- **Brought candy?** We ask the congregation to *Trick or Treat* our children and youth in the Narthex after service.
- **The UWF is holding their next luncheon on Wednesday, November 1st.** Their guest speaker is Nancy Borkermann, a physical therapist who will do a presentation on fall prevention and recovery.
- **Kitchen Cleanup Day: Wednesday, November 8th.** It's time to do another thorough cleaning of the kitchen and take inventory of its supplies. Please come at 9 a.m. and prepare to stay until roughly 11:30 a.m. **Remember:** parking is 2 hours, so please park at SecondFirst Church, the slants in the back of the church, or in the 3 hour parking spots at the library (also at the back of the church).
- **If you would like to order a copy of the Advent Study book, *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups, please submit your request to the office no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, November 10th.**
- **Tis the Season for Angel Tree.** Starting Sunday, November 12th the Angel Tree table will be set up in the Narthex. Angel Tree is a ministry that helps incarcerated parents buy presents for their children. Children or Angels are assigned, so make sure you've spoken with Barb or Gene Ferry or a representative before you make any purchases. Of course, there are many other ways to help. See poster in the handicap entrance for details.

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