

ORDER OF WORSHIP CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023
9:30 PM

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.

Seventh Lesson

Shepherds

Luke 2:15-20

Carol

“We Three Kings”

UMH #254, verses 1, 5

Eighth Lesson

Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-11

OFFERING Our Gifts and Ourselves

Offertory

“All Is Well”
Presented by the Chancel Choir

Arr. Larson

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please remain standing as you are able)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We are the body of Christ.

Christ’s Spirit is with us.

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is always right and proper at all times and in every place to give our thanks,
but this holy night of nights, we especially shout our thanks and praise, singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of goodness and light.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(Please be seated)

Holy are you and blessed is your servant Mary,
blessed is the holy child of her womb. Born into poverty and exile,
yet, proclaims good news to the poor,
and offers freedom to all who are oppressed.

On the night when he was delivered over to death, he took bread,
gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of the Word made Flesh among us,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, bless this bread and this wine.
May they be for us your body and blood, vibrant with life, healing, renewing, making us whole. As
bread and wine are made one with us, may we become one with you, and one in ministry to the entire
world. As the One who comes to us this night taught us, so now we pray:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as
in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

COMMUNION: SHARING of the BREAD and the CUP

Gluten-free communion wafers are available so that all may partake of the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Music

“Still, Still, Still”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

***Almighty and Redeeming God, tonight you have made us one with you by lovingly sending your
Son to take on our sins. We thank you for this Word made flesh, revealed to us in the manger and in
the bread and wine. Grant that we may find in his birth the new birth which he brings in us, to live
out your gospel of love in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Lighting of the Candles

Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

UMH #239

Benediction

Now, Lord, let your servants go in peace, according to your word,
for our eyes have seen your salvation.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!

Carol

“Joy to the World”

UMH #246

Postlude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

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