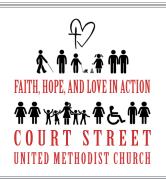
ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 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	"When He Cometh (Jewels)"	Gordon Young		
§	Call to Worshi				
	Leader:	<i>ader</i> : The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted;			
	People:	People: He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;			
	Leader:	To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of venge	ance of our God;		
	People:	To grant to those who mourn in Zion — to give them a gas ashes,	rland instead of		
	Leader:	The oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise spirit;	instead of a faint		
	All:	That they may be called oaks of righteousness, the plantin that he may be glorified.	ng of the Lord,		
		-Is	aiah 61:1-3 (RSV)		

§ Opening Hymn UMH #217

"Away in a Manger"

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading Galatians 4:4-7 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 Ryanne Ludington "This Little Light of Mine" Processional Hymn UMH # 585, vs. 1 The children are invited to come forward as we sing.

Concluding Hymn "Hallelujah (Praise Ye the Lord)" Author Unknown

Gospel Reading §

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.

Message

"At The Right Time!" Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer, UMH #895

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

"Grown-Up Christmas List" Offertory Foster/Thompson-Jenner Presented by Jack Armstrong

Doxology UMH #94 §

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE ARE SCATTERED TO SERVE

Hymn of Sending Forth UMH #216 §

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Benediction Ş

> Make us remember, O God, that every day is your gift, to be used according to your command. Amen!

> > -Samuel Johnson (1709-1784), English writer, lexicographer.

Instrumental Benediction

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" Postlude Paul Laubengayer

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

"Amen"



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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers: Sound Tech: Van Driver: The DuWayne Stanis Team Tim Welk Jeff Mann Acolyte: Video Tech: Liturgist: Lili Breson Steve Ripley Karen Brown

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hostesses: Volunteer(s) welcome.

Announcements

- The church will be closed tomorrow, Monday, <u>January 1</u>st for New Year's Day. Have a safe and Happy New Year!
- SCRIP has a great selection of cash and carry cards to shop and many others available for special order.
- Worship will be removing the greens on Tuesday, <u>January 2nd</u> at 12 p.m.
- The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at The Olympic Tavern on Thursday, <u>January 11</u>th at 6 p.m. To reserve a spot in the group, contact Cindy Fisher at (815) 519-3653 by Noon of Wednesday, January 10th. PLEASE NOTE: SCRIP sells gift cards for the Olympic.
- **TODAY is the last 5th Sunday of this year.** We have special offering envelopes for United Voices for Children available in the Narthex and from ushers.
- The Mitten Tree is still set up in the Narthex and waiting to be decorated with your generous donations. The hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens you donate will benefit the students at Haskell School. Please submit donations no later than Tuesday, January 2nd. Otherwise, late donations may be distributed to someone else in need.

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