

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE



EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 7, 2024



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 “Crashing Waters at Creation” *David McCarthy*

§ Call to Worship

Leader: The babe is born. God has come. God is with us!

People: **Let us worship him in Spirit and in truth.**

Leader: The Magi searched earnestly for the Messiah.

People: **We also seek him with longing and humility.**

Leader: Having been led by a star, they bowed before him.

People: **We, too, kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker.**

Leader: They presented their gifts, the best they had to offer.

People: **We come as well, giving our whole hearts in praise and worship.**

Leader: O Come, let us adore him.

All: **O Come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

§ Opening Hymn UMH #147 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

WE ARE NURTURED BY GOD’S WORD

New Testament Reading *Ephesians 3:1-12*

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*

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 2:1-12

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

“Discovering the Star of Christmas”

Rev. Calvin Culpepper

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Please turn to page 12 in the front of The United Methodist Hymnal.
You may also follow along with the slides for today's communion liturgy.*

Offering Our Gifts and Our Selves

Offertory

“Come To The Water”

John Foley

Presented by Chancel Choir

§ **Doxology UMH #94**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Please remain standing as you are able.

THE SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

We will use Musical Setting A on p. 17 for the sung responses.

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 #2107**

“Wade in the Water”

§ Benediction

Go forth as a light to all the world.

Go following the light of the great star of Jesus' birth.

Go proclaiming hope, serving the needy; bring peace to those at war, proclaiming joy to those who sorrow, living in the light of God's good news. Amen.

Benediction Response

“Three Fold Amen”

Arr. Armstrong

Postlude

“This is the Spirit's Entry Now”

Barbara Harbach

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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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Ushers:	The Sue Cram Team	Acolyte:	Ella Anderson
Sound Tech:	Ryan Welk	Video Tech:	Steve Ripley
Van Driver:	Curly Thompson	Liturgist:	Lorelle Wandell

Livestream Techs: Krysta Tilges & Ella Anderson

Facetime Hostesses: Nancy Doran, Georgalee George, and Dorothy Powell

Announcements

- **The Waffles and Worship Planning Team will be meeting after service today in the Parlor.**
- **The ladies of the Chatterbox Supper Group are meeting at The Olympic Tavern on Thursday, January 11th 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.**
- **Human Relations Day Sunday is next week.** This is one of six special Sundays that we collect special offerings on behalf of the greater United Methodist Church. Your donations fund a variety of community development projects that focus mainly on social justice, assisting victims of domestic violence, the homeless, at-risk teens, and many others. Special envelopes will be available in the Narthex and from an usher.
- **The Domestic Violence Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, January 16th in the Library at 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend.**
- **Prairie North is holding a District Leadership Training on Saturday, January 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Harmony UMC, Freeport, IL.** Participants will take part in a worship service and 2 workshops. There are six topics to choose from (see flier in the handicap vestibule for details.). The cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per church. To register online, visit umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training-2024 and click link.

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