

# ADVENT

- A Season of Anticipation



## *DECEMBER 3RD, 2023*

### *FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

*Zion United Methodist Church exists to celebrate God's grace  
and witness for Jesus Christ. As you worship, open your heart.  
God has a word for you today!*

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## PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

*"Carol of the Bells"**Zion Youth*

## WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

## \*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

## \*ADVENT CANDLE RITUAL

## \*INVITATION SONGS

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*  
*"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*We are waiting...**in the dark of the year we are waiting.***We are waiting...for the potter to shape our lives.***We are waiting...to see clearly what lies hidden in darkness.***We are waiting, awake and alert... ready for God to come.***In the darkness, a candle is lit. The light comforts our waiting.***The light reminds us of the one who is to come.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"My Soul Gives Glory to My God"*

#198

## CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version)

#881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived

by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Emmanuel Is Coming"**by Nancy Price and Don Besig*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYER

## SILENT PRAYER &amp; REFLECTION

## THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

## \*DOXOLOGY

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 9:6; Romans 8:24-25*

#489, 800

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Kellie Burgess & Marjorie Myrold**"Open Our Eyes"**by Frederic West MacDonald/Will C. McFarlane*MESSAGE *"Unwrapping the Gifts of Christmas – Hope"* Rev. Chang H. Yi

## HYMN FOR COMMUNION

*"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"* (vs.1-3)

#623

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* (vs.1&4)

#203

## \*SENDING FORTH

\*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

## THIS WEEK AT ZION DECEMBER 3RD – DECEMBER 9TH

### **SUNDAY, December 3rd**

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

### **TUESDAY, December 5th**

9:00 a.m.- UMM Meet McDonalds on Washington, Play Rm

### **WEDNESDAY, December 6th**

9:00 a.m. – Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, December 10th**

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
11:30 a.m. – Coffee & Cookies Fellowship

### **MONDAY, December 11th**

6:30 p.m. – Trustees Committee

### **TUESDAY, December 12th**

9:00 a.m.- UMM Meet at McDonalds on Washington, Play Rm  
3:30 p.m. – Book Club Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, December 13th**

9:00 a.m. – Waffle Wednesday  
1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

6:15 p.m. – Finance & Stewardship Committee  
7:00 p.m. – Admin Council

### **SATURDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m. – Children/Youth Christmas program practice  
2:00 p.m. – Ladies' Christmas Cookie Party

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## THANK YOU

The Worship Team would like to thank all those who stayed after the service last week and helped decorate the sanctuary & Narthex for Christmas.

## SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT STUDY

You are invited to our four-week Advent study, entitled *“An Unlikely Advent”*. This study focuses on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters in the Nativity story. **We meet in the Narthex at 9:15 a.m. starting Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> through Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.** See you there!

## CAROLING SIGN-UP

We are planning to host a caroling event in December. If you would like a caroling visit or are interested in joining our caroling group, please leave your information on the sign-up sheet. The event is tentatively scheduled for the evening of **Sunday, December 17th**.

## MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

12/10 – Coffee & Cookie Fellowship after service  
12/12 – Book Club Meeting at 3:30 PM  
12/16 – Christmas Program Rehearsal at 10 AM  
12/16 – Ladies' Christmas Cookie Party at 2 PM  
12/17 – Children & Youth Christmas Program  
12/17 – “White Elephant” gift exchange event  
12/24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 PM

IF YOU NEED A QUIET PLACE WITH YOUR CHILD,  
OUR NURSERY IS LOCATED IN THE UPPER WEST WING

## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE

PASTOR.....	Rev. Chang H. Yi
MINISTERS.....	The Congregation
CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	David Perry
ORGANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST.....	Marjorie Myrold
LAY READER.....	Connie Sherwood
LAY LEADER .....	Debrah Glennen
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Debbie Merrill

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### ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

Sunday Worship – 76 Sunday School - 23 Online - 7  
Thanksgiving Service – 34 Online - 14

### FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

*(Figures include auto-draft giving)*

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 2,097.00
LOVE FEAST(BISHOP'S THANKSGIVING APPEAL).....	\$ 213.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 15.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 10.00

### OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN .....	\$ 25,393.39
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT .....	\$ 21,585.13
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE .....	\$ 11,795.50



### QUILT OF THE WEEK

*The quilt of the week is an 8" square design with colors of spring.*

### PRAYER MARKER FOR DECEMBER 3RD – DECEMBER 9TH 2023

#### LIFT IN PRAYER

Jone Barnick Family  
Ellen & Matt Myrick  
The Benson Family  
The Machart Family  
Tim & LeeAnn Carlson  
Pastor Chang's Mother  
Mike Hurley  
The Rowe Family  
The Welsh Family  
Wally and Carol Mytych  
Our Shut-ins

#### BIRTHDAYS

12/04 Coleen Asche  
12/09 Karl Lindquist

#### ANNIVERSARIES

12/09 Larry & Renee Machart

#### JOYS

The Advent SS Adult Class  
University Lutheran served 128 in  
house and 76 take-out meals for  
Love Feast