



DECEMBER 17TH, 2023
THIRD 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

"Christmas Carol Medley"

Zion Youth

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*ADVENT CANDLE RITUAL

*INVITATION SONGS

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Advent Hymn"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Rejoice in our God. Let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Let us prepare our hearts and our world

for the Prince of Peace, who is coming.

May all who weep come home with shouts of joy.

Prepare the way of the Lord,

and make straight the path for God's arrival.

In prayer, song, and service, let us prepare for the birth of love.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

#213

OPENING PRAYER

As we gather in Your holy presence on this blessed third Sunday of Advent, our hearts are filled with anticipation and joy. Open our hearts and minds today, Lord, and help us to embody the joy and love that Jesus brought into the world. Renew our spirits and draw us closer to You. As we await the celebration of Jesus' birth with hopeful hearts, we pray for the grace to welcome Him anew into our lives. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-18

#725

MESSAGE

"Unwrapping the Gifts of Christmas - Joy"

Rev. Chang H. Yi

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"What Gift Would I Bring to Him?"

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN

"In the Bleak MidWinter" (vs.1&4)

#221

*SENDING FORTH

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

THIS WEEK AT ZION DECEMBER 17TH – DECEMBER 23RD

SUNDAY, December 17th

- 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service & Children's Program
- 11:30 a.m. – Cookies & Coffee Fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. – Christmas Party Local Tupperware Reps
- 5:00 p.m. – Caroling in town

TUESDAY, December 19th

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

WEDNESDAY, December 20th

- 10:00 a.m. – Ellen Myrick viewing
- 11:00 a.m. – Funeral for Ellen Myrick
- 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, December 24th

- 9:15 a.m. – Adult Advent Study
- 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

MONDAY, December 25th

- Merry Christmas!

WEDNESDAY, December 27th

- 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
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THANK YOU EVERYONE

Thank you to our Christmas program stars! Your talents made our seasonal celebration special: Alice Lee, Collin Loiland, Hayley Stevens, Caleb Zerr, Jack Stevens, Grace Lee, and Eli Zerr, with Cheryl Klamm as the narrator. Also, a special appearance by baby Dillon Broden. A special thanks to Kellie Burgess for directing the program.

SUNDAY MORNING ADVENT STUDY

You are invited to our four-week Advent study, entitled *“An Unlikely Advent”*. We meet in the Narthex at 9:15 a.m. starting Dec. 3rd through Dec. 24th.

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

12/17 – Coffee & Cookie Fellowship after service

12/17 – Children & Youth Christmas Program

12/17 – Gift Exchange event

12/24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 PM

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Your safety is our first concern. Should we need to cancel worship services or other church activities this information will be found on our Zion Church Homepage (www.zion-umc.org) or you may check your local stations at

Television – WDAY/WDAZ, Channel 8; KVLV, Channel 11

Radio – KNOX 1310 AM; KCNN 1590 AM

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.....	Gail Sherwood
LAY LEADER	Debrah Glennen
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY.....	Debbie Merrill

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 10TH, 2023

Sunday Worship – 86 Sunday School - 29 Online - 22

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 10TH, 2023

(Figures include auto-draft giving)

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 6,473.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 110.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 115.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	\$ 20.00
ON-LINE GIVING.....	\$ 436.07

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN	\$ 37,115.35
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT	\$ 39,366.49
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE	\$ 9,223.50



QUILT OF THE WEEK

The quilt of the week is a panel quilt called My Little Angel Quilt sized for a crib.

PRAYER MARKER FOR DECEMBER 17TH – DECEMBER 23RD 2023

LIFT IN PRAYER

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

BIRTHDAYS

- 12/18 John Shabb
- 12/21 Nancy Evans

JOYS

- Christmas Caroling
- Quilts from the Legacy Quilters
- The Ladies Cookie party
- Youth Group Program