



DECEMBER 24TH, 2023
FOURTH 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

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Zion Youth

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*ADVENT CANDLE RITUAL

*INVITATION SONGS

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

"He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen)"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord.

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

The Mighty One has done great things for us.

Holy is God's name.

God's mercy is ever near, from generation to generation.

God's strength scatters the proud, but lifts the humble of heart.

God's love fills us up, nourishing our hungry souls.

God's grace has called us here, strengthening our lives of faith.

Let us worship God with grateful hearts.

May our worship reflect the glory of God,

as we join together in this holy space. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"People Look East"

#202

OPENING PRAYER

Come to us, Promised One, in this season of waiting. Set our hearts ablaze with the glory of your salvation. Set our minds afire with the richness of your word. Reveal to us the secret of your ways; for you alone are wise, you alone are worthy of our thanks and praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"One Small Child"

by David Meece

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

John 14:27, 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7

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SPECIAL MUSIC BY WAYNE SEAMES

"Gesu Bambino"

by Martens & Yon

MESSAGE *"Unwrapping the Gifts of Christmas - Peace"* Rev. Chang H. Yi

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

#431

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN

"There's a Song in the Air"

(vs.1-3)

#249

*SENDING FORTH

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

THIS WEEK AT ZION DECEMBER 24TH – DECEMBER 31ST

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

No Events Scheduled

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, December 31st

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

MONDAY, January 1st

Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 2nd

9:00 a.m. – UMM Meet at McDonalds on Washington

WEDNESDAY, January 3rd

9:00 a.m. – Waffle Wednesday

1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Please join us in celebrating Christmas with our **Christmas eve Candlelight worship service tonight at 5:00 p.m.**

CHOIR REHEARSAL

As in years past, the Zion choir welcomes friends and family who are interested in joining us for the Christmas Eve service. We have a lovely evening planned for tonight and are looking forward to this special time. **If possible, please come at 4:00 to participate in our rehearsal.**

EXPLORING THE MINOR PROPHETS

This spring the Bible Explorers Sunday morning adult class is studying the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament. Come learn more about these small books and what messages has God revealed in them that is relevant and meaningful for modern Christian life. The class meets each Sunday starting at 9:15 a.m. in the Sisters in Spirit Room across from the Quilters room in the Southwest wing of Zion. Please feel free to join us!

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

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

Sunday Worship – 86 Sunday School - 25 Online - 26

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

(Figures include auto-draft giving)

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 6,800.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 5,300.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	\$ 62.00

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

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

PRAYER MARKER FOR DECEMBER 24TH– DECEMBER 31ST 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

12/27 Virginia Stewart

JOYS

Christmas Caroling
The Ladies Cookie party
Youth Group/Children's Program