



DECEMBER 31ST, 2023
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

*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

The Carol of the Birds

Kellie Burgess

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*INVITATION SONGS

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

With mighty mountains and crashing seas,
praise the name of the Lord.
With rolling valleys and lush forests,
praise the name of our God.
With tiny ants and majestic eagles,
praise the name of the Holy One.
With innocent children and wise elders,
Praise the name of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Firm a Foundation"

#529

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty creator, we come to shout and rejoice in the wonderful gift of your Son for our world. It is a miracle that fills our lives with your glory. On this last day of the year, may our celebration honor the good we have received from your hand, even as we look forward to walking faithfully with you in the year ahead. As those who came before us, we will not be silent in our love for you; we will not mute our pure joy for what you have brought to our lives. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY DAVID PERRY

"Down from His Glory"

by William Booth-Clibborn

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 50:10-11; Genesis 1:27

#404, 1

MESSAGE

"Their Journey is Our Story"

Connie Sherwood

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

#147

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN

"Love Came Down at Christmas"

#242

*SENDING FORTH

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

THIS WEEK AT ZION DECEMBER 31ST – JANUARY 6TH

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

No Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, January 7th

9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

2:00 p.m. – Mark Ellingson's Retirement party

MONDAY, January 8th

6:30 p.m. – Trustees Committee

TUESDAY, January 9th

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

3:30 p.m. – Zion Book Club

WEDNESDAY, January 10th

9:00 a.m. – Waffle Wednesday

1:30 p.m. – Legacy Quilters

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, January 11th

6:15 p.m. – Finance & Stewardship Committee

7:00 p.m. – Admin Council

THANK YOU!

Our appreciation to Connie Sherwood for bringing us the message today.
Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.

BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club meets in the **Narthex January 9th at 3:30 p.m.** We will be discussing "**Between Earth and Sky**" by Skenandore. Everyone is welcome to join and coffee will be provided.

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.....Mark Flint

LAY LEADERDebrah Glennen
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY..... Debbie Merrill

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 24TH, 2023

Sunday Worship – 80 Sunday School - 21 Online - 28

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship – 110 Online - 19

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 24TH, 2023

(Figures include auto-draft giving)

WORSHIP SERVICE.....\$ 6,746.00
CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.....\$ 665.60

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 Patch Quilt. This is our way of using our scraps.

PRAYER MARKER FOR DECEMBER 31ST – JANUARY 6TH 2024

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

01/01 Linda Thorpe
01/02 Susan Griffin
01/04 Gail Bass

JOYS

Christmas Eve Service
The warmer weather
Youth Group/Children's Program