



A Service of Lessons
and Carols
Sunday, December 28, 2025

DECEMBER 28TH, 2025

FIRST 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!*

ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1001 24th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND 58201
701-772-1893, office@zion-umc.org
www.zion-umc.org
Pastor Clay: revclaylundberg@gmail.com



PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT

*RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are here because we have heard a promise of peace.

And we have faith its day will come!

We have heard a rumor of justice

And we have faith its day will come!

We have heard a whisper of hope

And we have faith its day will come!

We have heard a hint of love

And we have faith its day will come!

We have heard of the birth of the Christ-child

And we have faith his day is here!

OPENING SONG

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH 196

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory and are bathed in its radiance. Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. Amen!

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Little Child of Love"

by Price and Besig

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER & REFLECTION

THE LORDS PRAYER IN UNISON

*DOXOLOGY

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Cynthia Shabb

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

1st Lesson: The Prophet's Announcement

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"His Name is Wonderful"

UMH 174

2nd Lesson: A King is Coming

Micah 5:2-5

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

UMH 230

3rd Lesson: Gabriel meets Mary
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Luke 1L26-35, 38
UMH 240

4th Lesson: Against an ominous backdrop Jesus is born
“The First Noel”

Luke 2:1-7
UMH 245

5th Lesson: The Shepherds meet the savior
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Luke 2:8-16
UMH 229

6th Lesson: The Mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14

A NATIVITY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

I believe in the Living God who is directly involved in the affairs of the world. I believe that God chooses the meek and the poor to teach the proud and the rich

I believe in the Incarnate Word, leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty. I believe in Jesus, true son of Mary, true Son of God, who came among us in weakness, that we might come to know the profound strength available to common people who turn to God in trust and with love.

Yes, my friends, this I truly believe.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
CLOSING SONG**

“Joy to the World”

UMH 246

***BENEDICTION**

BLESSING BOX

There is a blessing box outside of Zion! Take a blessing, leave a blessing! Pick up something extra to share with our Zion Neighborhood when you visit the grocery store! Nonperishable items only please!

PHILIPPIANS CLASS DURING EXPLORERS IN SPIRIT

Pastor Clay will be leading a study through the Book of Philippians starting on January 11 while Wayne is out of town. All are welcome to learn more about this dynamic letter from the Apostle Paul.

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 website (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.

THE QUILT OF THE WEEK



The quilt of the week is a twin sized diagonal pattern called “ORANGE YOU SPECIAL” It measures 87” X 67” in orange, cream, and yellow colors.

**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. Clay Lundberg
MINISTERS	The Congregation
CHOIR DIRECTOR.....	David Perry
ORGANIST AND CHOIR ACCOMPANIST	Marjorie Myrold
LAY LEADER	Deb Glennen/Cynthia Shabb
CONGREGATIONAL CARE COORDINATOR.....	Connie Sherwood
CHURCH SECRETARY	Gail Sherwood

ATTENDANCE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 21ST 2025

Sunday Worship – 66 Sunday School - 19 Online - 31 Christmas Eve- 155

FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 21ST, 2025

WORSHIP SERVICE.....	\$ 1,797.00
NARTHEX.....	\$ 0.00
APPORTIONMENTS.....	\$ 200.00

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS COMING IN	\$ 21,562.26
TOTAL FUNDS GOING OUT	\$ 42,292.31
CHURCH APPORTIONMENT PAST DUE	\$ 1,064.00

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ZION

Other than using checks, you may take advantage of other giving options. You can give online via **Tithe.ly**. Scan the QR code here and follow the directions. For those who prefer **Automatic Bank Transfer** on a regular basis, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



PRAYER MARKER FOR DEC 28TH – JANUARY 3RD, 2026

LIFT IN PRAYER

The Carlson Family
Cleo Rowe and Family
Peter Blay
Christianson Family
Wally and Carol Mytych
Aileen Sandwick & Family
The Welsh Family
Our Shut-ins

BIRTHDAYS

01/01 Sue Griffin
01/04 Gail Bass

JOYS

Caroling and seeing a few of our members
The Children singing
Colin's violin performance
Caleb's cello performance
Billie's flute accompaniment with the choir
Sunday Music
Praise Band and Choir
Love Feast
Building Update Projects