



# ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

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## TODAY AT ZION

**MESSAGE:** "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, all around the world." At some point during the upcoming holiday season we will almost certainly hear those familiar lyrics on the radio, on a TV special, or at the mall. For many, Christmas means thousands of shimmering lights gracing trees, bushes, front porches, and sometimes entire houses, transforming the familiar landscape of our neighborhood into a cozy fantasy kingdom. Christmas means scented red candles, the shining eyes and flushed faces of children as they come alive to the wonder of the season, and mustering an attitude of "good cheer" as we all strive to create an aura of serenity, stillness, and peace on earth. But what do we do when Advent doesn't feel like Christmas? When life is not all warm and aglow with the joy of the season? This week, we hear the voice of John the Baptist preparing the way for God to come and be with us.

### SERVING TODAY

**Welcome Table:** Steve & Shawn Landstra

**Ushers:** Steve & Shawn Landstra, Fred Wallace

**Greeters:** Kelly Osterink, Judy Osterbaan

**Coffee:** Craig & Nancy Doornbos

**IF YOU WOULD** like an Elder to pray with you they are available as you exit the sanctuary following worship.

**IF YOU WOULD** like a copy of the worship service, contact Tom Verbrugge at [verbrugge.family@att.net](mailto:verbrugge.family@att.net) or in the balcony after the service. You can also find the weekly messages on our website.

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE** Worship Service will be held at 6:30PM on Tuesday, December 24. Nursery will be available.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: What A Glorious Night

Call to Worship: O Holy Night

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: O Come O Come Emmanuel/Reckless Love  
Once In David's Royal City

Children dismissed to Sunday School

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Message: When Advent Doesn't Feel Like Christmas: Moving Next Door

Offering: He Shall Reign Forevermore

Worship Songs: What A Beautiful Name - Christmas  
Angels We Have Heard On High

Parting Blessing

Closing Chorus: Angels We Have Heard On High

Message by Pastor Greg Brower

**A FAMILY ROOM** where parents can feed their babies or sit with them during the worship services can be accessed by exiting through the front door on the west side (piano side) of the sanctuary. The Family Room is the first door on your left.

**OUR SANCTUARY** is equipped with a hearing loop for the hearing impaired. Turn your hearing aid to the T-Coil position to use this feature.

## ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILD CHECK IN:** All children from birth through 3rd grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located by door D prior to participating in our kids ministries. **Check in Staff:** Katie Wagner

**NURSERY:** Our nursery is located on the main floor in room 207.

**Today's Staff:** Katie Eling, Beth DeVries, Taylor DeVries

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** room assignments:

Nursery - Room 207

3 yr. olds - Room 208

4 yr. & young 5's - Room 206

Kindergarten - Room 203

1st grade - Room 204

2nd & 3rd grade - Room 209

4th & 5th grade - chapel

## ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHECK THE YOUTH WEBSITE** <https://www.zionreformed.org/youth-group/> for announcements, upcoming events, fundraising info, etc.

**REGULAR WEEKLY MEETINGS** will resume on January 12, 2020.



# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEED:** If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact your elder (assigned by last name):

Matt Eling (A-D)

Josh Sanders (E-H)

Brandon Deiter (I-M)

Steve Boersma (N-R)

Todd Kempema (S-U)

Mike Knott (V-Z)

It's not always easy to tell who needs an encouraging helping hand. If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Shanda VandePol, at 616-308-0700. Scripture encourages all of us to carry each others burdens (Galatians 6:2). You would bless us by letting us walk with you during this time.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Gary Osterink had knee replacement surgery on Wednesday and is recovering at home. Katie Bremer remains hospitalized due to complications with her pregnancy. Thelma VanderZouwen had surgery on Wednesday to repair a fractured vertebra. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who deal with ongoing health issues.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kyle and Sylvia Friar on the birth of their daughter Brooklyn Rose who was born on December 12. Brooklyn weighed 7.5lbs and was 19 3/4" long. Siblings Blake, Miley and Taylor welcomed her home and are making sure she gets lots of snuggles.

**WE EXTEND** our sympathy to Fred and Gwen Wallace and Mackenzie Wallace in the loss of their father and grandfather, Terrill "Terry" Wallace on Wednesday, December 18. Funeral services were held in Ohio on Saturday. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family during this difficult time.

**TO THE CONGREGATION,** As a staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for all of the cards, snacks, gifts, and words of encouragement that you have shared with us. It is not only a privilege but an honor to serve God here at Zion. May God bless you this Christmas as we celebrate together the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Greg and Rachel Brower, Pastor Rick VanderWall,  
Pastor Jeremy Zoet, Connie Stegeman, Roxie VanderHeide,  
and Rachel Verbrugge

**DONATIONS** of the following items (full size - not travel size) are needed for the Personal Care Pantry:

Laundry Soap	Bar Soap	Dish Soap	Disposable Razors
Shampoo	Conditioner	Toothpaste	Paper Grocery Bags
Deodorant	Tampons	Maxi Pads	Paper towels (1 or 2 pack)
Toilet paper (1-4 pack)			

Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex marked “pantry donations”.

**HAND2HAND:** Hand 2 Hand is in need of Granola Bars, Rice Krispie Treats, Fruit Snacks, and Belvita or Breakfast Bars. We are serving students from West Elementary, Grandview Elementary, and Grandville Middle School, providing students with a backpack full of food for the weekend.

**EVER THINK ABOUT GOING TO KENYA?** We are in the early stages of planning a trip to Kenya in June of 2021. While there, we will see the progress on Jeremiah’s church we have been supporting, have a project planned to work on, do some visiting and touring of Mahi Mahui where Jeremiah and Mary live, and finish off this trip with a Safari. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact Pastor Rick. Asante sana.

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE:** The Middle School Youth holiday card delivery service continues through Christmas Eve. You can place your cards in the big post office box in the narthex and the youth will sort them and place them in the appropriate church mailbox. In exchange for this service, we ask that you make a donation to the Jr. High Youth to help support their summer mission trip. There is a jar on top of the post office box that you can place your donation in. Thank You!

**2020 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** have been placed in your church mailbox if you were currently using the envelope system. (NOTE: Your envelope number may or may not have changed.) If you are not currently using the envelope system for giving but would like to, please contact Connie in the church office [cstegeman@zionreformed.org](mailto:cstegeman@zionreformed.org) or 534-7533 ext. 3. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2020.**



# THIS WEEK AT ZION

## TUESDAY

6:30PM Christmas Eve Worship Service

### WEEKLY OFFERING: December 15, 2019

Weekly Budget: \$11,091.82    Year to Date Budget:         \$321,662.78

General Fund:    \$10,429.00    Year to Date Contribution: \$296,007.19

**NEW GIVING OPTIONS:** We have recently begun accepting donations to the General Fund and Building Fund online or via text. If you are interested in supporting the ministries of Zion financially, you can do so from our website [www.zionreformed.org](http://www.zionreformed.org) by clicking on "Give Online Now" or **text 1-616-219-2181** using one of the commands listed below:

- **Text 'give'** to be prompted on how much you'd like to give.
- **Text 'update'** to change the credit card or bank account you give from or to modify recurring gifts you've set up by text
- **Text '50 weekly'** to set up a weekly gift of \$50. Replace 50 with the amount you'd like to give. You can also replace 'weekly' with 'biweekly', 'monthly' or 'yearly'.
- **Text '50 fundname'** to give \$50 to a specific fund. Replace 'fundname' with the keyword **General or Building** to designate to specific fund. Replace 50 with the amount you'd like to give.
- **Text 'unlink'** to unlink your phone from the text giving service so that your phone is no longer authorized to make donations

