

growing disciples who make disciples

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## **TODAY AT ZION**

Join us this Advent season as we consider the importance of prepositions in our spiritual lives. This year we celebrate the God who has not called us to live under, over, for, or from God, but in Jesus came to be with us. At Christmas, we remember again God loves us so much he came to be like us and with us. Unfortunately, we can often unintentionally live from God, treating God like a giant vending machine rather than as our loving father.

#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Prelude: Born Is The King

Call to Worship: What A Beautiful Name

Advent Candle: Declan Leistra, Bahsogay Hso, Owen Verbrugge

Welcome & Greeting

Preschool Songs: Come On Ring Those Bells, Away In A Manger,

Go Tell It On The Mountain

Worship Songs: Angels We Have Heard On High

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Announcements

**Prayer of Confession** 

Elementary Songs: Jesus, O What A Wonderful Child, Joy (Luke 2),

He Shall Reign

Christmas Program Video

**Congregational Prayer** 

Scripture: Luke 1:11-14, 18-19

Message: With: From God

Offering

Closing Song: O Come All Ye Faithful

Blessing

Message by Pastor Greg Brower



## ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Kids birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service. Please bring the corresponding tag to pick up children (Kids in 3rd grade and younger)

Preschoolers Room 206 K & 1st graders Room 205 2nd & 3rd graders Room 204 4th & 5th graders Room 207 The nursery will be staffed for kids birth - 3 yrs.

# ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pattie Grooters (A-D) Ken Johnson (E-H) Brandon Deiter (I-M) Steve Boersma (N-R) Arlyn Zoet (S-U) Haley Stone (V-Z) If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Jerrod Holzgen at (616) 520-1771. You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with ongoing health issues.

**WE WANT** to invite you to join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas on either Friday, December 24 at 6:30 pm or Sunday, December 26 at 9:30 am. Both services will be very very similar (think almost identical) and will point us to the hope we have in our God who has come to dwell among us in the person of Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE:** The Middle School Youth are offering a holiday card delivery service! Now 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!

**DONATIONS** of the following items (full size - not travel size) are

needed for the Personal Care Pantry:

Laundry SoapBar SoapDish SoapDisposable RazorsShampooConditioner ToothpastePaper Grocery BagsDeodorantTamponsMaxi PadsPaper towels (1-2 pack)

Toilet paper (1-4 pack)

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

### YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO REGULAR Youth Group meetings tonight.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL Christmas Party:** Today from 11:00-2:00PM in the youth room. Bring a while elephant gift wrapped to be exchange in a game with the whole group (something you have at home that you no longer want/need). Lunch will be provided.

# THIS WEEK AT ZION

#### **TODAY**

11:00AM Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party

### **TUESDAY**

7:00PM Elders meet
7:00PM Deacons meet
8:00 PM Consistory meets

#### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

# WEEKLY OFFERING: December 5, 2021

Weekly Budget: \$11,210.27 Year to Date Budget: \$302,677.29 General Fund: \$10,654.46 Year to Date Contribution: \$228,266.01

