



# ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Hark The Herald Angels Sing (Glory In The Highest)

Call to Worship: What Child Is This

Welcome & Greeting

Advent Candle Lighting~Judy Osterbaan, Marian Payne, Myra Renkema

Worship Song: O Come O Come Emmanuel  
Angels We Have Heard On High

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-6,11-17

Message: "Preparing the Way"

Offering: Crown Him (Glory In The Highest)

Closing Song: O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)

Blessing

**WE HAVE** a Family Room available for parents with babies and small children where you can watch the live-stream of the worship service while comforting a baby or giving a restless toddler a little extra space to move around for part of the worship service. The Family Room is across from the nursery. Upon exiting the sanctuary/worship gathering space, turn right and it is the first room on your right.

November 27, 2022

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# 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)	Eric Zondervan (I-M)
Tim Mekkes (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:** Dennis Thompson is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Larry Westra's back surgery went well and he plans to go home when he is discharged. Sandy VerWys has noticed improvement since her chemo pill was changed. She will undergo tests in mid December that will give them more information. Gary Osterink remains at Health Bridges for rehab. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with ongoing health problems.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** December 11 at 3:30 pm (until around 5:30 or 6:00 pm) we are going Christmas Caroling. All ages are invited. In fact, one of the purposes of this activity is to connect multi-generationally. We will be caroling at the homes of some Zion members who are physically unable attend in person worship and then return to Zion for Hot Chocolate and cookies.

**ZION WOMEN:** If you're interested in getting to know other women at church or simply reconnecting, join us for a fun night of games and food on December 14 at 6PM! Nancy Steenbergen will be bringing back a classic by leading us in Bunco (an easy group dice rolling game). Don't know how to play? No problem we will teach you! To RSVP, sign up on the sheet outside the office or text Haley Stone at (616) 916-6698 by Dec. 10th. Please bring an appetizer to share!

**DURING THIS** Christmas season we want to bless and encourage those from Zion who are not able to join us in person for worship. We encourage you to write Christmas Cards to the individuals listed below and place them in the basket labeled Christmas Cards located in the back of the sanctuary. Cards must be received by December 11 so that we can get them delivered.

Harv & Harriet Berens	Betty DeVries	Cornie VanderZouwen
Erma VanHaitsma	Gary Osterink	Kay Sikkema
Margy Ribbens	Bob Retsema	Willis Kuiper
Margaret Goodman	Rog Beute	

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE:** The Middle School Youth are offering a holiday card delivery service 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 leave a donation in the jar on top of the box to support the Jr. High Youth summer mission trip. Thank You!

**WORDS OF HOPE** Advent Devotional for the month of December is available in adult and young families version. Along with the daily devotional, there are craft ideas, daily activities, countdown cards, and a calendar. All materials are available to download and print at <https://www.woh.org/adventcalendar/> Children received the young families devotional last week. Hard copies of the adult devotional are available on the tables in the back of the narthex for those without internet access.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** Join us at 6:30PM on Christmas Eve for a Candlelight Service to celebrate the birth of our Savior. (Note: We will not have a service on Sunday morning, December 25.)

## **ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ZION KIDS:** All kids birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby. All Zion Kids must be picked up by a parent (please bring the corresponding tag to pick up your child) following worship. Nursery is available for kids birth - 3 yrs. Preschoolers meet in rm 206. K-2nd graders meet in rm 205. 3rd - 5th graders meet in rm 207.

## **ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NO REGULAR YOUTH** Group meetings tonight.

## **THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

## **WEEKLY OFFERING:** November 20, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17      Year to Date Budget:      \$256,529.25

General Fund:      \$19,518.95      Year to Date Contribution: \$225,465.06

## Message Notes

**Series:** *Preparing For and Pointing To Jesus*

Message: "Preparing the Way"

Matthew 3:1-6,11-17

### **The setting of Matthew 3**

1. The opening act (vs. 1)
2. John's God-given purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ the way for the Lord (vs. 3)

### **John the Baptist:**

1. Called people to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2)  
- Mark 1:15, Matthew 3:8
2. Understood who he was: A fellow \_\_\_\_\_ in need of a Savior (vss. 11-12)
3. Humbly and courageously \_\_\_\_\_ what God called him to do (vss. 13-15)

### **The importance of Christ's baptism** (and John's role in it)

1. Jesus identified with John and the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Then...God dramatically affirmed and presented Jesus as the \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 16-17, drawing on Isaiah 42:1)

### Application questions:

1. What does God want you to repent of? Will you?
2. What role is God calling you to carry out for the Kingdom?
3. How can you proclaim good news, live differently, submit to God and his Word, and help others grow in faith?