



# ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Silent Night

Call to Worship: The First Noel

Welcome & Greeting

Advent Candle Lighting~Michael Kempema, Mackenzie Wallace

Worship Song: Emmanuel  
Hallelujah Christmas

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: John 1:29-42

Message: "Pointing to Jesus"

Offering: Ring The Bells

Closing Song: What A Beautiful Name

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.

December 4, 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.

**WE EXTEND** our sympathy to Bob Barr and Mark and Kim Steenbergen in the death of their wife and mother, Harriet Barr, on Monday Nov. 28. Please pray for peace and comfort for the family during this difficult time.

**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 on Dec. 14 at 6PM for a fun night of Bunco (an easy group dice rolling game) and food! 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 by Dec. 11 and we will deliver them.

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

**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, December 25.)

**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 mission trip. Thank You!

**EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR:** Are you interested in learning more about membership at Zion Reformed Church? We are gauging interest and hope to offer a seminar after worship in January for those who would like to learn about Zion Reformed, profession of faith, transfer of membership to Zion, or reaffirmation of faith. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Connie in the church office at [cstegeman@zionreformed.org](mailto:cstegeman@zionreformed.org) so we can follow up with the details.

## **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**

**Middle School YOUTH** Christmas Party is today from 11:30-2:30pm. Lunch provided, games, bring a \*white elephant gift wrapped.

**NO** High School meeting tonight.

### **THIS WEEK AT ZION:**

#### **TODAY**

10:50AM Christmas Program Practice

11:30AM Middle School Youth Christmas Party @Zion

#### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

#### **SATURDAY**

9:00AM Christmas Program Practice

### **WEEKLY OFFERING:** November 27, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17      Year to Date Budget:      \$266,790.42

General Fund: \$10,264.95      Year to Date Contribution: \$235,730.01

Thanksgivings Offering: \$8,479.95

## Message Notes

**Series:** Preparing For and Pointing To Jesus  
Message: "Pointing to Jesus"  
John 1:29-42

### **The Old Testament sacrifice of a lamb**

1. Why? – Genesis 2:15-17
2. OT sacrifices were continuous and \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ what was coming  
- Mt. 1:21, Mt. 2:11, Luke 2:34-35

### **The perfect sufficiency of Jesus the New Testament Lamb**

1. John's fitting \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
2. Three implications of \_\_\_\_\_ proclamation
  - The lamb of God – vs. 29 and 36
  - A once and for all sacrifice (Heb. 10, Isaiah 53)
  - An eternal lamb – vs. 30 and 34

### **What must we do with Jesus the Lamb of God?**

1. See and \_\_\_\_\_ him – vs. 31
2. Follow \_\_\_\_\_ - vss. 37-39
3. \_\_\_\_\_ him – vss. 29, 41-42

### Application questions:

1. How is God calling you to see and know him better?
2. How can you follow Jesus even more faithfully out of gratitude for what he has done for you?
3. Who is God calling you to tell? How can you point others to Jesus, the Lamb of God?