



# ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Born Is The King (It's Christmas)

Opening Song: Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Video: Jesus Is Born

Welcome & Greeting

Lighting Of The Advent Candle ~ Tom & Robbi Boeve

Worship Song: Once In David's Royal City

Offering

Worship Songs: O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)  
O Holy Night

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Revelation 22:12-21

Message: "Jesus Is Coming Again!"

Song of Response: He Shall Reign Forevermore (children return)

Candle Lighting: Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

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.

January 1, 2023  
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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:** Dianne Kooiker had knee replacement surgery on Thursday. Please pray for her as she begins the recovery process. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with ongoing health problems.

**WE WILL** celebrate the sacrament of Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare your heart for this celebration by confessing known sin, seeking reconciliation with others, and thanking God for his grace. A Love Offering for the Benevolent Fund will be received.

**DEAR ZION FAMILY,** Thank you so much for your generous Thanksgiving offering. With the \$500 that was given to Threads, I purchased five \$100 Meijer gift cards to bless five different families that regularly shop at Threads. I wish you could have been there alongside me when I passed these gift cards out to the families. Each family was so grateful for this extra help during the holiday season. With tears in their eyes they kept thanking me profusely. So I in turn want to thank YOU, dear congregation, for your generosity. It was very much appreciated. Jill Austin

**SEARCH TEAM UPDATE:** The following individuals were nominated by the congregation, chosen by the Consistory and have agreed to serve on the Lead Pastor search team:

Matt Eling (Chair), Andrew Moore, Jill Austin, Patti Steere, Ken Cook, Kyle VanderWall, Kathy MacGraw, Pastor Steve (non-voting; coach & equip)

Please pray for them as they prepare to begin meeting. Pray for unity, discernment, clarity, energy and for their families. This is a weekly commitment and they will give many hours to this task. Pray also for the next Lead Pastor of Zion. Pray for their discernment, clarity, current ministry and eventual transition to Zion.

**DO YOU** want to read the Bible in a more intentional way? Here are a few resources to check out.

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/bible-reading-plans/> Plans to guide you through the whole Bible, two books at a time, or the New Testament.

<https://my.bible.com/reading-plans> Many plans to choose from through YouVersion. Many of these are topical and are shorter plans (5-10 days).

<https://www.thebiblerecap.com/> This plan works through the Bible chronologically.

<https://throughtheword.org/> A chapter a day with a short teaching.

Remember, the goal is not to race through the Bible and simply check off boxes (while not really remembering what you just read). The goal is to read, reflect, grow and apply. You may want to spread a year-long plan over two years so you can focus more deeply on fewer verses. Along with Bible reading, spend time in prayer.

## **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 KIDS LEADERS MEETING:** Jan. 8th following the morning worship service there will be a Leaders Meeting for all Zion Kids teachers and helpers. Meet in youth room.

## **ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Weekly meetings will resume on January 8, 2023.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:** December 25, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17      Year to Date Budget:      \$307,835.10

General Fund:    \$ 6,027.45      Year to Date Contribution: \$326,753.81

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** have been placed in you church mailbox if you were currently using the envelope system. If you are not currently using the envelope system but would like to, please contact Connie in the church office.

Message Notes  
Message: "Jesus is Coming Again!"  
Revelation 22:12-21

**The need to be \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Advanced notice has been given  
- John 14:6, Acts 4:12
2. We do not know the day or the \_\_\_\_\_  
- Matthew 24:36

**Living with an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective**

1. A different kind of timeline  
- Psalm 90:4, 12, James 4:13-14
2. Keep watch – vs. 7, 12, 14

**\_\_\_\_\_ the "Good news of great joy"**

1. The reality of Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension and reign cannot be \_\_\_\_\_
2. We must share the good news with \_\_\_\_\_

Application questions:

1. Are you spiritually ready for either death or the second coming of Christ (whichever comes first)?
2. If so, how can you proclaim the good news to others?
3. If not, what's keeping you from repentance and faith in Christ?
4. How can you more effectively live with an eternal perspective?