



ZION REFORMED

growing disciples who make disciples

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: We Three Kings Of Orient Are

Call To Worship: Angels From The Realms of Glory

Welcome & Greeting

Advent Candle Lighting~Grady & Keri Gerken, Ayla and Addy

Worship Songs: Go Tell It On The Mountain
Little Drummer Boy

Announcements

Children's Dismissal

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Luke 7:18-28

Message: "Faithful to the End"

Offering: Christmas Eve/Sarajevo (Carol Of The Bells)

Closing Song: Joy To The World

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 18, 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: Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with ongoing health problems.

DEAR ZION FAMILY, Thank you for your prayers, cards, and Pastor Rick's visits following my surgery. Also, thank you for the large group who came and sang Christmas Carols to Marge and I. Pray that we can come back to worship with you after the New Year. God bless all of you!
Larry and Marge Westra

CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight Service: Join us at 6:30PM on Christmas Eve for a Candlelight Service to celebrate the birth of our Savior. In place of individual candles, we are trying something different this year - glowsticks! No messy wax, no burnt hands, and a take home that kids will enjoy! At the close of the service, we'll form a large circle around the sanctuary and watch the light pass around the room. We hope to see you there. Invite a family member or friend. Note: We will not have a service on Sunday morning, December 25. Unable to attend on Christmas Eve? A link to the video recording from Christmas Eve will be available on our website if you want to watch it on Christmas Day (or anytime after).

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!

DO YOU LIKE TO BAKE? We are looking for volunteers to make (or purchase) cookies to serve at coffee time after worship. If you would be willing to provide cookies occasionally please call or text Dianne Kooiker at 616-538-3179.

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 morning worship service. All Zion Kids teachers and helpers are asked to attend. Meet in youth room.

ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly meetings will resume on January 8, 2023.

THIS WEEK AT ZION:

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

SATURDAY

6:30PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

WEEKLY OFFERING: December 11, 2022

Weekly Budget: \$10,261.17 Year to Date Budget: \$287,312.76

General Fund: \$16,656.95 Year to Date Contribution: \$268,362.91

Thanksgiving Offering total \$10,779.95

Message Notes

Series: *Preparing For and Pointing To Jesus*

Message: "Faithful to the End"

Luke 7:18-28

John the Baptist experienced doubt, suffering and _____

1. Doubt – Luke 7:18-20
 - a. 1 Peter 5:7
2. Suffering – Mark 6:17-18
3. Death – Matthew 14:6-11

Jesus is _____ in the midst of the pain

1. Words of assurance – Luke 7:21-23
2. Words of affirmation – Luke 7:24-28
3. How do you need _____ words of assurance and affirmation?

What can we take away from John's life and _____?

1. Being _____ to the end may include pain
2. Like John, we can be faithful to the end. For we have _____ hope

Application questions:

1. How are you hurting? What scriptural promises must you hold on to?
2. Who do you know who is hurting? How can you come alongside of them?
3. With God's help, how will you be faithful to the end?