

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: You Are God And You Are Good

Call to Worship: Graves Into Gardens

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Christ Lives In Me

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Hebrews 10:23-25

Message: Why Church?

Offering: The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Closing Song: The Way

Blessing

Today we are blessed to have Pastor JR Pittman share God's word with us. Pastor JR is the founding and lead pastor of Ignite Fellowship Church right here in Grand Rapids. He and his lovely wife Evette have been married over 32 years and have two adult sons, Joshua and Noah. Pastor JR is very passionate about evangelism and mentoring and enjoys golfing and good conversations at coffee houses.

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: If you have a pastoral care need or concern we encourage you to contact your elder. Member Care Districts by Elder are listed on the bulletin board by the nursery. If you know of someone in our church family, or if you personally need some help, please contact our Chair of Deacons, Tom MacGraw at (616) 315-7938. You would bless us by letting us walk with you.

DEAR ZION Reformed Church family, Thank you for your words of encouragement and kind expressions of gratitude as I finished my time at Zion last Sunday. Your words, cards, emails, gifts, hugs, handshakes, and ice cream sundaes made it a special day of reflecting on the past year and celebrating how God is leading you into the next chapter.

Blessings as you follow His leading!

Pastor Steve

ALL BUILDING AND GROUNDS issues or concerns should be directed to Troy Austin. You can reach him via email at **troymaustin@gmail.com** or call/text him at (616) 914-0141.

NURSERY COORDINATOR: Becky Harkes has resigned from her position as Nursery Coordinator. We are looking to fill that position. If you are interested in being considered for this position and would like to know more, please contact Shanda VandePol (our P&A chair), at: shandavandepol@yahoo.com or at 616-308-0700.

TWO CAMPING SPOTS have opened up for Zion's family camping weekend (September 22-24) at Dunes Harbor. This happens to be their Harvest weekend so there will be some special events like a campground wide Trunk or Treat, tractor wagon rides, archery, hatchets, scavenger hunt, worship in the pavilion, evening movie, and more! If you are interested contact Pastor Rick or Jonell.

WE ARE STILL collecting toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste through the end of August to meet our goal of providing toothbrushes and toothpaste to all of our Personal Care Pantry, Hand2Hand, and Threads participants in September. Donations can be placed in the Personal Care Pantry box in the narthex. Thank you!

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZION KIDS summer programming runs through Sept 3, we hold one combined class each week for kids ages 3yrs old through 3rd grade. We will sing songs, watch a Bible story video, pray together and have some playtime while service is happening in the sanctuary. Children should check in at the child check in station each week as usual.

THIS WEEK WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: Aug. 13, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95 Year to Date Budget: \$126,972.45 General Fund: \$12,445.95 Year to Date Contributions: \$107,644.45

Benevolent Fund \$328.00

Message Notes

Hebrews 10:23-25 Why Church?

We are in a new era when many people don't understand why God's children assemble together. Even people who are presently in the local congregation cannot clearly articulate a basic doctrine; Why Church? Today I want to help equip and encourage you to have a solid understanding of the local church in a society where people are now leaving in large numbers. May you be blessed.