



ZION REFORMED

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Once in Royal David's City

Call to Worship: O Come, n O Come Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Steere Family

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Let Us Adore
He Shall Reign Forevermore

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: Luke 1:26-56

Message: "Holy is He; Blessed am I"

Offering: Mary, Did You Know?

Closing Song: Joy to the World with Raise A Hallelujah

Blessing

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.

PRAYER REQUEST: Continue to pray for those in our congregation with ongoing health issues.

BOILER REPLACEMENT: We give thanks that we were able to replace our boiler this fall, before the cold weather arrived. The total boiler replacement cost is \$95,000. This amount was factored into our 2023/2024 budget. However, while we spread the cost over 12 months, the bill will need to be paid Dec. 21st, only 7 months into our budget year. We will pay the difference from our reserves. As you consider your year-end giving, would prayerfully consider an extra donation of any amount to our General Fund to help cover this bill? Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Marcia or Tom MacGraw, Chair of Deacons.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY SERVICE: The Middle School Youth are offering a holiday card delivery service. Now through December 24 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!

DURING THIS Christmas season we want to bless and encourage those from Zion who are not able to join us in person for worship. A list of those individuals that includes their address and a brief update on each one of them has been placed in your church mailbox. Cards can be mailed directly to them or placed in their church mailbox and we will make sure they get delivered.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: The church office will be closed between Christmas Day and New Years Day. For any urgent concerns, please contact Pastor Marcia at 616-334-0188.

HAND2HAND: We are currently serving 100 kids each week! We could use food donations of the following: pudding cups, juice boxes (100% juice), beef stick, granola bars, Lance brand or that type of sandwich cracker and microwave popcorn.

DONATIONS of the following items (full size are needed for the Personal Care Pantry and can be placed in the box in the narthex marked "pantry donations". Laundry Soap, Bar Soap, Dish Soap, Disposable Razors, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Paper grocery bags, Deodorant, Tampons, Maxi Pads, Paper towels (1 or 2 pack) and Toilet Paper.

ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL KIDS birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service. The nursery will be staffed for kids birth - 3 yrs. Preschoolers meet in room 206. K-2nd graders meet in room 205. 3rd - 5th graders meet in room 207. Please bring the corresponding tag to pick up your child.

ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO YOUTH group meetings this week. Regular meetings will resume on January

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

6:00PM Threads Sorting

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: Dec 10, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95 Year to Date Budget: \$323,202.60

General Fund: \$ 7,846.73 Year to Date Contributions: \$279,685.30

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, so our Christmas Eve worship service will be held at our regularly scheduled time of 9:30 AM. Note: Zion Kids will not meet. The nursery will be open but we invite our kids to join us for a family-friendly Christmas Eve service in the sanctuary that morning.