



ZION REFORMED

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Luke Bosma, Samantha Eriks

Welcome & Greeting

Call to Worship: Here Comes Heaven

Journey - Luke 2 1-5

Song: O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Birth - Luke 2:6-7

Songs: Silent Night (Still Nacht)  
Away In A Manger

Shepherds - Luke 2:8

Angels Appear

Songs: Christmas Eve/Sarajevo (Carol Of The Bells)  
Hark The Herald Angels Sing (Glory In The Highest)

Offering: O Come All Ye Faithful (His Name Shall Be)

Candle Lighting: O Holy Night

Blessing

Postlude: Go Tell It On The Mountain

December 24, 2023  
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## **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.

**DEAR ZION FAMILY,** Thank you so much for your generous Thanksgiving offering for Threads. With this donation I purchased Meijer gift cards to bless five different families who regularly shop at Threads. Each one of these families has experienced an extremely difficult year with many hardships and struggles. They were so grateful for this extra help during the holiday season. Many tears of gratitude were shed, and many hugs of thanks were given. So THANK YOU, dear congregation, for your generosity and for helping bless these families. It was very much appreciated.

Jill Austin

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** have been placed in your church mailbox if you are currently using the envelope system. (NOTE: Your envelope number may or may not have changed.) If you are not currently using the envelope system for giving but would like to, please contact Connie @ [cstegeman@zionreformed.org](mailto:cstegeman@zionreformed.org) or 534-7533 ext. 3. PLEASE DO NOT USE THE NEW ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2024.

**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 YOUNG ADULTS:** Join us Tuesday night, January 2nd at 6:00 PM for dinner at Ken and Sheila Johnson's home. For the address and/or to RSVP, please text Pastor Marcia at (616) 334-0188. We look forward to a night of catching up with old friends and meeting new ones!

## **ZION KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Zion Kids will not meet today so that our kids can join us for a family-friendly Christmas Eve service. The nursery will be open.

# **ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NO YOUTH** group meetings this week. Regular meetings will resume on January 14.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **WEDNESDAY**

6:30PM Praise Team Practice

### **WEEKLY OFFERING:** Dec 17, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95    Year to Date Budget:                    \$334,745.55

General Fund:    \$ 5,761.73    Year to Date Contributions: \$285,647.03