

Awakening Worship | 8:15 am

December 1 2019 || "First Sunday of Advent"

Pastor Steve Klemz | Presiding

Vicar Lisa Mensinger | Preaching



Gather

Call to Worship, *Rachel Kibler, Cantor*

Creator of the stars of night, your peoples everlasting light.

O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

Greeting

Spiritual Stretch

Prayer of the Day

Word

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 - *Page 806 in the pew Bible*

Message with a question for the day; this is conversational

Silence for meditation

"Wait for the Lord" – Page 21 in the Song Book (sung 6x)

Creed, page 104 in the hymnal

Prayers

Begin with singing "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (*Page 16 of the Song Book*)

Conclude with singing "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

The Sharing of the Peace

Meal

Offering Music – Hymn No. 263 – Savior of the Nations, Come (Vs. 1,2,3)

Holy Communion | Gather around the altar, The Lord's Prayer

(Lord's Prayer is printed on the pew card. You are welcome to bring this forward.)

Silence for reflection, blessing

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn – No. 438 || "My Lord, What a Morning"

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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What's Happening at Zion

Men's Bible Study

Meets each Wednesday morning at 7 am downstairs. Come have breakfast with us and discuss God's Word! We are studying the weekly scripture from the book of Ezekiel.

Women's Small Group

Alyce Gross, Shepherd. Meets the first and third Mondays at 7 pm in various homes. This group is studying the Book of Acts. Contact Alyce at adgross1@msn.com.

Sunday School

All kiddos are invited to Sunday School during the education hour (9:15-10:15 am). Check the board in Narthex to see where your age group is meeting.

This-is-what-grace-looks-like-Sunday - December 8

With displays, we are invited and encouraged to learn about more ways that we can participate in our life together in Zion. The offerings range from brushing down a horse to setting the table for the Holy Meal. All are welcome to join in following 10:30 am worship. Prayerfully consider how you will complete your Statement of Intent for 2020. Your statement will be received during the offering in worship. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Lectionary

Wayne Graham leads this morning's adult forum. All are welcome. We are in the atrium, 9:15-10:15 am.

Zion's Annual Wine & Cheese Party

Join us on Saturday **December 7 from 6-9 pm** at the home of Erin Basta (1231 East 6200 South, Murray, 84121) for Zions Annual Wine & Cheese Party. Bring your favorite beverage and an appetizer or dessert to share. All members and guests are welcome. There will be a free will offering for Courage Reins. Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Save the Date!

Zions Childrens Christmas Program - **Sunday, December 22, 2019 - 6 pm**

Children and youth please arrive at 5:30 pm to warm up. Arrive at 5:15 pm if you want to use one of our robes or costumes.

- Reader rehearsal- Saturday, December 21 - 9 am
- Joyful NOIZ - Youth choir rehearsal - Saturday, December 21 -10 am
- Rehearsal: Sunday, December 22 - 9:15 am in Sanctuary

Everyone may wear a costume which fits with the Bible story of Christmas (e.g. Angel, Mary, cow, sheep, wise person, not Frosty or an elf). We have many angel robes and will have garland to make halos. Please don't spend money on this! A robe and stick and dish towel for a shepherd would be perfect. We will need volunteers to set up and clean up our cookie reception afterwards. We also need lots of homemade cookies for our reception. If your child wants to sing or play a Christmas solo or duet during the program, please let Susan know.

Questions? Email: Susan Swidnicki : sljswidnicki@gmail.com

Coffee Hour

All are welcome for coffee hour in the atrium after worship where we share community and faith.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to sponsor one of the poinsettias used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, please contact the church office for more information or mark your envelope "poinsettia" in the offering plate. The suggested donation is \$10.

Christmas Worship

Please join us on Tuesday December 24th for our traditional Christmas worship. There is a family-friendly worship at 6 pm with carols and celebration and a traditional late service at 10 pm with choir and brass, preceded at 9:30 by our organist David Chamberlins annual organ concert.

Staff Gifts

It is that time of year where we continue to welcome your gesture of generosity toward our Zion staff by way of donations to our traditional staff Christmas gifts. If you would like to participate this year, please use the pew envelopes to indicate your donation as a "staff gift." Thank you for your generosity for those who take care of all of us. - *Zion Council*