

Awakening Worship | 8:15 am

December 15, 2019 || "Third Sunday of Advent"

Pastor Steve Klemz | Presiding + Preaching



Gather

Call to Worship, *Rachel Kibler, Cantor*

At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:

All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Greeting

Spiritual Stretch

Prayer of the Day

Word

Matthew 11:2-11 || *Page 792 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)

Nicene Creed, page 104 in the hymnal

Prayers

Begin with singing "In the Wilderness" (*Page 11 of the Song Book*)

Conclude with singing "In the Wilderness"

The Sharing of the Peace

Meal

Offering Music || Hymn No. 490–"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Vs. 1, 4)

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

Hymn No. 266 || "All Earth Is Hopeful" (Vs 1,3,4)

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

Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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What's Happening at Zion

Gingerbread House Party (today!)

We have our annual Gingerbread House decorating party after church on December 15th after worship. We will be doing a Macaroni and Cheese bar for lunch. Bring your favorite topping for macaroni or bring a side or dessert to share.

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.

Adult Forum

Wayne Graham leads this morning's adult forum. For December, we are doing "Focus on Advent". All are welcome. We are in the atrium, 9:15-10:15 am.

Lectionary

Alyce Gross leads this morning's lectionary. All are welcome. 9:15-10:15 am.

Children's Christmas Program

Zion's Children's 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. Child-friendly worship begins at 6 pm with carols and celebration. Following a festive organ recital at 9:30, the traditional "candlelight" service begins at 10 pm with choir and brass.

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*

This is what grace looks like, statement of intent.

Thank you to all who have returned their Statements of Intent for 2020. To date, we have received 27 statements. If you have not done so, please return your response as soon as possible. Statement of Intent forms are available on the tables in the narthex.

A message from Marsha Gilford

Dear Zion Friends, my deepest appreciation to you for prayers in support of my grandson's recent fall. God's love abounds- he is healing well. - *Marsha*