

## Awakening Worship | 8:15 am

December 8, 2019 || "Second Sunday of Advent"

Pastor Steve Klemz | Presiding + Preaching



### Gather

Call to Worship, *Rachel Kibler, Cantor*

*When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blessed mother mild.*

Greeting

Spiritual Stretch

Prayer of the Day

### Word

Matthew 3:1-12 || Page 784 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. 257 – "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (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. 260 || "The King Shall Come" (Vs 1,2,3)

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude



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# What's Happening at Zion

## **Childcare available**

During worship we have childcare available for any who need it – downstairs in the nursery.

## **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](mailto: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 (today!)**

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.

## **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.

## **Save the Date!**

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](mailto: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 Chamberlin's 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*