

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

All Saints Worship
November 5, 2023 @ 11 A.M.



"All Saints Day serves as a reminder that we too are called to be saints" Pope Francis

Gathering Music & Bells

"It is Well with My Soul"

Philip P. Bliss

Greeting, Announcements

Prelude

"At the Lamb's High Feast"

Paul Manz

***Call to Worship**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God gathers the redeemed from trouble, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: God turns a desert into pools of water, and there God lets the hungry live.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: O Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

— Based on Psalm 107

***Hymn**

"For All the Saints"

Black #299

Prayer of Confession

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Loving God, you call us to be a servant people, but we confess that we do not conform to your expectations. We seek honor for our work. We seek recognition for who we are and what we accomplish. Forgive us for chasing after honor that does not satisfy. Renew us through your limitless grace. Teach us again the way of self-giving love that you have exalted in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

One: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choral Refrain

“If You Believe and I Believe”

If you believe and I believe
And we together pray,
The Holy Spirit will come down
And set God’s people free,
And set God’s people free,
And set God’s people free;
The Holy Spirit will come down
And set God’s people free.

Scripture

Psalm 107:1-9 Inclusive Bible

Lector: Missie LaBombard

“Give thanks for YHWH’s goodness; God’s love endures forever!” Let these be the words of YHWH’s redeemed, those redeemed from the oppressor’s clutches, those brought home from foreign lands, from east and west, from northern lands and southern seas. Some lost their way in the wilderness, in the wasteland, not knowing how to reach an inhabited town; they were hungry and thirsty, and their courage was running low. They called to YHWH in their trouble, and God rescued them from their sufferings, guiding them by a direct route to an inhabited town. Let them thank YHWH for this great love, for the marvels done for all people—for God has satisfied the thirsty and filled the hungry with good things.

One: Listen to what the Spirit teaches us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Word for Children

Anthem

“When Love is Found”

Zion Choir

Scripture

Matthew 23:1-12 Inclusive Bible

Lector: Missie LaBombard

Jesus told the crowds and the disciples, “The religious scholars and the Pharisees have succeeded Moses as teachers; therefore, perform every observance they tell you to. But don’t follow their example; even they don’t do what they say. They tie up heavy loads and lay them on others’ shoulders, while they themselves will not lift a finger to help alleviate the burden. “All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and wear huge tassels. They are fond of places of honor at banquets and the front seats in synagogues. They love respectful greetings in public and being called ‘Rabbi.’ “But as for you, avoid the title ‘Rabbi.’ For you have only one Teacher, and you are all sisters and brothers. And don’t call anyone on earth your ‘Mother’ or ‘Father.’ You have only one Parent—our loving God in heaven. Avoid being called leaders. You have only one leader—the Messiah. “The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted.

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Free from Glory

***Hymn**

"O Savior for the Saints"

Black #298

Call to the Offering,

Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given each of us.

Offertory

"Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious"

Paul Manz

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication (In unison)

Generous God, use our gifts – use our very lives – to love deeply, serving your world in joy. Let this community of servants be a sure sign of your reign of love and justice that is to come. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**Invitation**

Jesus said: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me. O taste and see that God is good! Happy are all who find refuge in God!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you. Gracious God, we are Your Church. You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, saints and martyrs, faithful people in every age, that, strengthened by their witness, and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy.

Rejoicing in the communion of saints, we remember with thanksgiving all your faithful servants, and those dear to us, whom you have called from this life: _____.

We are grateful that for them death is no more, nor is there sorrow, crying, or pain, for the former things have passed away. In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Creator, now and forever.

Words of Intinction

Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Christ is the vine and we are the branches, apart from him we can do not. Let us be united in Christ.

Communion

“Sunshine in My Soul”
“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

John R. Sweeney
Charles H. Gabriel

Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Black #304

*Benediction

May the peace of Christ go with you:
wherever you are sent;
may Christ guide you through the wilderness:
protect you through the storm;
and bring you home rejoicing:
at the wonders shown;
may Christ bring you home rejoicing:
once again into our doors.

Postlude

“Postlude on Higher Ground”

Marilyn Thompson

Please remain seated until the acolyte has doused the altar candles.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP





Micah's Backpack is collecting Single Serve Oatmeal Packets during the month of November.



Our Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Canned Fruit during the month of November. Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.



Head Start of Washington County is once again collecting hats and gloves for girls and boys age 3 – 5 years old. We will be accepting donations until the end of November. There will be a box near the middle doors for your donations.
Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Join us in prayer as we pray for all those in our communities that we have touched or that have touched us and those that simply crossed our paths. Let us also remember to pray for peace and safety around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: Bruce Albright, Janis Albright, Bob Barnhart, Naomi Brackett, Holly Bell, Brenda Bowers, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ronald Curry Sr., Luke Edwards, Donna France, Ralph France, Shirley Fuss, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Elwood Hauver, Sherry Hockman, Brian Johnson, Toinetta Jones, Bradley, Hanna & Ellie Jump, Maddison & Rexton Jump, Tena Kindle, Dee Krause, Jerri Livingston, Mary Lorfing, Sofia Martinez, Dee McGlauckin, Teresa Moats, Heather Morgan, Mary Murphy, Barry & Amy Newlin, Annie Penick, James Penick, Mary Pietsch, George Pietsch, Mark Plotner, Michelle Porter, David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Henry V Rothrock, Betsy Roulette, Verna Rosenfield, Brianna Russell, **Emma Schnebly**, Ralph & Scherry Sellers, Staci Shafer, Jeff Shade, **The Family of Julia Springer**, Melanie & Wesley (granddaughter and great grandson of Danny Springer), Jovan Summers, Thelma Summers, **Robin Thorstrom**, Tracy Roach Walls, Eric Wolbring, Uncle Walter.

*****New additions to the Prayer List will be printed in bold for the first week.***



The lector this week is Missie LaBombard. The lector next week is Rae Smith. Ushers for this week are Domenick Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, William Wantz.

Next week's ushers are Bill Brewer, Calvin Livingston, Gerald Saum, Jean Simmons. Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Matthew McDonald. Middle Door – Lisa Saum. Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle doors.



Birthdays

11/8 Jeannette Rinehart
11/11 Margaret Munroe

Anniversaries

11/7 Lisa & Gerry Saum



Upcoming Events:

- 11/6 CE Team Meeting 5:30pm
Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
- 11/7 Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 11/8 Wednesday Potluck 6:00pm
- 11/9 Choir Practice 5:30pm
- 11/11 Easy-cise Class 9:00am

Save the Dates

- 11/12 Potluck Lunch 12:30
Organ & Trumpet Recital 2:00pm
- 11/15 December Newsletter Articles Deadline

Wednesday Pot Luck



Our Wednesday Evening Potluck is back. This is a great way to leave the workday behind and just relax. Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the Chapel for good food, interesting discussions, and great fellowship. Bring your favorite dish for everyone to try.

Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one for Christmas, please fill out the enclosed form and return to Rae Smith. Poinsettias will be offered in either red or pink and are \$10 each. The deadline for ordering is December 3rd.

Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes



We are able to purchase Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes from the Maryland Food Bank for \$10 each. These will be given to some of our neighbors that cannot afford to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for their family. Last year we gave out 26 dinner boxes to families in need. If anyone would like to help with the cost of these dinners, you can put your gift in the offering plate (please mark for Thanksgiving Dinner) or see either Kim Ridenour or Rae Smith.

Organ & Trumpet Recital



November 12th at 2pm in Zion's historic Sanctuary
Performed by Zion musicians, Claire Marie Moblard (organist) and Byron L. Stay (trumpeter). Featuring Zion's historic Moller Pipe Organ.

Thank You! To all the helping hand for the Mummer's Parade



Thank You so much for all the helping hands, the beautiful weather, serving lots of friends, and selling lots of food.

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November 5

Gathering music: It is Well with My Soul. Composed by Philip P. Bliss. Arr. by Dan Miller. © 2007 by Birnamwood Publications. CCLI number: 5066838

Arr. by C. M. Moblard. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: At the Lamb's High Feast. Arr. by Paul Manz. © 1975 by Concordia Publishing House. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Hymns: For All the Saints. NCH 299. Tune: Sine Nomine. Composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1906). Words by William W. How (864). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

O Savior for the Saints. NCH 298. Tune: Festal Song. Composed by William Walter (1872). Words by Richard Mant (1837). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name. NCH 304. Tune: Coronation. Composed by Oliver Holder (1793). Words by Edward Perronet (1779). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

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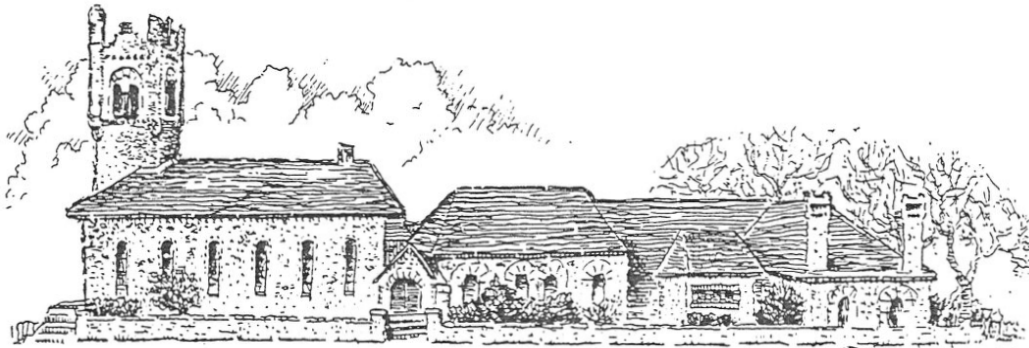
Choir Anthem: When Love is Found. English folk melody. Words by Brian Wren (1978).

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Our Mission Statement

**To share the gospel of Christ in such a way that we find God, grow our faith,
discover our purpose and make a difference.**

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Welcome to the Zion Reformed United Church of Christ! We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. I believe you will find Zion Church an open and safe place to ask the difficult questions of life and a community that honors each spiritual journey. We encourage you to ask our members about our community, explore our bulletin and website and to gift us with your contact information (phone, address, email) in our Guest Book as you exit worship. We are ready to answer any question or to help connect you to any program that we can. I hope I have the opportunity to greet you in person after the service or that you'll contact me. Many blessings, Scott Winnette, Pastor (pastorwinnette@gmail.com)

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