

ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**November 19, 2023
11:00 A.M.**



Light a candle. Say their name. Honor their memory.

Gathering Music & Bells

"Ciacona and Passacaglia"

Deitrick Buxtehude

Greeting & Announcements

Ruth Dwyer and Solar for the Sun Alternative Christmas Gifts.
Carroll Sager, preparing and serving a REACH meal.

Prelude

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

George J. Elvey

***Call to Worship**

One: We gather as the people of God, united through God's mercy.

All: *We gather as one people, to worship and praise our God.*

One: We gather, joyfully celebrating the oneness of our purpose.

All: *We gather, as people blessed by God: to worship and honor our God.*

One: We gather, renewed and refreshed by the ever-flowing stream of God's mercy.

All: *We gather as people wholly dedicated to the worship and glory of God. Amen.*

Totenfest Remembrance

Pastor: Today, on Totenfest, we pause to remember those who have gone before us. As the sunlight grows short and the dark days come upon us, we are reminded of how finite life is. At this time we pause to pray and light candles for those dear ones who lit up our lives and whose light on this earth has gone out.

Would you pray with me:

God of darkness and light, we come before you this day to honor those who have gone before us. We come before you this day to ask your blessing on the spirits of dear ones we continue to miss, whose absence we still feel. We light these candles to remind us of the light they shared with us.




Liturgist: We remember ancestors, those in our families who came before us, whose stories continue to be told around our dinner tables and at our gatherings. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. Bless them now and forever. *<light a candle, chime>*

Pastor: We remember parents and grandparents who are no longer with us. We remember their warmth, their laugh, their touch, their voices. We remember all the ways in which they made us better people, and brought us closer to you. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. Bless them now and forever. *<light a candle, chime>*

Liturgist:We remember children, those who grew to adulthood, and those who did not. We remember their energy, their humor, their curiosity, their smiles. We remember children whose tiny bodies were unable to sustain life in this world. We remember all the un-lived potential they represent. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. Bless them now and forever. *<light a candle, chime>*

Pastor: We remember those lost to violence, to abuse, to war, to conflict. We remember those who were taken too soon. We remember those whose lives never seemed to get on track. We remember those lost to addiction. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. Bless them now and forever. *<light a candle, chime>*

Liturgist: We remember the saints of this church, all of those who have sung and prayed and learned and heard and loved within these walls. We remember their perseverance and hard work. We remember their faith and their commitment to your way. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve. We especially remember those beloved souls from our community who left us in the last year.

Betty Teel  Joanne Albright  Ralph Hess  JoAnn Myers  Julia Springer

Bless them now and forever. *<light a candle, chime>*

Pastor: Comforting God, be with us as we continue to grieve those we can no longer see. Be with us as we continue to carry our grief. Be with us as we navigate our lives without those we have loved. Bless our broken hearts. Bless our pain. We ask all this in the name of the one who brought light into the darkness, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choral Refrain

"If You Believe and I Believe"

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

Scripture

Psalm 90:1-8 & 12 NRSV

Lector: Rich Owens

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

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One: Listen to what the Spirit is teaching.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Simple Gifts"

Zion Choir

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NRSV

Lector: Rich Owens

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon***Hymn**

"Great is Your Faithfulness"

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Morning Prayer**The Prayer Jesus Teaches Us**

**Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings**Call to the Offering,**

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

Offertory

"Saints"

African-American Spirituals Arr. by Malou Rogers

*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)

**Holy, Holy, Holy God, You call us, You claim us, You charge us.
We now offer to You all of who we are, and willingly ask You to use us and our
gifts to recreate the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*Hymn

"Come, O Thankful People, Come"

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Benediction

One: We go out to be God's people.
Go in strength to be the saints of God
for you will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike you, nor any scorching heat.
We go out to be God's people.

**All: We will live the way of God with confidence
for God is our shepherd,
and will guide us to the spring of life.
We go out to be God's people.**

Postlude

"Toccata from Symphony No. 5 in f minor"

Charles Marie Widor

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

***Volunteers are needed to make and serve dinner at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter on Wednesday, November 29. The meal must be ready to serve at 7 pm. Clean up is usually finished by 8:30. Please contact Carroll Sager at carroll.sager@gmail.com if you can help.

Congregational Meeting

The Zion Consistory announces the Winter Congregational Meeting session will be held December 10th immediately following worship. The agenda will consist of discussing and voting on the 2024 budget, and consistory 2024 nominees. All members are encouraged to participate in this important business meeting! Budget proposals will be mailed out to members or can be picked-up for review from the vestibule.

The following members will continue their currently elected terms:

Elders – Kim Ridenour, Carroll Sager, Carol Mooers, Tina Shafer, and Susie Clutz,
Deacons – Rich Owens, Calvin Livingston, Megan Shroyer, Matt McDonald, and Jean Simmons.

2024 Nominee for Deacon is Becky Hohman.



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, Shirley Fuss, Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Teddy Grogan, Beth Gross, Elwood Hauver, Brian Johnson, 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, 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, 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 Rich Owens. The lector next week is Wells Ridenour. Ushers for this week are Burnie Clutz, Susan Clutz, Becky Hohman, John Schnebly. Next week's ushers are Frank Ebersole, Carol Mooers, Rich Owens, TBD. Greeters for this week are: Front Door – Megan Shroyer. Middle Door – Susan Clutz.

Please sign up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the middle doors.



Birthdays

11/20 Byron Stay
11/21 Jax Burchard

Upcoming Events:



- 11/19 HARC Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 3:00pm Trinity Lutheran Church
- 11/21 Staff Meeting 12:00pm
Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm (Downstairs in Fellowship Hall)
- 11/22 ONA Team Meeting 4:30om
Wednesday Potluck 6:00pm
- 11/23 & 11/24 Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

Save the Dates

11/26 Put up Christmas Trees after Sunday Service
11/27 Cook Dinner at Reach 5:30pm
11/28 Giving Tuesday

Membership Class



New to the church? Been here awhile? Are you interested in a greater connection? Zion will be hosting a New Member Class on Sunday, November 19, after worship in the Burhans Room. We invite you to attend and get to know Zion better and allow us to get to know you better. Come if you want to join. Come if you want to learn more about who we are. Please let the church office or Pastor Scott know if you are interested in attending.

Wednesday Pot Luck



There will be no Wednesday Pot Luck on November 22nd due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Giving Tuesday



GivingTuesday is November 28th. Nonprofits, community organizers, grassroots groups, and mutual aid networks from all over the world have been using GivingTuesday as a galvanizing moment for their communities since 2012. Consider supporting Zion's General Fund or Outreach Funds this year on GivingTuesday by clicking- <https://onrealm.org/ZRUCC/-/form/give/now>.

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.



If you would like a box of Offering Envelopes for the upcoming year, please let Rae Smith know. Office phone number 301-739-7244, e-mail zionrucc@myactv.net

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Hymn suggestions: We Gather Together. NCH 421.
Great is Your Faithfulness. NCH 423.
Come, O Thankful People, Come. NCH 422.

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Choir Anthem: Simple Gifts. Traditional Shaker melody. Words by David Warner. Arr. by Mark Wilberg. © 2002 by Oxford University Press.

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Postlude: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 in f minor. Composed by Charles-Marie Widor. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organ) of Zion Reformed UCC.



Zion Reformed United Church of Christ

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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