



January 25, 2026

**Zion Reformed  
United Church of Christ**

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

**Order of Worship**

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**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

We offer our thanks to thee...

In a world divided by color bars,  
how sweet a thing it is to know  
that in thee we all belong to one family.

There are times when we...  
weep tears that are not loud but deep,  
when we think of the suffering we experience.

We come to thee, our only hope and refuge.  
Help us, O God, to refuse to be embittered  
against those who handle us with harshness.

We are grateful to thee...  
for the gift of laughter at all times.  
Save us from hatred of those who oppress us.  
May we follow the spirit of thy Son Jesus Christ.

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**GATHERING MUSIC & BELLS**

*We All Believe in One True God*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Blessed Assurance*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Yahweh said I am Yahweh your God and show kindness to all who love me and keep my commandments.

**All: We have no gods except you.**

One: Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.

**All: We have come together in this special place to worship, share, and commit ourselves to serve your people.**

One: We open our minds and hearts to welcome the grace of God, the still small voice that brings us home to ourselves and into communion with one another.

**All: Amen and Alleluia!**

**UNISON PRAYER**

**Holy One, you offer guidance, support, and enlightenment through your Spirit who lives with us and waits for our attention, waits for us to be present. We come as people of faith who long to live by your laws of love, to see you more clearly, follow you more nearly, and love you more dearly. Thank you for moments of grace, for breakthroughs that help us know who we are and whose we are. Help us realize that you have forgiven our shortcomings and bring us into your presence this day as your beloved community. Amen.**

**RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth,  
the peace that was meant to be.**

**With God our creator,  
family all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
in perfect harmony.**

**SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-7, NRSV**

Lector: Tina Shafer

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name."

One: Word of Life. Word of Love.

All: **We are listening.**

**ANTHEM**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**WORD FOR CHILDREN**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart. Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

This passage emphasizes the power of God's message through the crucifixion of Christ, contrasting it with human wisdom and understanding.

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Handstanding

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Winnette

**\*HYMN** Purple 730

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

**CALL TO THE OFFERING**

As I do each week, I invite you now to present your gifts. Through your offering and the things your gifts make possible, you are lights to the world, shining brightly and pointing toward the incredible power of compassion, justice, and faith. Let us give with joyful hearts.

**OFFERTORY**

*Oh, Worship the King*

**DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**God of many great and wonderful gifts, you have taught us to give by giving us so much. From the first day of creation, you have given us a world to share and your ever-present Spirit to delight in it. Receive this offering with our love and hope. Empower those who will use it to serve a multitude of others. To you be the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**MORNING PRAYER**

## THE PRAYER THAT 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.  
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.

### \*HYMN Purple 826

*Lift High the Cross*

### \*BENEDICTION

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,  
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,  
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,  
as long as ever you can. - John Wesley

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE Purple 591 (refrain only)

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

### POSTLUDE

*Processional Alegre*

Please remain seated until the altar candles are doused.

The asterisk (\*) indicates an invitation to stand in body or spirit.

The **BOLD FACE** indicates when the congregation is invited to speak in unison.

#### Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:45 Adult Sunday School – In-person and Zoom
- Children's Sunday School Class
- Young Adult Class/Bible Study - Second and Fourth Sundays of the month
- 10:30 Children's Choir in the Music Room
- 10:35 Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary and virtually at [www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive](http://www.zionreformed.church/worshiplive)
- Children's Church – every other week
- 12:00 Fellowship

## 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 who 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, Eddie Barr, Naomi Brackett, Linda Cantilena, Richard Cantilena, The Family of Bill Cook, Steve Cavey (Uncle of Tina Shafer), Michael Graff Jr. (son of Sue and Mike), Jim Hatfield, **Beth Hauver**, Lyn Hoffmaster (Claire-Marie's sister), Dee Krause, Vicki Krouse (friend of Barb Ware), Mary Lorfing, Trish Lowman, Teresa Moats (friend of Christine Coleman), Craig Nilson (Curtis Nilson's father), **George & Mary Pietsch** (Georg is starting to walk), Linda Pittman (friend of Barry Landis), David Ridenour, Wells Ridenour, Angie Schaff, Tina Shafer, Staci Shafer, Mary Stann (friend of Kim Ridenour), Traci Van Vogelpoel, Margaret Wagner, Randy Waters (Rick Waters' brother), Christel, Christoph, and Anna Wolbring (friends of Kim Ridenour), Eric Wolbring, and Barry Yingling.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

The lector this week is Tina Shafer.

Ushers for this week are Christine Coleman, Blaine Dockery, Judy Thompson, and Francis (Cowboy) Ward.

This Week's Children's Church Leader is Megan Shroyer

## NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP & CALENDAR

The lector for next week is Jean Simmons.

Next week's ushers are Domenicck Gerlando, Barb Hendershot, Matt McDonald, and William Wantz.

- 1/26 VBS Planning Meeting 6:00pm
- 1/27 Staff Meeting 11:00am
- Tuesday Evening Ministry 5:00-6:30pm
- 1/28 Potluck and Study 6:00pm
- 1/29 Properties Team Meeting 1:00pm
- Executive Team Meeting 2:00pm
- Choir Practice 5:30pm

## BIRTHDAYS

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|------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| 1/25 | Sarah Kalkbrenner | 1/29 | Benjamin Kelly |
| 1/26 | Louise Danzer     | 1/29 | Linda Kelly    |
| 1/26 | John Patterson    | 1/31 | Jessica Green  |
| 1/27 | Susan Delosier    |      |                |

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Night Ministry is collecting Peanut Butter for the month of January. We are also in need of empty Egg Cartons and Zip Lock Storage Bags in all sizes.

Micah's Backpack is collecting Canned Soups for the month of January.

Thank you for your help in these outreach ministries.

## **MORE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING POTLUCK AND STUDY GROUP**

Hungry for new information, insight, and of course good food? Then come on out on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share with others and join in the discussions, fellowship and good food.

### **SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH**

Every Sunday after worship a bunch of us get together and go out for lunch, fellowship and lots of laughter. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join us. We try to patronize a different local eatery each week. We meet up in the chapel right after worship and that is when we usually decide where we are going. Come join us whenever you can.

### **EASY-CISE CLASS**

Join us at 9:00am on the second Saturday of each month for our Easy-cise Class. Easy-cise is a resistance-based fitness class that helps with core and arm workouts designed for beginners, those with limited mobility, or anyone who prefers seated exercises.

### **VALENTINE CONCERT**

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Claire Marie Moblard and Byron Stay will present a Valentine Concert. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music and still have time for your Valentines evening plans.

### **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**

The ZION Walkers will be out raising money for REACH of Washington County during the Coldest Night of the Year Event on Saturday, February 28 at Hagerstown Community College. Walkers may check in at the ARCC beginning at 4 pm. The walk itself begins at 5 pm. It is followed by a light meal for the walkers. If you are not able to walk, please consider making a pledge or donation to the Zion Team. Questions? Ask Carroll Sager. Please use the following link to either register to be a participant or to donate to a member of the ZION Team: <https://cnoy.com/location/hagerstown>

### **CINDERELLA SHOP**

March is right around the corner. That means it's Cinderella Shop time! The Shop will be open every Saturday morning in March from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteers are needed to assist shoppers and to guard the door as visitors come and go. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located in the Chapel area.

Service Credits

CCLI Number: 6212519

January 25

Gathering music: *We All Believe in One True God*. Composed by J. S. Bach. © 1940 by G. Schirmer. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Prelude: *Blessed Assurance*. Composed by Phoebe Palmer Knapp. Arr. by Mark Hayes. © 2011 by Lorenz Publishing Co. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (pianist) of Zion Reformed UCC. CCLI number: 3583928

Hymns: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*. Purple 265. Tune: Duke Street. Composed by John Hatton (1793). Words by Isaac Watts (1719). Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*. Purple 730. Text Lesbia Scott, 1929. Music John Henry Hopkins, 1940. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

*Lift High the Cross*. Purple 826. Tune: Crucifer. Composed by Sydney Hugo Nicholson. Words by George William Kitchin. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Source(s): Hymnary ([hymnary.org](http://hymnary.org)).

Choir Anthem: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*. Composed by James K. Manley (1978).

Offertory: *Oh, Worship the King*. Composed by William Croft. Arr. by Robert A. Hobby. © 1995 by Birnamwood Publications. Performed by C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.

Postlude: *Processional Alegre*. Composed by Garry A. Cornell. © 1990 by Celebrations Unlimited. Performed by Byron L. Stay (trumpeter) and C. M. Moblard (organist) of Zion Reformed UCC.