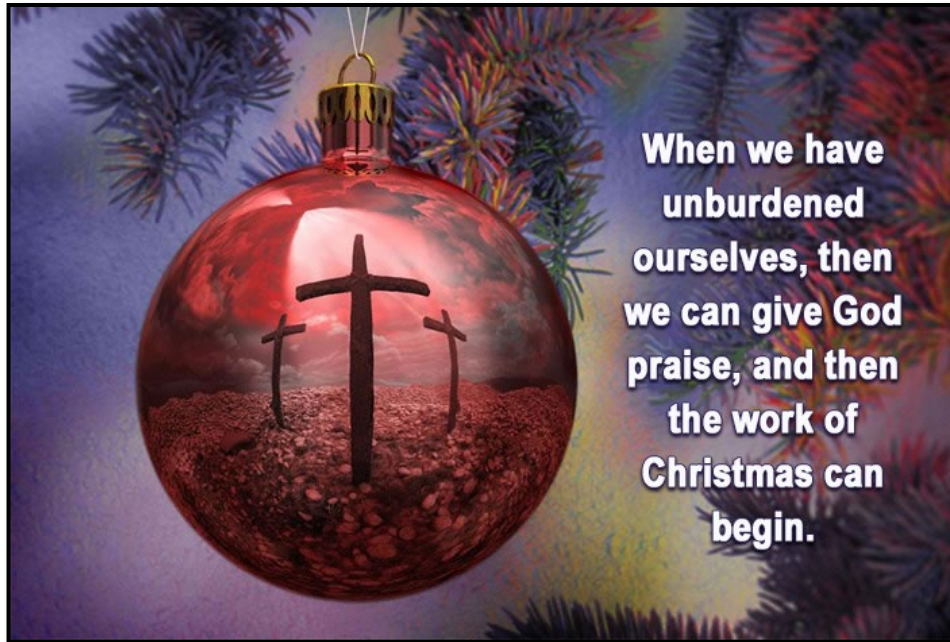


ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 27TH, 2020 @ 11 A.M.

SUNDAY BULLETIN



**When we have
unburdened
ourselves, then
we can give God
praise, and then
the work of
Christmas can
begin.**

The Work of Christmas

WELCOME to *your* faith community! We are happy to worship with you today and pray that your spirit will be blessed by our time together in the presence of our Creator. If this is your first time at Zion, welcome! Zion Reformed United Church of Christ has roots over 250 years in the making with visions of thriving long into the future. We invite you to consider making Zion Reformed UCC your church home if you haven't already and let us tell the story of Jesus and His love together!

Today, we celebrate the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ with the Central Atlantic Conference staff on this third day of Christmas. Our eyes begin to turn toward the new calendar year even though we have already celebrated the new liturgical year on November 29th with the beginning of the Advent season. As the new calendar year approaches, we offer up the turmoil, insecurities, frustrations, and fears of 2020 as burnt offerings. We leave the baggage of 2020 at the feet of Jesus as we prepare to enter 2021, focusing on the work of Christmas today and throughout the year.

Come and worship as we sing creation's story, proclaiming our Messiah's birth. Let us rest in God's embrace as God restores us and prepares us for the revival to come.

Come and worship!

WE GATHER

Prelude to Worship ✦

“What Child is This”
Rev Lauri J. Craig (retired), NJ Association

WE PREPARE

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev Freeman Palmer, CAC Conference Minister

Worshipping in Song ✦

Emmanuel Medley by the CAC Mass Choir
Rev Darryl Moch, Choir Director

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Rev Nelson R. Murphy
CAC Interim Associate Conference Minister

WE MEDITATE

Ancient Testimony

Isaiah 61:10-Isaiah 62:3 and Psalm 148:1-6
Rev Marvin M. Silver, CAC Associate Conference Minister

The Work of Christmas

A Poem Written by Howard Thurman
Rev Audrey Price, CAC Associate Conference Minister

Special Music Offering

“Gesù Bambino/O Holy Night”
Performed by Rich Owens

The Sermon

Rev Audrey Price, CAC Associate Conference Minister

WE RESPOND

Offertory Anthem

“Angels We Have Heard on High” by the CAC Mass Choir
Rev Darryl Moch, Choir Director

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Freeman Palmer, CAC Conference Minister

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

Sending Forth (benediction)

Rev Freeman Palmer, CAC Conference Minister

Prelude to Service (postlude) ✦

“Silent Night, Holy Night” by CAC Mass Choir
Rev Darryl Moch, Choir Director

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of December 27th



Consistory 2021 Elections

New nominations for the 2021 consistory include: Reinstatement of Tina Shafer as Deacon, and new first-time installation of Michael Jones as a deacon. Current member, Kim Ridenour, was nominated to fill the officer position of Vice President, and current member, Carroll Sager, was nominated to fill the officer position of Secretary. All other officer positions are filled by continuing members. There are still vacant elder positions to be filled.

Voting opened at noon, December 22nd and runs through noon, Jan 3rd. Voting can be done by calling the office, emailing the church, mailing in the Voting Form you received by mail and/or email, or vote electronically using the secure link that was mailed and emailed to you. If you did not receive any information by mail or email, contact the church office at 301.739.7244 or at zionrucc@myactv.net.

Downtown Hagerstown 4-H Club

Will meet Wednesday of this week due to the holiday.
December 30th, at 4:30pm via Zoom

Prayer Requests



Submit your prayer requests to the church office by phone at 301.739.7244 or email at zionrucc@myactv.net so we can pray for one another. The prayer list of names can be emailed or mailed to you upon request due to privacy concerns.

Please Remember

- ❖ Search & Call Committee members needed, contact the office if interested.
- ❖ Choir Rehearsals are postponed until further notice.
- ❖ Zion Book Club postponed until January.
- ❖ Celebrate Recovery postponed until further notice.

Records from Last Week

Sunday Worship Attendance: 18 online views.

Longest Night Service Attendance: 20 online views.

Christmas Eve Service Attendance: 46 views and 3 shares.

Soup Kitchen Attendance: 21 meals served this past Tuesday.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week of December 27th



Christian Ed Ministry Team Meeting

December 28th, 7:30pm

Tech Team Meeting

Meeting via Zoom @ 3:30pm

Soup Kitchen

December 29th, 5pm-6:15pm. All are welcome to dine.
Social distancing and masks enforced. Carryout Only.

New Year's Eve Virtual Service

December 31st, 7pm, at www.zionreformed.church/sermons.

New Year's Day

Happy New Year! (Jan 1st)

Church office closed all day.

Be safe, social distance, and enjoy!

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship (Christmas Continues!), January 3rd, at 11am.

Virtual service at www.zionreformed.church/sermons.

(Children's Sunday School via Zoom @ 9:45am)

Consistory 2021 Voting

Votes must be received by noon, January 3rd, either in the office or online. See announcement on previous page.

Consistory Meeting

January 4th, 7pm



HELPING HANDS



Lector Next Week (1/3): Amber Nilson



*If unable to serve during your designated week, please contact the church office
By Wednesday of the week prior to service so a replacement can be found.*

What does the prophet say the Lord will do?

Do the math to find out.



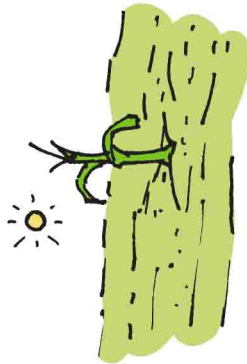
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1 + 2 = ____ seeds

8 - 1 = ____ spring

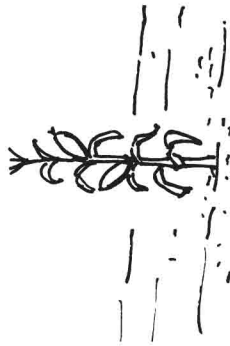
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10 - 5 = ____ righteousness



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1 + 1 = ____ garden

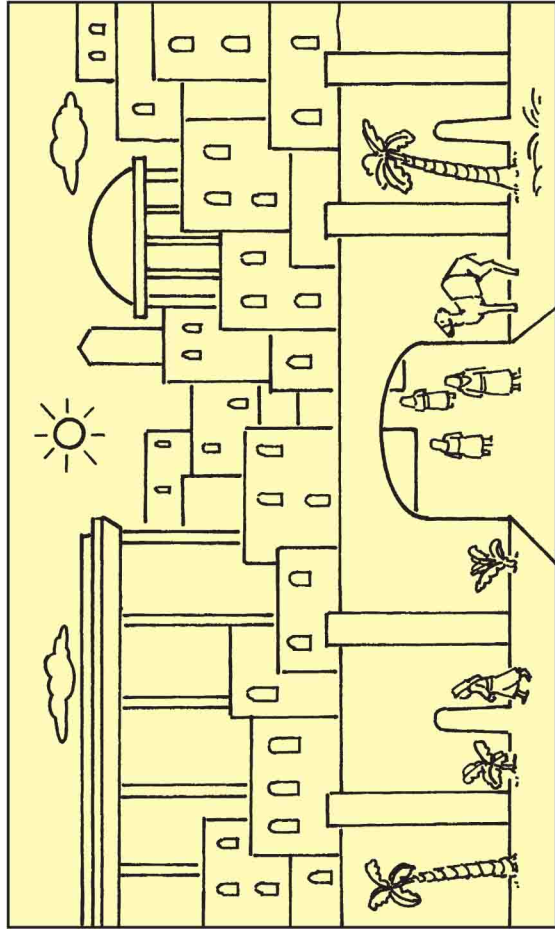
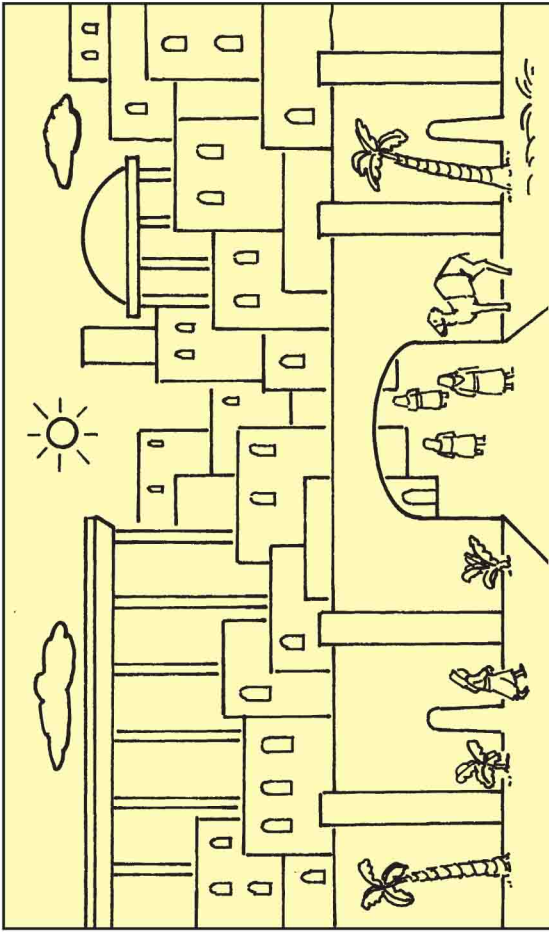


“For as the soil makes the 1) _____
come up and a 2) _____ causes 3) _____
to 4) _____, so the Sovereign Lord will make
5) _____ and 6) _____

7) _____ up before all nations.”

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keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not
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Activity Page Answer Key

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CAC Interim Associate Conference Minister, Rev Nelson R. Murphy
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