

# ZION REFORMED

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Second Sunday of Advent ☞ December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ☞ 11 A.M.



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Meditation of the Day

*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."*

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta ~

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## WORSHIP GUIDE

*Traveling Faithfully with Peace*

## *WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD*

↑An invitation to stand ↓An invitation to sit

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

✦ Indicates Music Selection

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Gathering Music ✦

*Bach Preludes*

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship ✦

*"In Dulci Jubilo"*

↑ Call to Community

The Reign of God is drawing near:

**The prophet calls us to change our lives!**

Prepare the way for the Lord.

**A just and peaceful path!**

Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:

**We travel faithfully for the glory of God!**

↓ Aleem Maqbool's Diary: Part II

Rich Owens

*We continue to hear of Alem Maqbool's journey, following in Joseph and Mary's footsteps from Nazareth to Bethlehem.*

"Today was one of the legs of the trek I had been looking forward to the most, and it did not disappoint. As the village of Zababdeh started to come to life, I met two people who would accompany me and my donkey through the hills and valleys for the coming hours. Nedal Sawalmeh would be my guide for two days. George Rishmawi is passionate about walking through the region and has done extensive research into biblical sites here: two Palestinian friends, united by a very apparent love of the land. "We're following caravan routes from thousands of years ago," said George. "Walking here and speaking to people we meet on our way is the only way to understand this place." So we did; an elderly shepherd leaning forward on his wooden stick as he sat on a rocky outcrop on a hilltop; the six boys from the refugee camp who had walked for miles to collect the potatoes left behind in the fields after the harvest; the old lady in traditional Palestinian dress, hanging her washing out, who was curious about the new faces going through her village. In between were vast swathes of tranquil, seemingly untouched, countryside."

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH  
*Traveling Faithfully*

Livingston Family

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

*(Micah 5:2)*

A candle burns...the second marker on our Advent journey. As we continue, may we travel faithfully. With each step, the God of journeys, speaks to us.

Musical Offering ✨

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*  
Rich, Becky, Mary, and Barb

Time with Children

Hymn of Adoration ✨

*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*  
NCH #419 (Verse 1)

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

*WE HEAR GOD'S WORD*  
*The Holy Scriptures*

Hebrew Lesson

*Malachi 3:1-4 (NRSV)*  
Rae Smith

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

The Message by Rev. Katie Penick

*Fire and Soap*

Contemplative Music ✦

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

### *WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD*

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

**With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream for the world through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.**

### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

John the Baptist stood by a river in the wilderness, crying, “Come! Come and experience God’s grace.” Christ stands at a table in the upper room, crying, “Come! Come and experience God’s grace.”

If you are yearning for someone to trust, come to the table. If you are longing for a sense of peace, come to the table. If you are hungry for joy in your heart, come to the table. If you are thirsty for life-changing love, come to the table. Come and meet your God. Come and find the eternal Christ, who welcomes you as his guest. Come to the table of grace.

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Praise to you O God, who formed the mountains and filled the seas, who set the sun to shine over the day and the moon to glow throughout the night. You have been faithful to your ancient promises to your people, whom you guided out of slavery and into freedom through fire and cloud and law. When your people turned away from your paths, you gave your prophets courage to speak words of your righteousness and justice. You comforted your people in their time of suffering and oppression, promising us that you are Immanuel, God-with-us.

In time you visited your people with a new word, a living word, a word made flesh to live among us. We remember the life of that Christ-child: born in a manger along with the poor and the outcast; driven from his homeland by cruel and frightened leaders; returning to grow into a teacher, a healer, and a friend. Jesus ate with sinners and brought sight to the blind, reclaiming a lost and scattered people in your name. Murdered by those he had come to save, Jesus rose again to prove that not fear, not sin, not even death can halt God's plan of love.

Remembering how you sent the light of the world into our darkness, we take from your creation these gifts of bread and cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await with hopeful hearts the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer all that we are to you as a holy sacrifice, to be your servants, your light to shine for all the world.

Great is the mystery of our faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Let us pray:

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, so that the bread we break and the cup we break may be the communion of the true Body of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ. Nourish us body and soul and send us out as the Body of Christ in the world. Teach us to sow hope where there is despair; peace where there is violence; joy where there is mourning; and love where there is hatred. We name in our hearts the places and people who need your presence... *(silence)*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.

## The Story

Jesus showed God's love to all, for while there was no room at the inn when he was born, he makes sure that there is room for all at his table, even for the one who would betray him.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

Sharing the Meal ✦

Prayer After Communion

**Holy One, we have met you at this table. Nourished by your holy food, send us out as one people, full of vision and courage, to prepare the way for your kingdom. Filled with your grace, show us how to live so that all may know your hope, your peace, your joy, and your love. We pray in the sacred name of Jesus Christ, child-king, divine Messiah, and Prince of Peace, Amen.**

Prayer of Our Savior

**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.**

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✦

*"Processional on an Old English Melody"*



*GO FORTH IN PEACE AND SERVE IN LOVE!*



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of December 5<sup>th</sup>



### Mask Policy

Not everyone is vaccinated, let us show our love for ALL of our neighbors by wearing our face masks at all times inside the Church, and by practicing social distancing when interacting with one another. *#RootedInLove*



### Advent Study



Our Advent Sunday School Study begins today at 9:45am. This class is offered as a hybrid option and is a joint class of all ages. After the lesson, the various classes will break into age-based groups for activities. Based on the beloved classic, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," this study will explore the faith story found within it.

To join virtually, use the Journeys connection information via Zoom by going to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling [301.715.8592](tel:301.715.8592), and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: [894 3614 5937](https://zoom.us/join) and Passcode: [536055](https://zoom.us/join).

### Gloves & Hats Collection

The Service Workers are collecting gloves and hats for children, ages 5-7 throughout the month of December. Any donations are greatly appreciated.



### Congregational Meeting



Our annual congregational meeting will be held after church on **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan to attend this important Church business session. We will be voting on:

- 2022's Proposed Budget
- A proposal to Change our Worship Time to 11am Year-Round
- New Consistory Nominees and Consistory Member's Renewing Terms:
  - Kim Ridenour (Term Renewal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Term)
  - Carroll Sager (Term Renewal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Consecutive Term)
  - Tina Shafer (Term Renewal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Consecutive Term)
  - Rich Owens (New Nominee, 1<sup>st</sup> Term)
  - Susie Clutz (New Nominee, 1<sup>st</sup> Term)
  - Alex Jones (New Nominee, 1<sup>st</sup> Term)
  - Calvin Livingston (New Nominee, 1<sup>st</sup> Term)

Informational documents are available at the church and will be made available online by noon, Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IXr36hE8bpzTftY-iCRIBzJ9Tx72wnHa?usp=sharing>

This business meeting of the church will be a hybrid meeting. For those desiring to participate virtually you will be able to join by Zoom. The meeting will go live immediately after worship. You will be able to join as early as noon. You can join by phone by dialing +13017158592 and entering the following credentials when prompted: Meeting ID: **301 739 7244**, Passcode: **Zion**. You can join by web at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3017397244?pwd=NjJ3U0owWnZPU21leXBYMIB5MzIPZz09>

# Joys & Concerns

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Happy Birthday to **John Dwyer** (Dec 5<sup>th</sup>) and **Jeanne Stoner** (Dec 10<sup>th</sup>). Happy Anniversary to **Peggy & Bob Lowman** (Dec 7<sup>th</sup>).



May this year of your lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of each of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your lives is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.

## *Prayer Requests*



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings and their loved ones: [Thomas Baker](#), [Beanie](#), [Brenda](#), [Holly Bell](#), [Carroll Borkman](#), [Naomi Brackett](#), [Linda Cantilena](#), [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), [Sonny Crebbs](#), [Ronald Curry](#), [Grace Elizabeth](#), [Dot Glasscock](#), [Beth Gross](#), [Kevin High](#), [Sherry Hockman](#), [Rev. Ann Holmes](#), [Ann Kalinoski](#), [Dee Krause](#), [Scott Krout](#), [Lagenfelder Family](#), [Minnich Family](#), [Peters Family](#), [Colleen Rand](#), [David Ridenour](#), [Betsy Roulette](#), [Daisy Schlotterbeck](#), [Norm & Lori Schmidt](#), [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), [Diana Shafer](#), [Staci Shafer](#), [Thelma Summers](#), [Eleanor Wible](#), and [Robert Yeoman](#).

*\*Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks and will be removed at that time unless renewed or requested to remain on the list long-term.*

## *Lector Ministry*



Lector this week is **Rae Smith**. Next week's scheduled lector is **Wells Ridenour**.

*\*If unable to serve as lector for your designated week, please let Michael know by the Wednesday prior to your scheduled date at [connectionssixeight@gmail.com](mailto:connectionssixeight@gmail.com) or 240.203.0854.*



**Consistory Meeting** – Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (Hybrid).

**Tuesday's Supper** – Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6:30pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.  
More Info at [www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048](https://www.facebook.com/events/344211243835048)

**Staff Meeting** – Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am (Burhans Room).

**Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club** – Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm via Zoom.  
<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID **815 1055 0627** Passcode **899733**.

**Christmas Fund Special Offering** – Sunday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>.



## An Advent Prayer for Peace

Advent Prayer based on Baruch 5:1-9.



Holy One, help me, and all who seek you, to remove our garments of sorrow and affliction and put on forever your beauty and glory. May we wear robes of your goodness and crowns of your glory, allowing your light to shine through us everywhere we go.

We know the time has come for us to arise and hold our heads high. Help us to trust your love enough to know we can gather from the west and the east, and live in the joy of your presence. I know that I, and everyone else, can be led away into the wilderness of destruction by poor choices. You, in your mercy and grace always call us back to your holy way of peace and glory. You have commanded us to lower those in high places and lift up those in low places, to create equity and justice so that all may live in your glory. You created the woods and every tree to offer shade for us. You will always lead us with joy, in the light of your glory, with mercy and righteousness that only come from your holy ways. Grant me the courage to follow your ways and bring peace into the world.

Amen.

### ADVENT CHALLENGE

**Each Day Add An Item To  
A Box And Take Time To  
Give Thanks And Pray.**

**On Christmas Eve Bring  
The Contents To Church  
And Make An Offering To  
The Zion Food Pantry**

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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*this Advent and Christmas seasons:*

**Advent 1 (hope) – November Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 11am**

**Advent 2 (peace) – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am**

*Our Advent Sunday School Study begins and continues through December 19<sup>th</sup>, and is offered in-person and virtually. To join virtually, use the Journeys connection information via Zoom by going to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: 894 3614 5937 and Passcode: 536055.*

**Advent 3 (joy) – December 12<sup>th</sup>, 11am**

*Congregational Meeting Immediately After Worship. (Details on page 7)*

**Advent 4 (love) – December 19<sup>th</sup>, 11am**

**Longest Night Service – December 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm**

*Tuesday's Supper begins at 5pm in the Chapel and Longest Night Service begins at 6pm in sanctuary.*

**Christmas Eve Service – December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

**Christmas 1: CAC Christmas Svc – December 26<sup>th</sup>, 11am**

*No in-person worship, join the Central Atlantic Conference Christmas Service at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7u3ox-o1Hn0d86bYvCclmw>*

**Christmas 2: Joyful Noise – January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am**

*Join us in the chapel to make a joyful noise as we celebrate our Savior's birth with an abbreviated service followed by a showing of the movie, "Joyful Noise".*

**Epiphany Sunday – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am**

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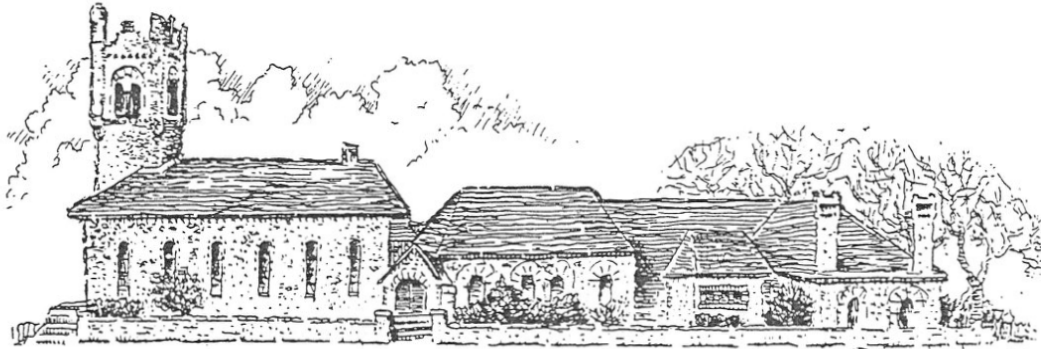
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