



ZION REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Sunday of Advent ☛ November 27th, 2022 ☛ 11 A.M.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Signs, Miracles, and Wanders



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Congregational Responses are in **Bold**.

Please silence all mobile devices.

✦ Indicates Music Selection.

↑ An invitation to stand.

Gathering Music ✦

Medley of Hope

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude to Worship ✦

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Words of Welcome

↑ Call to Community

Inspired by Psalm 122 & Isaiah 2:15

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Giver of hope!"

We come today with eager expectation. Our feet are standing within God's gates.

Come, let us go up to the mountain that the Giver may teach us the way of peace.

We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted with grateful praise.

We gather at the edge of the throne of justice.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

↑Opening Hymn ✦

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
The Hymnal #126 (Red)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ridenour Family

Lighting a candle in the darkness helps us find our way. In darkness we lose direction. We cannot see where we have been or where we are going. A single candle, flickering brightly, helps us find our way again.

"Stir up your might and come to save us. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:2b-3).

The first candle is lit.

Choral Response ✦ *(as candle is lit)*

Verse 3 of "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Red Hymnal #108

How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Let us pray:

God, on this first Sunday in Advent, let this light shine brightly as the days grow shorter, so that we will be ready for your face to shine upon us at Christmas. In the Savior's name we pray. Amen.

Choral Anthem ✧

"This Little Babe"
The Zion Choir

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: *The Future House of God*

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSVUE)
Lector: Carol Mooers

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Choral Response ✧

Refrain from "O Come All Ye Faithful"
Red Hymnal #112

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Second Reading: *The Necessity of Watchfulness*

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSVUE)
Rev. Katie Penick

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Message

Come to the Waiting Place

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Invitation to Give

Offertory ✨

"A Virgin Most Pure, the Prophets Foretold"

Offertory Response ✨

Verse 4 of "In Bleak Mid-Winter"

Black Hymnal # 128

What can I offer, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;
but what I can I offer: all my heart.

Blessing Our Gifts

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community,

We dedicate these gifts.

For the ways it'll help us live out God's mission.

We dedicate these gifts.

Let these gifts strengthen our call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly.

Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

↑ Koinonia Hymn ✨

"Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand"

The Hymnal #93 (Red Hymnal)

Invitation

May the God of comfort be with you.

And may you see the God of hope with you.

Open wide our anxious hearts!

We open them to God's peace.

Let us give thanks and share our joy.

In this space and time, we offer God our love and praise.

The Story

Blessing the Meal

Sharing the Meal ✨

Light of Zion Medley

*All bread on the communion table is gluten-free to be inclusive of all God's children.
God's table is open to all! Anyone who desires to participate in communion is welcome to do so.
The communion table offers a choice of wine or grape juice and gluten-free bread for all.*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body, for hope that we begin to see, and for comfort from the Prince of Peace, we share our gratitude, Gracious God. Encourage us in these shortened days. Through the long nights of this season, may your hope carry us until dawn arrives again, as we join our voices together in our common prayer...

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.**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH

↑ Closing Hymn ✦

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"
NCH Hymnal #117 (Black)

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service ✦

"Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella"

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!



 **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS** 
Week of November 27th

Christmas Poinsettias

Help decorate our sanctuary with Christmas poinsettias this Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia(s) in honor of or in memory of a loved one this Christmas season for a donation of \$10. Poinsettias will be on display beginning Christmas Eve and through January 1st at which time they can be taken home by donor. Order forms available in vestibule.

Congregational Meeting and Cards, Carols, & Cookies

The Zion Consistory announces the winter congregational meeting session to be held December 11th DURING worship. The agenda will consist of discussing and voting on the 2023 budget, and consistory 2023 nominees. All members are encouraged to participate in this important business meeting! Budget proposals can be picked-up for review from the vestibule or online at www.zionreformed.church/winter-mtg. Virtual participants can worship online as usual and connect via ZOOM for the congregational meeting segment.

Upon completion of the congregational meeting, we invite you to join us for Cookies, Cards, and Carols in the Chapel. Bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share while we sing carols and sign cards.

The following members will continue their currently elected terms:

Elders - Kim Ridenour, Michael Jones, Carroll Sager, Tina Shafer, Susie Clutz.
Deacons – Rich Owens and Calvin Livingston.

The following nominees have stepped up to serve on the Consistory from 2023 to 2025, if elected:
Megan Shroyer (Deacon), Matt McDonald (Deacon), and Jean Simmons (Deacon).

The following member(s) desire to renew for a second term, if approved by the congregation:
Carol Mooers (Elder).

Don't Forget to Make Your Pledge!

2023 Pledge Cards are available! Please prayerfully consider how you can support the church in daily outreach and ministry programming with your time, talent, and treasures. Ministry volunteer sheets are in the back of the Chapel to commit your time to any of the various ministries and outreach programs such as Tuesday's Supper, Altar Guild, Children's Church, Sunday School, Multimedia, and more. Pledge Cards are requested to be turned in by December 4th for budgeting purposes, but you can give any time throughout the year. Drop your pledge card in the box located in the back of the Chapel or mail to the Church. We do appreciate your kindness. Thank you for giving freely of your time, talent and treasure!

R.E.A.C.H. Cold Weather Shelter Needs You!

The Cold Weather Shelter has been open since October and is filling up to capacity each night. They are looking for volunteers to assist them in the evenings when they are open with hospitality, meal preparation, meal service, laundry, front desk, and more throughout the winter season. They are in special need for volunteers throughout this week. Contact R.E.A.C.H. if you are able to help out at 301.733.2171 X114. They can also use donations of towels, underwear, and socks that you could donate when you volunteer!



Our Joys & Concerns

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. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with 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 in Ukraine and around the world and to pray with and for our Zion siblings: [Eric B.](#), Holly Bell, [Naomi Brackett](#), Jeff Cannedy, [Linda Cantilena](#), Richard Cantilena, [Cisco](#), [Kim & Bill Cook](#), Ronald Curry Sr., [Joanna and Derrick Garber](#), Carol Garland, [Michael Graff Jr. \(son of Sue and Mike\)](#), Beth Gross, [Hart Family](#), Jim & Donna Hatfield, [Sherry Hockman](#), Lyn Hoffmaster, [Jane Hollabaugh](#), Paul Hose, [Ann Kalinoski](#), Rhondda Kane, [Alyssa Kline](#), Dee Krause, [LaBombard Family](#), Livingston Family, [Sofia Martinez](#), Dee McGlauchkin, [Mia](#), Barry & Amy Newlin, [Annie Penick](#), James Penick, [Mark Plotner](#), Price Family, [Colleen Rand](#), David Ridenour, [Betsy Roulette](#), Verna Rosenfield, [Claudia Ruth](#), Norm & Lori Schmidt, [Ralph & Scherry Sellers](#), Staci Shafer, [Thelma Summers](#), Tracy Roach Walls, [Eleanor Wible](#), Eric Wolbring, [Robert Yeoman](#), and the Ziegler Family.

**Prayer Requests remain active on the prayer list for 4-weeks unless renewed.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to **Chris Emmert** (Nov 30th), **Matthew Cook** (Dec 1st), and **Rich Owens** (Dec 2nd). May this year of your life/lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of YOU. We hope and pray that this year of your life is filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, may you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



Helping Hands Schedule

Lector Today: Calvin Livingston
Ushers Today: Team 1

Lector Next Sunday: Carol Mooers
Ushers Next Sunday: Team 2

Face Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines



Please continue to socially distance when interacting with those outside of your immediate family, sit in alternating pews as indicated, and mask when not seated for worship. These actions help show our love for one another in action and keeps our doors open for all.

Daily COVID Rate in Wash. Co: 7.10% as of Nov 17th (*[Wash Co. Coronavirus Dashboard](#))

7-day COVID average for Wash. Co: 8.7% with 19 hospitalizations as of Nov 9th (*[Merit Health](#))

Human MonkeyPox Outbreak: 732 cases throughout the state of MD (*[MD Health Dept](#))

Important Dates This Week

Christian Ed Team Meeting – November 28th

Giving Tuesday – November 29th – Support Tuesday's Supper and One-Stop Shop
More Info: www.facebook.com/events/3304618336461267

ONA Team Meeting – November 29th, 12:30pm (Burhans Room)

Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop – November 29th from 5-6:30pm (Fellowship Hall)

World AIDS Day – December 1st

Check out the UCC's HIV/AIDS Ministry page at

www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/justice/health-and-wholeness-advocacy-ministries/health_hiv_aids

Thursday Lunch Bunch – December 1st at 11:30am (Hybrid)

www.zionreformed.church/thursday

Choir Practice – December 1st at 4pm (Chapel)

Downtown Hagerstown 4-H Club – December 1st at 4:30pm (Burhans Room)

See Kim Ridenour for more information



Spreading God's love by providing hot meals, warm hearts, and food assistance for over 20 years in partnership with Maryland Food Bank, First Christian Church, Unity of Hagerstown, and YOU!

Tuesday's Supper and 1-Stop Shop currently assist over 200 neighbors each week by providing nourishment, love, and a safe-space. Tuesday's Supper provides a warm meal each week to over 100 neighbors that are hungry, many of whom are homeless. 1-Stop Shop provides food items to over 100 neighbors to complement their home pantry, ensuring they have basic food items to help prepare their family meals. Zion Reformed UCC with the help from our partner churches, First Christian Church and Unity of Hagerstown prepare these meals and provide them FREE of charge to our neighbors.

In this time of thanksGIVING, consider making a one-time (or recurring) donation to Zion Reformed UCC's Tuesday's Supper/1-Stop Shop for Giving Tuesday.

- Make a monetary donation today designated for "Giving Tuesday" at www.zionreformed.church/give or mail to Zion Reformed UCC, 201 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740.
- Contact the Church Office to find out how you can volunteer your time to assist with receiving/stocking of food, meal preparation, Tuesday evening meal service, fundraising or grant writing, let us know.

Any help that you can provide, food donation, time, and/or monetary is greatly appreciated by Zion Reformed UCC, our partners, and our neighbors.

We thank you in advance for your gift today!
Your Tuesday's Supper & 1-Stop Shop Teams

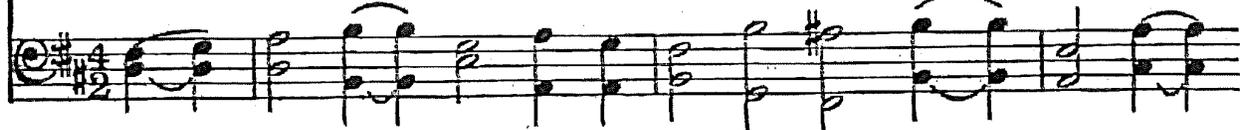
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

The Hymnal #126 (Black Hymnal)

In moderate time



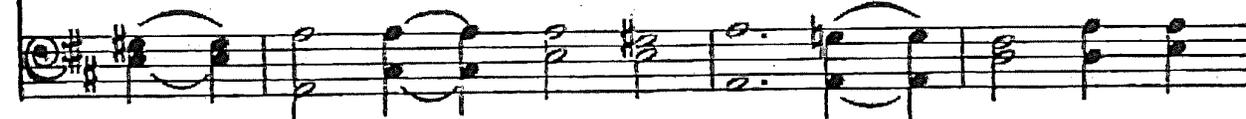
1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown, When Thou cam - est to
2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro - claim - ing Thy
3. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing Word That should set Thy
4. When the heavens shall ring, and the an - gels sing At Thy com - ing to



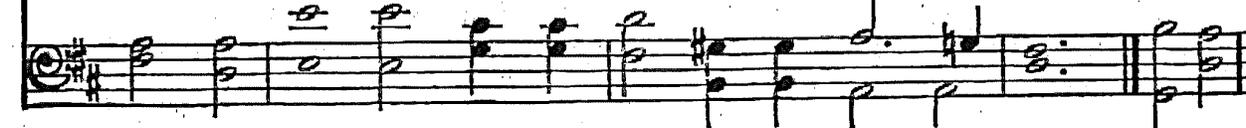
earth for me; But in Beth - le - hem's home there was found no room
roy - al de - gree; But in low - ly birth didst Thou come to earth,
chil - dren free; But with mock - ing scorn and with crown of thorn
vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home, say - ing, "Yet there is room,



For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty. O come to my
And in great hu - mil - i - ty. O come to my
They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry. O come to my
There is room at my side for thee." And my heart shall re -



heart, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart for Thee!
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joyce, Lord Je - sus: There is room in my heart, for Thee! A - MEN.



Arise, the Kingdom is at Hand

The Hymnal #93 (Red Hymnal)

In marked rhythm

1. A - rise, the king-dom is at hand, The King is draw-ing nigh;
2. Look up, ye droop-ing hearts, to - day, The King is ver - y near;
3. O rich the gifts Thou bring-est us, Thy - self made poor and weak;

A - rise with joy, thou faith-ful band, To meet the Lord most high!
O cast your griefs and fears a - way, For, lo, your help is here!
O love be - yond com- pare that thus Can foes and sin - ners seek!

Look up, ye souls weighed down with care, The Sov-ereign is not far;
Hope on, ye bro - ken hearts, at last The King comes in His might;
For this we raise a glad - some voice On high to Thee a - lone,

Look up, faint hearts, from your de-spair, Be - hold the Morn-ing Star!
He loved us in the a - ges past, When we lay wrapped in night.
And ev - er - more with thanks re-joice Be - fore Thy glo-rious throne. A-MEN.

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

The New Century Hymnal #117 (Black Hymnal)



- 1 Lift up your heads, O might-y gates; be-hold the glo - rious Rul - er waits!
- 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple, set a - part
- 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to you; here, Christ, a - bide!
- 4 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and no - bler life be - gin;



The Sov - ereign One is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
From earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
Let me your in - ner pres - ence feel; your grace and love in me re - veal.
Your Ho - ly Spir - it guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.



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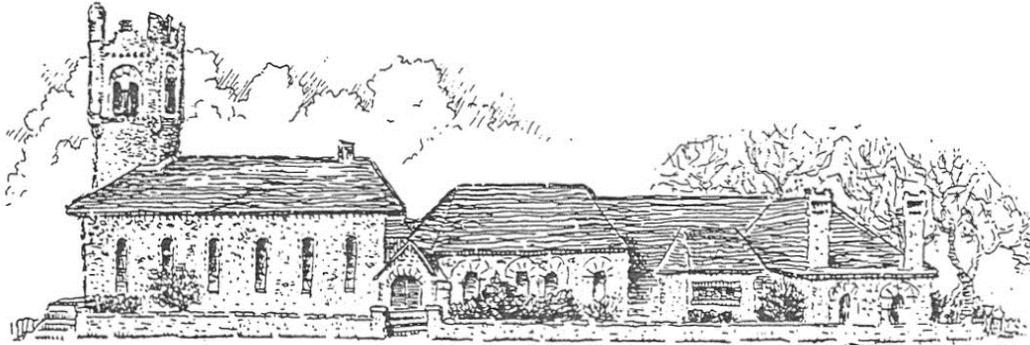
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