

Advent Book Study

Those who signed up for the upcoming Advent Study, may pick up your book and reading schedule in the narthex on the table. Please be sure to take the copy with your name on the front. Our first session will be on Tuesday, November 29th, at 10am. You may pay for your book at the first session or pay Jenny in the office.

Zion Advent Wreath Lighting

We need volunteers-singles, couples, friends, pew mates, etc-to light the Advent Wreath for upcoming Sundays, as well as for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. The liturgy will be sent to you the week prior. The sign up sheets are in the back of the church. Your help is needed and appreciated.

St. Paul's Information Session

November 27th at 1pm in the Zion sanctuary, there will be an information session to share an update on our search for a future home. Please join us as we share what our options are at this time. Thank you and look forward to seeing you there!

Sympathies

Our sympathy and prayers are with Jennifer and Thomas Weber on the death of Jennifer's mother, Joyce Usry.

Rev. J.D. Rose, Pastor

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Jenny Hammer, Office Manager

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"Last Breaths"
November 20, 2022
10:30 am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ringing of the Church Bells

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude Combined Handbell Choir

*Call to Worship

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: We gather to celebrate another day that God has kept us.

One: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

Many: We gather to bear witness to all that God has done for us.

One: Come, behold the works of God!

Many: We gather to worship our God who loves and protects us.

*Hymn "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" #275

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

It's so easy for us to get caught up in our human-made divisions. Whether survival instincts or capitalistic drive, we separate ourselves from those who don't look, think, or act like us. We unintentionally allow our differences to stain the beauty of your diversity. Our many different households, family structures, belief systems, and various identities become tools of divisiveness rather than gifts of the divine.

*Words of Assurance

Even when we cling to the things that unnecessarily separate us, God unscatters us. No matter who we are or what has brought us to this very moment, God chooses to love us back to wholeness, individually and communally. Hallelujah and amen!

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Flute Solo by Ally Donnelly

Response "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Amen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

We're grateful for your invitation to move and give faithfully and abundantly, God. We ask that you would extend your blessings over these gifts that we now offer so that they can be multiplied in service to you and the missions of this congregation. May it be so! Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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. Amen.

*Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #715

Scripture Luke 22: 33-46

Sermon "Last Breaths"

*Closing Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #560

*Benediction

*Postlude