

If you are a guest with us, welcome! We are glad you are here. Below is some information that may be helpful to you joining us in worship.

Nursery Information:

A volunteer staffed Nursery is available during worship. You may find the Nursery by exiting the Sanctuary entry doors and turning right and going into the glass doors to the part of the building behind the Sanctuary. The Nursery can be found by going up the stairs and then to the left, down the hall, and left again. Often, one or two of our Zion hosts will be sitting at the top of the stairs to assist you.

Worship Information:

During our service, we will be saying the Lord's Prayer and singing the Doxology. If you do not know the words, please find them below.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The 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

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"A Story of Joy"
December 11, 2022
9:00 am

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

One: We gather in preparation

Many: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

One: We gather in expectation

Many: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

One: We gather in celebration

**Many: for we are those people who have said
yes to the manger,
yes to love enfleshed,
yes to the one incarnate for others,
yes to the wholeness of God.**

One: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

*Invocation (in unison)

God of goodness and light, we gather here to thank you for blessing us with reasons to smile. We lift up praise in song to your name and tell the tales of your kindness to us. We open our hearts to receive anew the joy that your presence fills us with; a joy beyond anything else the world can offer. Be with us as we do. Amen.

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" #129

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response "Creator of the Stars of Night" #127 (vs 1)

() All who are able please stand when noted.*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Special Music "Come Now Our King"
(August & Barnes)

Scripture Luke 1: 26-38

Sermon "A Story of Joy"

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Arr. Larson & Bock)

Response "Doxology"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Gracious and loving God, may we offer our gifts with joy in our hearts. May the gifts collected here find their way into your service and be used up in joy. And may the moments of devotion where these gifts are employed create joy in the hearts who receive them. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" # 125

*Benediction

*Postlude