

Mt. Zion Worship Sheet Dec. 17, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader: The angel tells Mary to not be afraid, for she has found favor with God and will bear a son. He brings peace through the God who is love.

PEOPLE: He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom, there will be no end. (Luke 1:33)

Video

Opening Hymn.....**Joy to the World**.....**UMH 246**

Opening Prayer

Here we are, your servants, Lord. Let your Holy Spirit come over us, setting us apart to be your Faithful followers all of our days. Amen

Special Music

Christmastime

The Faithful Few

Children's Moments

This, this is where children belong. Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song. This is where children belong.

Joys and concerns (**Please speak loudly**)

Prayer Song **Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.**

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

Pastoral prayer and The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, which are 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.

Scripture Lesson: **LUKE 1:26-38 Jesus Birth Foretold**

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee, to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David's house. The virgin's name was Mary. When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and he will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father. He will rule over Jacob's house forever, and there will be no end to his kingdom. Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?" The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God." Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said". Then the angel left her.

Hymn of Preparation.....**To a Maid Engaged to Joseph.....UMH 215**

Video

Message

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Closing hymn.....**Love Came Down at Christmas.....UMH 242**

Benediction & Choral Benediction

O Holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us today.

Cast out of sin and enter in. Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels; the great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us. Our Lord, Emmanuel.