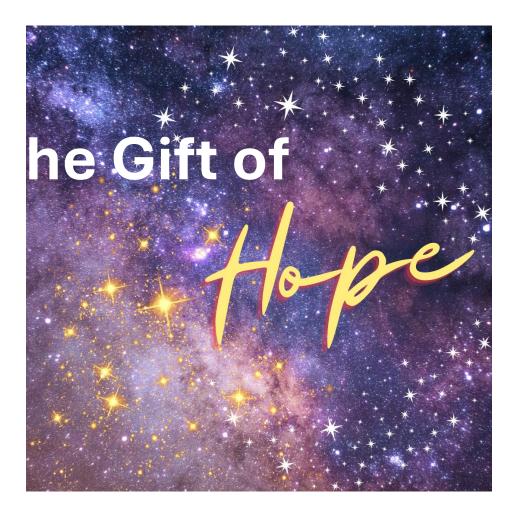
Mt. Zion UMC Sunday, December 1, 2024 Advent Week 1



Opening Hymn – UMH 234 O Come, All Ye Faithful vs. 1-4

Opening Prayer:

Faithful God, we gather in this season of Advent with hearts expectant and full of hope. Thank You for the gift of Your promises, fulfilled in the coming of Christ, a hope that anchors us in life's storms and assures us of Your faithfulness. As we prepare our hearts for the celebration of His birth, renew our trust in Your unchanging love. Teach us to wait with patience and joy for His glorious return. Let this gift of hope shine in our lives, guiding us to share Your light with a world longing for peace. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Kindle the flame of hope, may it burn bright and true Lighting the way that is of God, the journey we pursue.

Children's Moments –

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray, Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

Special Music – Christmas is Coming!

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Song – Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

Pastoral Prayer/**The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

Hymn of Preparation - UMH 215 To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

Pre-Message Video Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14 Message – *Experience the Gift of Hope* – Pastor Shawn

Communion Hymn – UMH 618 Let Us Break Bread Together vs 1-3 Celebration of Holy Communion

Offertory/Doxology No. 95

Closing Hymn – UMH 236 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks vs. 1,2,6 Benediction

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Parting Song – UMH No 230 vs. 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us We pray; cast out our 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!

Shepherd's Staff is collecting new winter coats for those in need. Please continue to donate food to the goat.

Advent begins today. Join us for a Worship Season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Next Sunday, December 8th is our Second Sunday Holiday Brunch immediately following Worship. Mt. Zion will provide turkey, ham and salads. Please bring a dessert to share. Your contacts are Melanie Stranix and Becky Knop.

Bring your Christmas cards for the congregation and leave them on the table in the Social Hall. The "Mt. Zion Mail Elf" will deliver them.

Prayer List

David Anderson Nicole Beeson Anna Biebl Judith Biovjorro Peggy Bosley Marty Brown Sharon Briggs Dick Carter Martha Carter Mikie Conrad Charles Cooper Tracey Davidson Matthew Davis Olivia Davis Barb Diaz Jean Gartrell Cindy Grabow Dick Haught Barb & Bob Hayes Don Hennessee Jeanette Holdert & Family David Gore Carol, Fran, Jan Marilynn, Susan	Diane Gavalik Peggy James Elizabeth Kirby Mathew Major Val McNeal Rev. Dr. Laura Lee Morgan Joe Otto Lois Pulket The Ulrich Family David Richards Allen & Geri Rhodes Jenny Stranix Nancy Strong Brennen Summers Joan Tighe Robert Tighe Jane Unger Rick Valway Michelle & Vance Valway Chris Vollmerhausen Robert Wells Cliff Yingling Julie Chamberlain
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