

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



Countdown/Pre-Service Video/ Prelude/**This is the Day**
Welcome/Birthdays – Anniversaries/Announcements

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

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

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