## WELCOME!

We're glad you're here! If you are a newcomer, visitor, or guest:

- Please take a **Zion coffee mug** from the welcome table in the foyer!
- **Nursery** is provided for infants and toddlers through age 3 during Sunday school and the morning worship service.
- **Sunday School** classes for children, youth, and adults are available at the 10:15 education hour.
- Busy Bags for young children are hanging on racks at the back of the worship hall.
- Please explore the rest of your worship folder for opportunities to connect and serve at Zion. We're glad you're here!

## WORSHIP AT ZION

The Zion worship service has a structure and sequence that reflects the way scripture shows how God meets his people. God has made himself known to the world in Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, who took on human flesh, bled and died for our sins, rose from the dead, ascended to the Father's right hand, intercedes for us now, and will come again to receive us at the end. The church assembles on the Lord's day to name the name of Jesus, which is above every name.

- We enter his courts with thanksgiving and praise
- We kneel before him in confession and repentance
- We stand and hear again the Gospel's promise of mercy and forgiveness
- We bring our tribute offerings to our King
- We hear the voice of God from scripture
- We eat at the table Jesus has provided for us
- We depart with his blessing and promise that He will be with us until he comes for us again.

## THE MISSION OF ZION CHURCH

By God's grace Zion Church will be a Christ-centered ministry committed to worship God by proclaiming the truth of Scripture and relating to one another on the basis of the transforming power of the Gospel.

As God's people living in community, we will equip one another to pour out our lives for Christ at home, in the city, on the campus, across the Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision rests upon the supernatural work of Christ who alone can build His church through the Spirit's work in our lives together.

# ZION CHURCH

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

# 23 February 2025

Jesus intentionally invested in the lives of a few to impart His own life, God's Word, and the Gospel...in such a way that those few became mature and equipped disciples, through the power of the Holy Spirit...and did the same in the lives of others as they engaged with the lost world through prayer, word and deed.

## LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

**+** Gathering Hymn – O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord (Trinity Hymnal #6)

Welcome and Announcements

## **ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP**

### + Call to Worship Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

## + Come Into His Presence With Singing

Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord! (Trinity Hymnal #19) The Voice of the Lord (Psalm 29) Be Thou My Vision

## Prayer of Praise and 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.

## **Preparation for Confession** Numbers 14:18-19a

" 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.' Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love."

## **Song of Contrition** – *Agnus Dei*

#### Silent Confession of Sin

*Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.* 

## Winter and Spring Adult Sunday School Schedule

-Discovering the Master's Method of Making Disciples – all adults and youth Taught by Pastors Kirk and Chambers

January 26:T(Truth)February 2:E(Equip)February 9:A(Accountability)February 16:M(Mission)February 23:S(Supplication)

March 2: No Sunday School – please plan to attend an all-church brunch after the 9am worship service! George and Geoff will be providing homemade biscuits and gravy, and there are other volunteer positions available for you! Please contact Evann Gardels with questions: egardels77@gmail.com

## March 9 through May 18:

-Toward the Establishment of a Women's Ministry Leading All to Maturity and Many to Leadership – all women Led by Pastor Kirk and a team of experienced Women's Ministry leaders

## -Toward the Establishment of a Men's Ministry

Leading All to Maturity and Many to Leadership – all men

Led by Pastor Chambers and a team of experienced Men's Ministry leaders



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#### Juniper Refuge Opportunities

Zion supports Juniper Refuge, a ministry that provides connection and engagement between Americans and refugees living here. Juniper Refuge needs volunteers to pray, teach, and forge relationships with the people they serve. Visit their website (juniperrefuge.org) or contact Debbie Schafer (debbieschaf@gmail.com) for more info.

#### **Coffee & Conversation**

All Zion women are invited to join the fellowship group Coffee & Conversation. The group meets regularly for events to bolster friendship and community. Contact Lori Osberg: lsosberg@hotmail.com

#### Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/visit

Zion's Corporate Public Worship Service is held at 9am each Sunday in the Worship Hall. The service streams to Facebook (@zionpca), zionpca.com/livestream, and YouTube @ZionPCA

#### Contact Us

Please reach out to us! You can contact the Elders at session@zionpca.com, the Deacons at deacons@zionpca.com, and all other communication can be sent to office@zionpca.com.

#### How to Give at Zion: zionpca.com/give

God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the black box on the foyer table, or in the secure dropbox in the main office. To give online, use this QR code, go to zionpca.com/give, or Venmo @Zion-Church-2.



## Jan-Dec 2024 Giving

Budget: \$890K Giving: \$896K Expenses: \$880K

#### **+ Declaration of Grace** *Titus 3:4-7*

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Giving Moment – We Give Thee But Thine Own

## WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Children are always welcome in the main worship hall.

We also stream the service in the Hearth Room at the north end of the front hallway.

#### Preaching of the Word

Title: "Work Out What God Works In" Text: Philippians 2:12-30

#### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

All baptized Christians who are members in good standing with their home congregation are welcome to join us at the Lord's table today.

The communion trays have wine in the outside ring of wine-colored cups and a juice option in the inner ring of clear cups.

#### + Hymn of Celebration – And Can It Be (Trinity Hymnal #455)

#### **+** Benediction

Postlude

#### Philippians 2:12-30

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. 23 I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, 24 and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need, 26 for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. 27 Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. 29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men, 30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

#### Weekly Ways to Connect: zionpca.com/groups

Sundays, 8:00am: **Prayer in Library** (everyone welcome!) Sundays, 9:00am: **Worship Service** Sundays, 10:15am: **Education Hour for all ages** Tuesdays, 9:30am: **Women's Bible Study** (contact Amy Handeland) Wednesdays, 6:00pm: **Connection Meal for all** 

7:00pm: **Kids Club, youth group, adult classes – nursery provided** Thursdays, 6:30am: **Men's Bible Study** (*contact Lee Grossman*) Saturdays, 8:15am: **Foodnet Distribution** (*you can help*!)

#### Senior Pastor Seach Committee

The Senior Pastor Search Committee members elected by the congregation are: Ann Bender, Jill Greff, David Houfek, and Lilly Young. These four will join our two Session representatives, John Anderson and Howard Huffman, along with one Deacon representative, Scott Nelson. Thank you to every member who was on the ballot and who participated in the voting process!

#### Zion Grand Prix - New Date!

Due to the weather cancellations for the past two Wednesdays, there will be one additional Wednesday Connection night added to the calendar: April 9. The date of the Pinewood Derby will be pushed to the following week, April 16.

#### **Wednesday Connection Night**

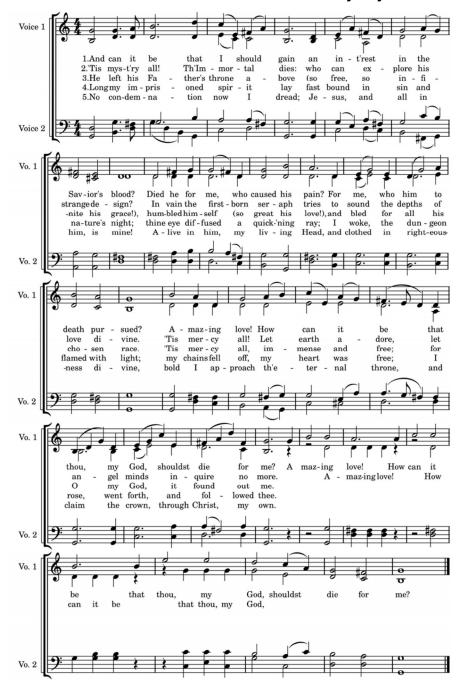
Our weekly Wednesday Connection Night starts with dinner from 6-7pm, then an option for everyone from 7-8pm: nursery, Kid's Club, youth group, small groups, and a class for adults about martyrs led by Pastor David.

#### Ash Wednesday Service

Zion will be holding an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary at 7pm on March 5. The elementary school kids are invited to sing Psalm 130 with Pastor Keith during the service, and they will have a short rehearsal immediately following the worship service on Sunday, March 2. Kids should meet Pastor Keith at the front of the Sanctuary to practice singing on the platform.

#### March 2: All-Church Brunch (see details on page 15)

And Can It Be That I Should Gain – Trinity Hymnal #455



"Work Out What God Works In" Philippians 2:12-30 Sermon Notes: 23 February 2025





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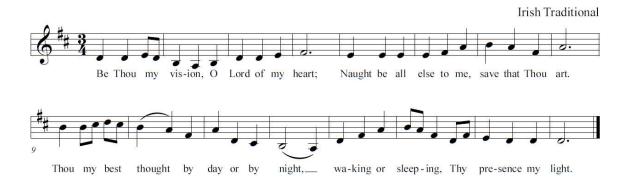


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## The Voice of the Lord (Psalm 29)



# Be Thou My Vision



2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father; I thy true son; thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.