

TRANSFORMED BY GRACE POURED OUT FOR OTHERS

5 February 2023 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

"...nobody can prove the truth of Christianity except the Holy Spirit...It is the sovereign prerogative of Christ's Spirit to convince men's consciences of the truth of Christ's gospel; and Christ's human witnesses must learn to ground their hopes of success not on clever presentation of the truth by man, but on powerful demonstration of the truth by the Spirit."

-- J.I. Packer, Knowing God, p. 71

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 children up to age 3 during Sunday school and both morning services.
- Sunday School classes for children, youth, and adults are at 9:45.
- **Children's Church** is also available in the 11:00 service for children ages 3-5. The children gather just before the sermon and return during the final hymn.
- 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.

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song — *The Voice of the Lord*

Welcome and Announcements

ENTRANCE TO WORSHIP

+ Call to Worship *Habakkuk* 3:2

O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND PRAISE

† Come Into His Presence With Singing

Holy, Holy, Holy (Trinity Hymnal 100) O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

Pastoral Prayer 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 *Matthew 5:19-20*

Leader: Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

All: For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Silent Confession of Sin

† Declaration of Grace 1 Corinthians 2:2, 4-5

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

† Song of Gratitude

Gloria Patri

Reception of New Members

Quinn Christy, Gail Blankenau (8:30)

(In the 11:00 Service, children ages 3, 4, and 5 may be dismissed for Children's Church)

WORSHIP THROUGH WORD AND SACRAMENT

Preaching of the Word

Series: The Apostles' Creed

Title: "I Believe in the Holy Spirit" **Text**: John 14:15-25 (*pew Bible p. 901*)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Special Music: In The Valley

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

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

† Hymn of Celebration

Be Thou My Vision (Trinity Hymnal 642)

† Benediction

Postlude

The Apostles' Creed "I Believe in the Holy Spirit"

John 14:15-25 (pew Bible p. 901)

Sermon Notes: 5 February 2023

Big Idea: Christians must keep the Father's commandments, because the Holy Spirit empowers them.

Problem: Everyone experiences a lack of power to accomplish what they want.

The Spirit empowers Christians through $\operatorname{\mathsf{His}}$

I. Revealing

II. Inspiring

III. Illuminating

John 14:15-25

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. 25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

Questions for Further Discussion:

- Jesus gives a stark commandment in v. 15. What is the promise of v. 16 that is coupled with it? What is the further promise in v. 17? What is the further promise in v. 18?
- How do the four verses above work together to bring comfort to the Christian?
- Who is Jesus speaking to in this passage? To what is he referring in v. 19 when he says "you will see me" to them? How can that verse be true for Christians now who have never seen Jesus?
- How is it different than seeing Jesus when it says in v. 21 that he will manifest himself to his disciples? Are seeing and manifesting the same thing?
- How can v. 26 help you answer the previous question?
- How do we see the whole Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) at work in this passage? Why does that matter?

Weekly Events: zionpca.com/groups

Tuesdays, 9:30am: Women's Bible study in the Hearth Room (1 Samuel)

Wednesdays, 6:00pm: Zion Connection

Thursdays, 6:30am: Men's Bible study in the Coffee House (Book of Luke)

Saturdays, 8:30am: Foodnet Distribution—zionpca.com/foodnet

Upcoming Events: zionpca.com/calendar

RUF Chili Night: February 10

Zion needs volunteers to host RUF chili feeds at Zion! RUF is the PCA supported college-aged ministry on the UNL campus. Our next RUF Chili Night is February 10. To help with the March 9th night, please contact Pastor Tag at tag@zionpca.com.

Juniper Refuge Volunteer Opportunity: February 11

Zion and Juniper Refuge will host the first of four financial literacy classes for Afghan refugees on February 11th. Contact tag@zionpca.com if you'd like to help with hospitality at any of these Saturday classes.

Baby Shower for Cassie Muilenberg: February 19

All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Cassie Muilenburg, Sunday, February 19th, 2:30pm at Diane Downing's home (8621 Echo Ct): a ramp is provided off the end of the driveway. If you would like to go in on a group gift, contact Lynn at office@zionpca.com.

Lenten Lament Services: February 22, ...

Come and worship at our Lament Services this Lenten season: **Ash Wednesday** (February 22), two **Sunday evening** services (March 5 and 19), and **Good Friday** (April 7). All services will be at 7:00pm. Join us as we engage in biblical lament over our sin and suffering, as well as find hope and comfort in the gospel.

Sunday Mornings: zionpca.com/plan-a-visit

8:30: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall Streaming to zionpca.com/livestream & Facebook (@zionpca)

9:45: Education Hour for all ages

11:00: Corporate Public Worship in the Worship Hall Streaming to Hearth Room

Zion Connection: Wednesdays 6:00

Come and connect with each other on Wednesdays!

Dinner served beginning at 6pm. This week: chili. Please email connection@zionpca.com with any food allergies.

From 7-8pm, we have places for all ages: nursery, Kids Club, youth group (ZYG), and two groups for adults: a survey of Proverbs with Pastor Tag, and a book discussion with Pastor Stu: *Doing Life With Your Adult Children* by Jim Burns.

Contact Frances Bernhardson and Rachel Papik at connection@zionpca.com to serve on a kitchen or cleanup team.

Nursery: zionpca.com/nursery

The Zion Nursery blesses families by allowing parents to worship and serve while knowing their children are in safe and loving hands. Nursery care is available during both services and the Education Hour. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact our nursery director **Kelsey Nyenhuis** (nursery@zionpca.com).

How to Give at Zion

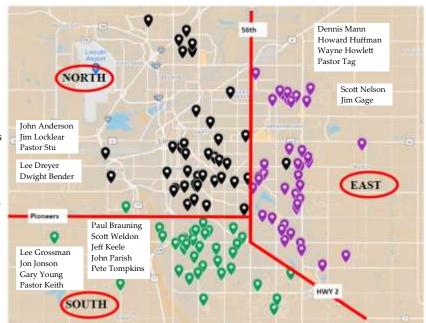
God provides all we have, and Christians return a portion of that in thanksgiving. You can put cash and checks in the offering **box in the foyer**, or use this QR code to go to our website's giving page (**zionpca.com/give**). You can also Venmo @**Zion-Church-2**.



Where Are You?

For service, small groups, and social events, we have three Adult Fellowships based on your location in Lincoln:

- North: North of Pioneers Boulevard, and west of 56th Street
- South: South of Pioneers Boulevard, and south of Highway 2
- East: East of 56th Street and north of Highway 2

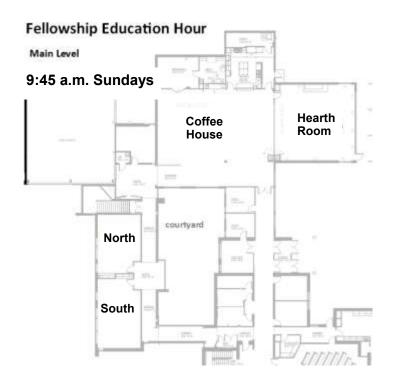


Adult Electives

North Classroom - Pastor Keith Pastoral Epistles

South Classroom - Jon Papik Ecclesiastes

Hearth Room - Pastor Tag Romans (chapters 9-16)





Hymn of Winter, A.J. Blustin

You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. $Psalm \ 74:17$

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The Voice of the Lord (Psalm 29)



Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8



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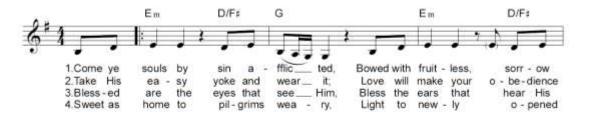
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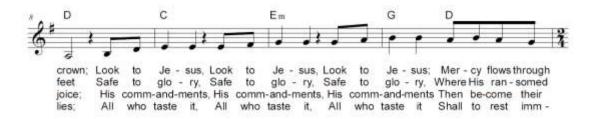


Come Ye Souls By Sin Afflicted

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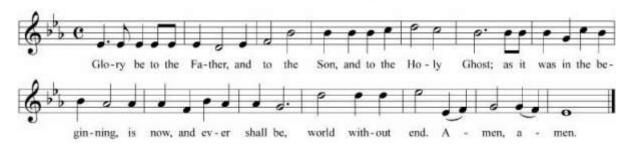


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Gloria Patri



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Communion Music this Morning

In the Valley (Bless the Lord) By T. Challies, J. Robinson, R. Thompson

When the path that I feared is the way He has set And I long to give in and retreat Still to Jesus I hold, as I face every step For the Lord He will give me His peace

Bless the Lord! He will give me His peace (2x) And if I should remain in the valley today Bless the Lord, He will give me His peace

When the road that I tread fills my heart with despair And it seems that my grief has no end Still to Jesus I hold, who will walk with me there And the Lord, He will give me His strength

Bless the Lord! He will give me his strength (2x) And if I should remain in the valley today
Bless the Lord, He will give me His strength

On the road that You walked with the weight of the cross All my pain and my sorrow You held So to you I shall hold; you redeem every loss For my Lord, you have given yourself

Bless the Lord! For He gives me Himself (2x) And if I should remain in the valley today Bless the Lord, For He gives me Himself

Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7



COMMITTED TO GOD'S TRUTH

We believe in a holy God who exists eternally in three persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible is the written word of God, and we hold to it as our authority in all matters of faith and life.

We believe all people are sinners, justly deserving God's displeasure, and incapable of saving themselves.

We believe that Jesus Christ – God the Son who became man – lived a sinless life, died on the cross and rose again to accomplish our salvation. We receive this gracious gift through faith alone.

We believe the Holy Spirit gives Christians the daily strength and wisdom they need to walk according to His will and grow in holiness.

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge all mankind and to receive His people unto Himself.

For more explanation and resources go to zionpca.com/beliefs

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