

Traditional Worship

Gathering Music to Prepare Our Hearts for Worship

"Son of God" - Hayes
 "One Small Child" - Larson
 Carol Heagy, piano

Welcome to Worship Pastor Josh

Call to Worship (see center pane)

*UMH 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Opening Prayer (see center pane)

*UMH 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle Keith & Sue Miller

*UMH 204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Ministry of Music "To the World, Joy!"
Handbells Raney

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings and Lives

A Call to Stewardship Pastor Josh
 (Online giving is available at zionumcyork.org)
 Offertory: "Celtic Cradle" Huntsinger
 *Doxology UMH 95

*UMH 431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Scripture Lesson Romans 12:1-2, 14-18

Sermon "Missing Peace: Help!
These People Are Driving Me Crazy" Pastor Josh

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Response in Prayer
 (concluding with *The Lord's Prayer* printed on center pane)

*UMH 377 "It Is Well with My Soul"

*Blessing and Dismissal

*Postlude "Once in Royal David's City" Forrest

***Call to Worship:**

Pastor: Friends, we come today seeking peace in a world filled with tension and in relationships that sometimes exhaust us.

Congregation: We come to offer ourselves to God, that He might renew our minds and transform our hearts.

Pastor: When our patience wears thin and our love runs out, God invites us to discover His endless grace.

Congregation: When people frustrate us, hurt us, or drain us, Christ teaches us the way of blessing and peace.

Pastor: So let us lift our voices, open our hearts, and turn our lives toward the God who makes peace possible even when people make it difficult.

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Shape us, transform us, and lead us in Your peace.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we gather today longing for Your peace — not just the peace that calms storms out there, but the peace that quiets the storms inside us. Lord, You know the people in our lives who stretch our patience and test our character. You know the conversations we dread, the tensions we carry, and the moments we wish we handled differently. Renew our minds today. Transform our hearts. Teach us to bless when we want to curse, to listen when we want to react, to lean into compassion instead of frustration. Fill us with the peace of Christ — a peace strong enough to walk into difficult relationships and gentle enough to reflect Your love. We offer ourselves to You this morning. Shape us into people who seek peace, create peace, and carry peace. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

The Candle of Peace

Reader 1: Today we light the **Candle of Peace**. We confess that peace is often what feels most missing—in our schedules, our relationships, our neighborhoods, even in our own hearts.

People: We long for the peace only Christ can give.

Reader 2: Jesus came proclaiming a peace the world cannot create and cannot erase. His peace isn't the absence of conflict but the presence of God—steady, whole, and strong enough to hold us together.

All: As we light the Candle of Peace, we welcome Christ's presence into all the places where peace feels missing. Restore us, Lord.

(Light the second candle.)

Contemporary Worship

"At His Feet" Praise Band
 Owen Rynex, Worship Leader

Welcome to Worship
 Pastor Josh

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle
 Sharon Simpson and Tracy Kunkel

Songs
Behold
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Offering
 Offertory Song: *Behold the King*

Scripture Lesson
 Romans 12:1-2, 14-18

Sermon
 "Missing Peace: Help!
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 Pastor Josh

Sacrament of Holy Communion
 Communion Song: *Make Room*

Our Response in Prayer
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Closing Song
 Names

Blessing and Dismissal
 Pastor Josh

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For your convenience, the words to all songs, scriptures and responses will be projected on the big screen above the stage.

Welcome to Zion Church

Whether you are a first time guest, a new resident, seeking a church, or just visiting the area, we're glad you took the time to join us for worship. We are a United Methodist congregation with a mission of transforming lives by connecting hearts and homes to Christ. We'd love to have you join us on our journey of faith.



A bright and safe nursery is available for your child through age 4 if needed during worship and the Sunday school/Discipleship Hour.

Remember our Sisters and Brothers in Your Prayers



Ruth T, Andy, Joan, Judy and Family of Gene Eyler, Christopher S, Cindy Y, Dave S, Dave and Family of Kim Fry, Kristy Heim, Maggie Hengst, Phyllis Frey, Emily, Frank Forbes, Cheri Stine, Tom Shaffer, Linda, Mayetta Becker, Kevin Weimer, Janice Smith, People of USA, All recovering from floods, fires, iced highways; loss of loved ones & homes. First Responders, US Military

The **Worship Folders** are given to the Glory of God and dedicated to all members of Zion Church for a peaceful and joyous Christmas season and are presented by the Firestone Sunday School class.



Attendance November 30, 2025:

Sunday Worship -	236
8:30 AM -	79
8:30 AM online -	69
10:30 AM -	53
10:30 AM online -	35

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen

Sermon Notes

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2nd Sunday of Advent

**"Missing Peace: Help!
These People Are Driving Me Crazy"**

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Connecting Hearts & Homes to Christ*



December 7, 2025