ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. June Boutwell, Senior Pastor Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please stand as you are able in body or spirit

December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:30 a.m.
All Church Christmas Pageant

Where the past and the future with Jesus Christ are celebrated so the present can be lived abundantly.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Fowler, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we become quiet and prayerful as we are gathered in the name

of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES AND THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Ryleigh Perry, Acolyte

~Please use prelude time for thought, reflection and prayer~

THE PRELUDE "Angels We Have Heard On High" Joshua Evanovich

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP Isaiah 12:4

In that day you will say: "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted."

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Ann F owler, Lector

Leader: Lord, I will sing of your great love forever, with my mouth I will make your

faithfulness known through all generations.

People: Oh Lord, you are our Love.

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in

him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: Oh Lord, you are our Love.

Leader: Our hearts long for the Love that your arrival will bring.

People: Oh Lord, you are our Love.

Leader: God's promises are true. We await the birth of Christ, the Promised Child, the

Savior of the World. Love is coming soon!

People: Oh Lord, you are our Love.

Lighting the Candle of Love

Ryleigh Perry, Acolyte

Song of Response "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Love, we so often place our trust in the things we can see, and touch, and easily believe. But you did not ask us to believe what is easy, you have asked us to believe what is true! Forgive us when we doubt the ways you work. Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story. Forgive us we question how you chose to enter the world, born as one of us. Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways which seem so impossible. Help us to look in faith, open our belief, and set aside our doubts that you sent your Son, Emmanuel, God with us, the one who has come to set us all free.

*A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION AND PRAYER

*A SONG OF ASSURANCE

Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set all people free; From our fears and sins release us, grant us your true liberty

~please be seated~

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly, your prayers attending, Christ beside you shall appear. Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, give thanks and sing.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT OUT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Adeste Fideles" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Meditation: Calvin Coolidge

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Knitting Group would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all who knitted hats for Keystone and Greenville Elementary. Josie Harbaugh and Chris Stockner delivered 53 hats to Keystone and 36 hats to Greenville Elementary School. Well done!!

The Good Shepherd Center is grateful for your donations of canned food and monthly requests. Currently, they are well stocked and therefore we will not be collecting anything until after the first of year. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you, Pastor June and Vikki Young for delivering the fleece blankets to Hoffman Homes.

There is no coffee hour on December 26.

The office will be closed on December 27 and January 3.

Pastor Glenn will be leading the service on January 2.

Pastor June's last Sunday is January 16. Rev. David Ackerman will lead the Liturgy of Farewell and will offer the message. A reception will be held in Anderson Lounge after the service.

The poinsettias in the sanctuary are placed

In Memory of:

Howard and Martha Enterline, by John and Jodie Enterline.

George and Sarah Johnson, by John and Jodie Enterline.

Leon Holler, Vada and Arthur Beighley, Linda Beighley, Sandra Wiand, Sarah Fry and Harold Holler, by Carol Holler.

Daughter Amy and my parents, by Carol Herrick.

My son Craig and my husband Gary, by Anita Powell.

Roy and Virginia Saylor and Richard Saylor, by Vanessa Saylor.

Natalie and Jerry Webber, by your daughter Rise L. Webber.

Don Bresnan, Francis Bresnan & Betty Altany, by Donna Bresnan.

Dorotha and Robert Brink, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brink, Jr.

Bill and Ruth Brink, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brink, Jr.

Harrison and Erma Brink, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brink, Jr.

Glady and Cliff Ray, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brink, Jr.

Mary and Willie Weikel, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brink, Jr.

Norma Eddy, by Chub Eddy.

Our Parents, by Ron and Mary Ann Malson.

Deceased Family members, by Louise Semroc.

My parents, by Karen Galus.

In Honor of:

Your present and past clergy who served Zion's Church throughout the years, by Ruth Nace. Our family, by Bob and Jean Fagley.

Diana Olenik, Great granddaughter's Birthday on December 23, 2016, by Louise Semroc.