

John 1:29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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COME & SEE



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

We welcome Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison to the pulpit. Thank you for being here!

The Altar Flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gary G. Conover.

Ushering today are Dan Douthett, Gary Hittle, Vikki Young, and Cynthia Snyder.

The children are invited to the Youth Center after Word for the Family for an activity.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge for refreshments after the service.

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

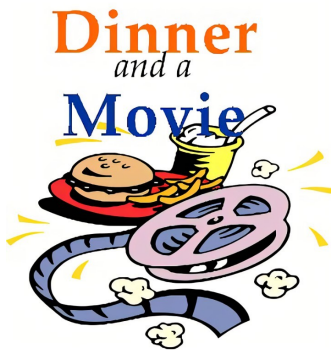
FASNACHT CELEBRATION RETURNS!

Because of Covid restrictions, we have not been able to have our traditional pork and sauerkraut Fasnacht dinner, which is known as THE LAST CELEBRATION BEFORE THE SERIOUSNESS OF LENT BEGINS.

The dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19 after church in Fisher Hall.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the dinner, please notify Julie.

.....AND SPEAKING OF LENT!



On Wednesdays during Lent we will have

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Season Three of The Chosen will be shown in the Chapel after we enjoy a meal together in the Anderson Lounge.

The dates are March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.
Stay tuned for more information!

ZION'S REFORMED UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison Lori Seinar-Roknick, Director of Music Ministries

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

January 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Stockner, Lector

THE SOLEMN DECLARATION

Leader: And now may we prepare our hearts and minds for worship 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

THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT Sophie Powell, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "We Want to See Jesus Lifted High" Harley/Tornquist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To all who search for grace and truth, let us gather to hear God's word for us.

People: We come to hear those words of grace and truth.

Leader: Let us gather with hope and anticipation.

People: With abundant hope, we come to worship God as one people.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 67 "Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God knows us completely.

People: God draws close to us and hears our cry.

Leader: We can be assured of God's grace and steadfast love.

People: We come in hope to confess our sins.

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for those moments when we have stayed silent in the face of injustice, for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs, for the many ways we fail to fully follow the ways of Jesus. Grant us courage and conviction to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us.

People: The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever.

Leader: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*A SONG OF RESPONSE "You Are My All In All" (bulletin page 7)

~before you sit down, please greet someone near you~

WORD FOR THE FAMILY "Come and See"



INCOME TAX PREPARATION

AARP volunteers will be preparing income taxes for EFILE again this year at 3 Mercer County sites. Greenville, Hickory and West Middlesex VFW's. The service will be available February 6 through April 12, by appointment only. Please dial 211 beginning January 16 to make an appointment. If you have questions, please contact Frank Yokubeak at 724-588-4688.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. DAVID ACKERMAN, PENN WEST CONFERENCE MINISTER.

Support for our Partners in the Philippines

We give thanks to God for the partnership that Penn West Conference has with the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. We ask that you continue to support them through our SHEEP Fund (**Sustaining Hope for Educational Expenses in the Philippines**). Thank you for all the efforts you are doing to share God's love across the globe!

Zion's will receive a special offering on February 12 to support the SHEEP Fund.



SHEEP FUND.....A GIFT FROM THE HEART



COMBINED WORSHIP

On Sunday, January 29, we will worship with three local UCC congregations, St. Mark's, Zion's, and St. Paul's. The service will be held here at our regular worship time of 10:30. Leading worship will be Rev. Glenn Sadler, Rev. Nicole Pickens, and Rev. Ericjon Thomas.

We will also invite any singers from the three churches to join us for a combined choir anthem.

After worship we will host a potluck in Fisher Hall. Please bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. The Ministry of Welcoming and Fellowship will provide ham.



The Good Shepherd Center request for January is

PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP AND CEREAL

Barrels are located in the front and back entrances of the church for your donations.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take the items to The Food Pantry each month, please let Julie know.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS - Laurie Baker and Gary Hittle

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you the people who have called Laurie Baker and Gary Hittle, affirm your commitment to support them in their work, their call, and their ministry not only in continued prayer for them but also in assisting them when called upon by them? **We do.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus" Parker/Challinor

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 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.

SCRIPTURES Hebrew Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7 (bulletin page 11)
Gospel Lesson John 1:39-42 (back of bulletin)

SERMON "Why Are We Here?"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

- Invitation
- Offertory Music "The Lord's My Shepherd" Rodriguez
- *Doxology No. 780
- *Unison Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 495 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

*THE BENEDICTION

*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE POSTLUDE "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Jeff Bennett

You Are My All in All

Christ is all, and is in all. Colossians 3:11

*Part I Unison

1. You are my strength when I am weak, You are the trea - sure that I
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

seek; You are my all in all. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me

jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

Refrain

*Part II Harmony optional

Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name!

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