

Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from You I have no good thing." As for the saints in the land, they are the excellence in whom all my delight resides. Sorrows will multiply to those who chase other gods. I will not pour out their libations of blood, or speak their names with my lips. The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You have made my lot secure. The lines of my boundary have fallen in pleasant places; surely my inheritance is delightful. I will bless the LORD who counsels me; even at night my conscience instructs me. I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will dwell securely. For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor will You let Your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

Mark 13:1-8

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

WELCOME TO ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH

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GOOD
MORNING!

WE ARE GLAD
YOU'RE HERE!

The Altar flowers are placed in memory of Floyd and Eliza Mohr, by Janet Hills.

Ushering this month are Lynn Rinella, Emily Rinella, Julie Hills, Gunner Hills, and Kelly Bielata

The children are invited to the Youth Center after the Children's Sermon for Church Happening.

Everyone is invited to the Anderson Lounge after the service for coffee and conversation.

Large Print Bulletins and seat cushions are available in the back of the sanctuary. Coloring books and crayons are available for children.

Min. of Service and Missions meets Tuesday at 4:00

Min. of Youth and CE meets Wednesday at 4:00.

Min. of Welcoming and Fellowship meets Wed at 5:30.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TAGS

Good Shepherd Center

Salvation Army

Strayhaven (preschool tree)

Please consider taking a tag and purchasing a Christmas gift for a child in our community. Also, the Preschool has tags on their tree for items needed by Strayhaven.



The Good Shepherd Center has requested **100 Boxes of scalloped potatoes** for their Christmas distribution which will provide a holiday meal for 300 households.

Please bring donations to the church by Dec. 2.

The Penn-Ohio Young People's Theater will present

THE LITTLE TOWN OF CHRISTMAS

On Saturday, December 7 in Fisher Hall.

Everyone is welcome!



THANKSGIVING CHURCH POTLUCK

NEXT SUNDAY,
IN ANDERSON
LOUNGE!

BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO
SHARE. HAM AND BEVERAGES WILL BE
PROVIDED.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
following worship

The 2025 budget will be presented for approval.

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

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

November 17, 2024 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 Karen Galus, 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 and THE ENTRANCE OF LIGHT

Emilee Deeter, Acolyte

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

PRELUDE "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" Lani Smith

*GATHERING SONG "Come Into His Presence

**Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart and give
Him praise, and give Him praise. Come into His presence with
thanksgiving in your heart your voices raise, your voices raise.
Give glory and honor and power unto Him, Jesus, the name
above all names.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To everyone who has gathered here, we offer you a
welcome in the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

People: To those who are lonely, we offer friendship.

Leader: To those who are burdened, we offer a listening ear.

**People: To those who are afraid, we offer the promise of Gods
strength and presence.**

Leader: To those who are happy, we offer a smile in return.

**People: To those who seek the truth, we offer you God's Holy
Word.**

*OPENING HYMN NO. 55 “Rejoice, You Pure In Heart”

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you see deep into our hearts and know us better than we know ourselves. Forgive us we pray. For the times we turn away from Your word, remind us that You are the Lord our God, our eternal protector and guide. For our impulses of anger and jealousy, scorn or spite, grant us Your healing peace. For our resistance to forgiveness, generosity and mercy, inspire us with Your compassionate love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Shelter Me, O God” Bob Hurd
Lori Seinar-Roknick, piano and vocals

SCRIPTURES Psalm 16 and Mark 13:1-8 (back of bulletin)

SERMON “Fear of the Birth Pangs”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory Music “Flow Gently Sweet Afton” Unknown

*Doxology No. 780

*Prayer of Dedication

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 75 “Lord, Make Me More Holy”

*THE BENEDICTION and TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE (sing twice)

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
you alone O Lord are Holy.**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.

*THE POSTLUDE “Pastorale in F Major” J. S. Bach/arr. by Lani Smith