

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church covenants to grow together as a Christ-centered community, worshipping God, extending our Anabaptist branch into our world, bearing the lasting fruit of discipleship, and planting the seeds for God's reign through hospitality, service, and reconciliation with God and others.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Revelation"



December 20, 2020

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| Prelude | Karen Tro – Kristin Oakes |
| Welcome/Prayer | Jana |
| Call to Worship | Jillian Sokos |

Special Music: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Everett, Redmond and Bowen Ediger

HWB#197 Angels we have heard on high

Advent candle lighting Paloma & Gilianna Sokos

STJ #31 He Came Down - Jana

Special Music "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Simon & Paul Masingila

Children's Time: Jesus is Born Gina Hansen

Song: "O come little children" Chris Keady

Scripture reading – Luke 1:26-38 Jillian

Message – "Jesus at Home - Revelation" Bill

STJ# 13 My Soul is Filled with Joy

Praise and Prayer

Benediction

10:00 am

This Morning:
Worship Service via Zoom
This Afternoon/Evening:

Friday

This Week:
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Advent Worship Schedule:

December 27 (Bill): **Jesus at Home** ♦ **Rejoicing**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

January 3 (Bill): **Jesus at Home** ♦ **Radiance**

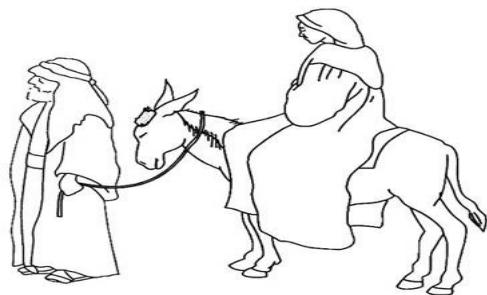
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 10 (Bill) **Sermon on the Mount: Introduction**

"Thanks to everyone who participated in the Drive Thru Christmas Celebration last Sunday. We had around 55 cars present for the time of singing. A special thanks to Harrison Gingerich and Ian Roth Martin for leading our Christmas Caroling. It was a joyful time of celebrating the season in a creative way this year. We also received many Christmas cards that are being delivered to homes. Merry Christmas."

Pastoral Search Update – After interviews and reference conversations, the search committee is recommending a candidate to the Zion Leadership Team. Your continued prayers are appreciated for the next steps as the Leadership Team determines how to move forward. (Seth Gingerich, Kiara Yoder, Ken Beachy, Stacy Berkey, Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly)

Donkeys – do you have one? Have you ridden one? What do you know about them? Read this week's story – The Grueling Journey in Luke 2:1-5.



<https://www.godsstorygodssong.com> Password: meta1234 Week 29.

Do you know what a “grueling” journey means? I picture a lot of grumbling happening when something is grueling. Mary and Joseph are starting a long, hard journey in this story. When we think of the trip before Jesus's birth, we picture Mary riding on a donkey. Did you know that the Bible doesn't tell us HOW they travelled? If Mary did get to ride a donkey, she was probably happy to not be walking, because it was a long trip, and Mary was very pregnant! If you have ever seen a pregnant lady walking, you know it doesn't look very easy, but probably just a little worse than riding on a stubborn, uncomfortable donkey! Whether she was walking or riding a donkey, the Bible doesn't mention that Mary complains or even grumbles! Do you remember last week's story when Mary sings: “My soul gives glory to the Lord. My spirit delights in God my Savior. He has taken note of me even though I am not considered important”? As you read this week's story, think about how you would have felt to be Mary on this trip and tell your family about it. Here's a quick video <https://youtu.be/pZuVmBFj-F0>. Remember that God loves YOU as much as he loved Mary and Joseph!

Love, Stacy and Karen

Budget Report: Budget Report: Thank you for your financial giving during this year. We are grateful for the blessings God has given to us. We need \$ 52,359 to meet budget at year end. There are 2 weeks until year end. Please consider how you might help with our budget as we look to close out 2020.

Office Hours: All church facilities remain closed. Given the newest recommendations and state mandates, staff will be working from home. Please contact Bill, Jana, or Jodi by cell phone or email.

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The Tuesday morning Bible study is on Christmas Break! The group will resume on Tuesday, January 5 on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to join in the study and conversation, a new study will be decided. The book of Luke is completed
Contact: Pat Hershberger: 503-510-6642

Baby Announcements!

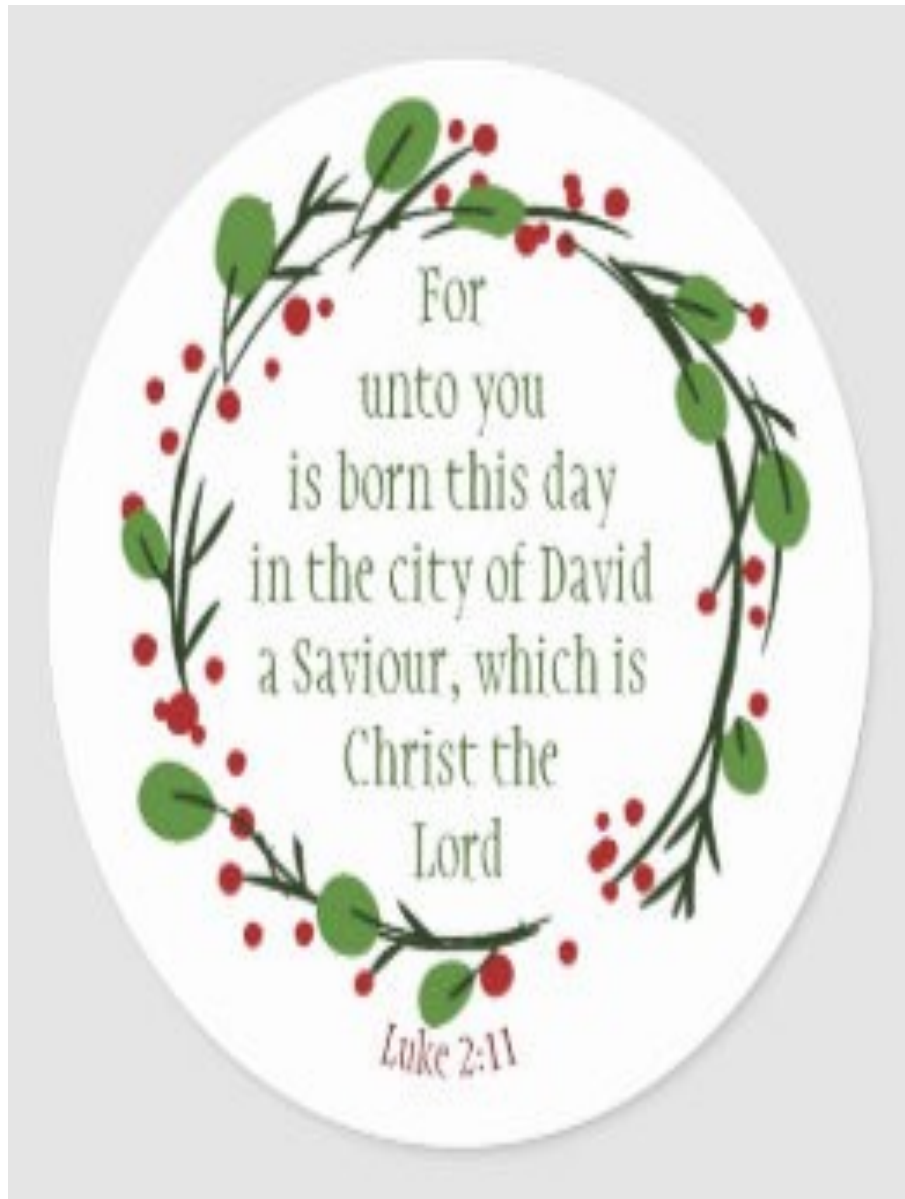
Congratulations to Oliver, Rachel, and William Kropf, as they welcome **Charles Matthew**, born December 13, weighing 7.5 lbs.

Congratulations to Jeff, Jenn, and Rylee Paradis, as they welcome **Teagan Nicole** Paradis, born December 17, weighing 7lbs. 12 oz.

Dear Zion church, Thank you to everyone who sent me a Christmas card. It means very much to me.

Love, Luella Hostetler

Prayer



- Doug Gingerich is doing good and continues to show improvement. Continued prayers are appreciated.
- Judy Gascho will be having arthroscopy surgery on her right knee, to repair a torn meniscus on Monday, December 21st. She would appreciate prayers for peace of mind before surgery and a successful surgery.
- Pray for continued healing of a broken collar bone and recovery for Jodi Hansen our administrative assistant.
- We thank God for the precious blessings of new life with the arrival of Matthew Charles to Oliver & Rachel Kropf born December 13 and the arrival of Teagan Nicole to Jeff & Jenn Paradis born December 17.
- O God, encircle us with your love, calm our fears, cheer our hearts, renew our hope. Come live among us, Emmanuel. Amen

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