

# 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Advent "Rejoicing"



December 27 2020

Prelude : Ave Maria-Bach      Tom Gingerich

Welcome/Prayer      Jana

Call to Worship      Lynn Miller

HWB#215 What Child is This

HWB #212 O Come All Ye Faithful

Advent candle lighting      Liesel Sommers

STJ #31 He Came Down - Jana

Baby blessing for Lodie Sommer

HWB# 620 Child of Blessing, child of promise      Louise

Children's Time: Shepherds Visit Jesus      Gina Hansen

Nativity Sets video

Scripture reading – Luke 2:25-35

Message – "Jesus at Home - Rejoicing"      Bill

STS#32 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

Praise and Prayer

Benediction

10:00 am

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

**This Week:**  
Friday: HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### ***Advent Worship Schedule:***

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

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**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)

### **SOUP and BREAD for DCC!**

#### **Sunday, JANUARY 10**

On Sunday, January 10, from 8:30-9:30 am you can drive by the church to pick up cheddar chowder soup and bread and give a donation to Drift Creek Camp.

Food will be pre-packaged for approximately 2 or 4 people so you can take enough for your family.





[Children's Bible Story -Baby Jesus Goes to Egypt, Toddlers #57 - 2 Fish Talks - Bing video](#)

Matthew 2:13-23 [godsstorygodssong.com](http://godsstorygodssong.com) Password  
Meta1234 Week 33 Escape

In this Bible story, little Jesus and his family flee to keep Jesus safe from an evil, power hungry king who is jealous and self-serving. Jesus and his family become refugees. I bet you know some refugees – people who had to leave their homes to keep their family safe from danger. We live in a world that does not make life easy for those who flee like Mary and Joseph did. How can this scripture be “good news” in our world? Talk this over with your family this week as you consider how much Jesus loves you, and why he came to earth for YOU, me, and each person.



**Zion's Prayer Group** continues to meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in joining, or if you have any requests you would like prayer for, please contact Sheryl Mast or Jana.

**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 \$36,444 to meet budget at year end. There are four days 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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### **Stephen Ministry: A Heart for the Hurting**

We all go through tough times in life. Times that are turbulent and unsettling. In the midst of these challenging seasons, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to give understanding and encouragement—to provide stability, hope, and prayer to help us through the storm. That is what a Stephen Minister is able to provide: a listening ear, a supportive perspective, and caring skills to help us through the challenges of life. Perhaps, you, a friend, or a family member would benefit from this kind of help and support. If so, a Stephen Minister may be just what is needed. We all need help from time to time and your request for a Stephen Minister will be confidential. Please feel free to contact Pastor Jana at 503-577-9789 or [zionpastor\\_jg@canby.com](mailto:zionpastor_jg@canby.com).



# Prayer



Joy has come to the world; peace has come  
on earth; we need worry no more.  
Immanuel, God be with us, we have prayed  
for so long, and now God is here.  
In the serendipity and surprise of a Child,  
in the wonder of two young parents, in the  
wisdom of sages and the humility of  
shepherds, in innkeepers who make room  
when there is no room, in all these narratives  
and more, we know your presence  
among us O God.  
Let us not forget, as gorgeous papers and  
ribbons clutter our living rooms,  
what we know here and now. The ultimate  
gift is your Son: Christ is born in Bethlehem,  
wrapped in the normal blankets of a  
normal child, yet containing  
deep within the genetics of joy, the seeds of  
peace, the DNA of salvation.



**Doug Gingerich** was able to come home on Tuesday this week, Pray for his continued recovery.

**Judy Gascho's** knee surgery went well on Monday. Pray for her healing and a speedy recovery.

**Jodi Hansen** continues to heal from collarbone surgery. Pray for God's peace and healing to be present.

**Claudia Lapp** is in the hospital recovering from a tia stroke. Pray for her to regain strength, good health and God's comfort.

Jesus, help us remember the paths to peace you showed us this Christmas. Help us see you in a new way, born again in this old world--Emmanuel, God with us, in 2021. Come, Lord Jesus.

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