

In Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, that you have lived on earth as one of us. You know what it's like to be a child and to feel everything that children feel. Thank you for all the precious children who we know and love. Help us to do all we can to protect, nurture, and guild them. May they know Your tender love for them. May they grow and flourish in discovering their unique talents and gifts. Bless us all with opportunities to shine Your light wherever we go.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." -Matthew 19:13



Growing 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







THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ORDER OF SERVICE -December 17, 2023-

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship and Lighting of Advent Candles
Congregational Singing
O Come O Come Immanuel (VT 210 v 1,3,5,7)
The Angel Gabriel Called Mary Blessed (VT 221)
Offering with Special Music
Passing the Peace

WORD

Children's Christmas Program
"A Capital C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S"
Devotional Thought: Pastor Steve
RESPONSE

Response Song: *Joy to the World (VT240, v 2-4)*Prayers of the People

SENDING

Benediction

A special Thank You to Quinton and Felix Burleson, Emmitt and Ethan Epp, Alice Kenagy, and Eleanor Stehman for sharing their musical talents with us today!

Sunday:

8:30am Potluck Breakfast Fellowship9:00am Sunday School classes for all ages

10:15am Worship Service6-8:00pm Pickleball Open Gym

This Week:

No Activities

Nursery Schedule:

This Week: Vonnie Oyer, Ally Weatherford Next Week: Luke Sommer, Ron Kropf

Worship Schedule:

December 24 (morning worship): Candlelight Service
December 31: God's Kingdom Announced. Steve Bomar

Budget Report: Offering 12/10/23: \$10,754



Your Contact Info

Want to receive information about upcoming church events? Make sure we have your updated contact information and email so we can let you know about what is happening around the church. Fill out an information card located next to one of our Offering Boxes and drop it in the box, we will take it from there.

Year End Giving: Thank you for your generous giving throughout the year. Your ongoing contributions support our ministries here at Zion and various ministry partners we support. Here are some year end giving opportunities as we work to close out our 2023 budget. Donations to Vida Feliz Senior Center can be made to Zion with "Vida Feliz" noted in the memo. Organizations like MCC, Bridging Cultures and Drift Creek Camp can receive donations directly.

Church Budget:

\$15,500 is needed to meet our anticipated 2023 expenses.

Zion Solar Project: A detailed Solar Project Financial Update is coming in January.

Estimated Total: \$160,000 Current Contributions: \$101,230

Grant Incentives: \$ 30,000 (to be reimbursed)

Still Needed: \$ 28,769



PrimeTimers (Seniors): Every time there is a fifth Sunday in a month, we will have lunch together after church. Meet at the chosen restaurant or gather to carpool.

On Sunday, December 31, we will plan to go to Langdon Farms (24377 NE Airport Rd. Aurora).

Contact Pat Hershberger for more information. 503-510-6642