

**WELCOME TO**  
**Old Zionsville United Church of Christ**  
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

November 17, 2024

10:15 a.m.

*\*those who are able may stand*

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

Prelude: "Meditation"

Massenet

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by 1 Samuel 2:1-10)

One: The Holy One raises up the poor from the dust and lifts the needy to inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth belong to the Holy One. On them God has set the world.

**Many: Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.**

One: Wickedness will perish. Righteousness will thunder. For not by might does one prevail.

**Many: Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.**

One: Worship the Holy One through grief and gladness, in despair and hope, in peace and trial.

**Many: Exalt in the Holy One! Find strength in God. God guards the faithful.**

Invocation (unison)

**Eternal and Everlasting God, our time is finite and precious. Help us to be present in each moment and honor our days. Give us a heart to pursue beauty, glory, and justice for your name's sake. Reign in our lives and move through our hearts. Open up our spirits to declare your praise, glory, and honor. We seek your face, your voice, and your power in our gathering. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "We Have Come into His House"

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## Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Redeemer and Liberator, we call upon your power to make all things new.

**Many: We confess that we have compromised your good news and settled for a comfortable gospel rather than embrace the radical love, hospitality, and inclusion of your kingdom. We have been satisfied with a faith that conforms to the world rather than one that challenges the systems and ways of the world. Forgive us for our focus on our own survival and pleasure while your creation perishes all around us. For your mercy and in repentance, we pray. Amen.**

## Words of Grace

Beloved, you bear the image of God. You receive power from the Spirit of God. Be encouraged that Holy Love meets you with boldness and renewal. Let God be glorified as you accept the call to be the activating agents of a new world where love reigns, hope endures, and peace abounds.

\*Hymn: "Lord, Be Glorified" p.186

Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-14 p.1049

Reflection: Hymn Sing (*First verses only of the following and then some selections by the Congregation*)

Hear the story about the following Hymns before you sing them:

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" p.215

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" p.89

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" p.236

## Invitation to Generosity

The generous life nurtures hope, cultivates, peace, and generates love in tangible ways. Let us bring our resources for our common life and for communal good as a reflection of our commitment to the way of Jesus.

Offertory: "Thanks Be To Thee, O Lord" Handel

## \*Presentation of Gifts and The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

**Holy Love, may these gifts and offerings make a difference in this life of the community we love, serve, and reflect. May these gifts**

**and offerings extend beyond the borders and boundaries of the stones that encase us to the world that needs us. May these gifts and offerings be a balm to a world in need of comfort and a fire to a world in need of refining. May it begin within us and flourish beyond us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer....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, for ever. Amen**

\*Closing Hymn: "God Be with You"

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\*Benediction

As you go, embrace the good, proclaim the truth, be the good news. Amen.

\*Extinguishing of the Candles

\*Postlude: "Canon in D Major"

Pachelbel

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**All Thrown Down: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Year B**  
was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

**TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS** are from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bedell in honor of their Wedding Anniversary on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**TODAY'S GREETER** is Diane Berger.

**TODAY'S LITURGIST** is Les Schoenberger.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.

Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

All LOOSE OFFERING today will go to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund.



Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.

**Sunday Brunchers** is **TODAY** after Worship at the Merc in Emmaus (cash only).

**Lunch Bunch** will be Friday, November 22, 12 noon at the Bally Family Diner (formerly known as the Pied Piper) in Bally. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark. **All are welcome!**

**All Things Free Room** (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, November 18 at 10:00am. If you can help or have any questions, call or text Millie Kohler. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry



As of November 10, \$5,029 has been contributed towards the new \$6,000 Matching Gift Challenge. Two weeks remain to meet the new goal of \$6,000. We have successfully met the four previous challenges. Let's do it again!

**November Soup & Sandwich Sale** – Don't forget to pick up your ordered Soup and Sandwiches on **Thursday**, November 21 between 3 and 5:30 p.m.

**Poinsettias** will be ordered again this year to beautify our church at Christmas time. **Order forms** can be found at the entrances to the church. You have a choice of Red, White or Pink Poinsettias at \$13.00 each. You may drop your order in the offering plate, call or email the church office by Sunday, December 1, 2024. Thank you.

**Calling all musicians!** The Zionsville Ministerium is planning a gathering **Sunday, Nov 24, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** called "A Cornucopia of Thanks." The event will be held at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church on King's Highway, Zionsville. We are inviting local musicians to come and share their talents as we gather to support the Zionsville Area Food Pantry. A free-will donation will be taken. Zion's brand new Allen organ will be revealed to the community. Pies and desserts will be served afterwards. Donations of desserts are welcome. Any questions, please call Betty in the church office at 610-966-3834. Come and participate or just come and enjoy the beautiful music and dessert!

**Youth Group** will meet Friday, November 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the lower social hall. All young people are invited to participate. There is something for everyone at Youth Group! Questions? Speak with Pastor Lori or Alyson Miller.

Our regular Fall **Annual Congregation Meeting** will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024 immediately following worship. At this time, we will discuss the budget, elect new Consistory members and consider any other business that may come before the congregation. Our Consistory is looking to fill four spots this year. If you would like more information, please speak with Kathy Latshaw, Sharon Trexler or Pastor Lori. Terms are 2 years and on the job training is provided. Previous experience is not necessary however if you would like to sign on to serve again, that is terrific. Each member of the church may serve after not having been on Consistory for one year. Thanks in advance for your prayerful

consideration. The **Cemetery Association Annual Meeting** will also be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

This year for the **Angel Tree** we will be collecting **SOCKS** for the **Warming Station in the Allentown YMCA**. The Warming Station provides shelter, food, and a safe place for those experiencing homelessness in our community. It is open from November 15 through April 15 to individuals 18 and older. You will not need an actual angel. You can donate **any size socks for men and/or women....** a collection box will be located outside Pastor Lori's office **until December 8**.

**White Gift** Service, where we purchase gifts and wrap them in white tissue paper for the Bethany Children's Home, will be on Sunday, December 8. Your generosity will bring many smiles. Gift list can be found at the entrances to the Church and are in the November Newsletter. Monetary gifts are also accepted to the Faith Fund. Checks may be sent to Bethany Children's Home, c/o Development Department, 1863 Bethany Road, Womelsdorf, PA 19567. Bethany can only use NEW items to give to the students living there.

**Wooden Crosses** are available for sale for \$30. Or you can just order an attachment for the one you have already purchased. Christmas arrangements are now being put together for \$15. Order yours today. See Richard Yeakel or Pastor Lori. Proceeds go to our Building Fund.

## **Week of November 17, 2024:**

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm.  
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm  
(please call before coming)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

Choir – Wednesday @ 7:30pm

Soup & Sandwich Pick Up – Thursday, 3-5:30pm

Lunch Bunch – Friday @ 12pm, The New Pied Piper Diner

Youth Group – Friday from 6-8pm

**Next Sunday** – 9:00am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship, Burn Sins  
3:00pm Ministerium Thanksgiving Service,  
Zion's Lutheran Church

## **Total Offerings from November 10:**

General Offerings: \$2,421.00

Window Fund: \$207.00

Mission: \$15.00

Communion: \$15.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$0

Cemetery: \$10.00