

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

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Organist

February 2, 2025

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

“Proclaim”

Prelude: “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Baker

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship

One: The Spirit of God has called us to this place and time.

Many: We gather to hear God’s liberating word of love.

One: Today, past and future meet in the holiness of now.

Many: May the Spirit of God at work in Jesus, also work in us.

One: May the vision of flourishing for all be imprinted on our hearts.

Many: And may it be enacted in our lives!

Invocation (unison)

Gracious God, anoint us anew with your Holy Spirit of Love. By it, form our hearts, minds, and lives into channels of your good news. Grant us a renewed passion for your vision of a world where none are poor and where every weight is lifted. Cultivate your courageous compassion in us to move toward any who have been marginalized or run over by the world. Yes, bless and strengthen us to bless and strengthen others. We pray this in the name of the one whose life fulfilled Your Holy vision, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” (vs. 1, 2, 3) p.606

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: O Love that will not let us go, interrupt our familiar inertias leading down paths of distraction and discouragement.

Many: Let today’s Sabbath pause gift a freeing grace impossible to

imagine on our own. By Your abundant outpouring of Spirit lighten every burden carried from yesterdays past. Cleanse the lens of our hearts, that we may see more clearly your vision of a world made new. Yes, forgive us and free us for this delight you yearn to offer, in and through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace

Beloved of God, hear the good news: In Christ, God has declared that you are no longer captives to the past. All that you have carried, the Holy One has lifted. The eternal love of God, made known in Jesus Christ, has anointed you anew. You are forgiven and invited to join in the joy of God's great vision for your life. Thanks be to God who has fulfilled this in your hearing. Amen and Amen.

*Hymn: "We Are So Blessed" p.795

Scripture: Luke 4:14-31 p.892

Reflection

Recognition of Scout Sunday – Responsive Reading

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them, for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding, for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who have a home where family members live together in love, for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth, for they shall use what they learn to help others.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

Leader: Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God, for they will find God early and will walk with God through life.

ALL: Blessed are the Scouts.

ALL: Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts, O God. Teach us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and so to live after Thy will. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

At work in life is a holy generosity that begins and ends in God. This "yes" of God is the source of everlasting joy. Now, we are invited to this enduring delight. May our hearts and minds be opened anew as we bring our gifts to God with thanksgiving and praise.

Offertory: "At the Lord's Table"

Smith

* Presentation of Our 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)

We thank you, God, for loving us into the freedom of a generous life. Bless these gifts we bring in response to the blessing you have already given us with the gift of life. Form our lives anew into living offerings, sharing Your love with a grace that frees others. Amen.

Choir Anthem

*The Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

p.11

(All are Welcome to the Table)

* The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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Our Father, which 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: "Living for Jesus"

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*Benediction

May the same Spirit that anointed Jesus, anoint you anew. May the same grace at work in Jesus, be active in you. May the good news declared by Jesus, be proclaimed by you in word and deed. And may the world know that the year of the God's favor is at hand. Thanks be to God! Amen and Amen!

*Sung Benediction: "Go Now In Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of the day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you

in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "The Solid Rock"

Bradbury

We welcome our Scouts from Troop 31 and Cub Pack 31, their families, and all of the leaders who make the program great. Thanks to Robin Yoder today for her 28 years of scout leadership and especially for her commitment as Charter Organization Representative (COR). As she steps down from that position, we welcome Larry Stahler as our new COR. Larry's role will be to coordinate between the church and the Scouts, helping them to have the space they need while alerting our church family of the many ways we can support all of our Scouts. Thank you Larry for taking on this new role for YOU!

THE SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETINS are sponsored by the Scouts.

TODAY'S GREETERS are Lee and Susan Hoch.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Nancy Weitzel. (Or will a Scout do this?)

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs. Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.



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.

All Things Free Room (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, February 3 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. If you can help or have any questions, please call or text Millie Kohler.

Orders are being taken for our February **Soup and Sandwich** Fundraiser. Forms can be found at the entrances to the Church. February soup is Ham and String Bean selling at \$8.00 a quart. Ham and Cheese on a Kaiser roll are our sandwiches at \$5.00 each. Feel free to sell sandwiches at work! Orders are due Sunday, February 9, pick up will be Thursday, February 20 from 3-5:30pm in our downstairs social hall. Proceeds go to our General Fund and the Cemetery Association.

Pizza Kits are being sold by the Outlook Committee. Each kit contains three 12" shells, one pint of sauce and one pack of cheese and are selling for \$20.00. Orders are due by Thursday, February 5, pick up will be on Thursday, February 20 between 5-7pm in our downstairs social hall. Order forms can be found at the entrances to the Church and may be placed in the offering plate today.

The next **Supper Club** will be on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00pm. We will meet at Delizioso Italian Grill on Brookside Road, Macungie. February **Sunday Brunchers** will be on Sunday, February 16, 12pm at the Merc. **Lunch Bunch** will be on Friday, February 28, 12pm at Chino's Place on Chestnut Street (Rt. 29/100) in Zionsville. Please let Linda or Mark Weaver know if you are planning to attend any of these events as soon as possible. All are Welcome!



The FINAL windows fundraiser is underway. Another handmade quilt has been donated and will be awarded to the highest bidder in a sealed bid auction. The quilt is available in the upper social hall. Bids must be a minimum of \$375 and must be submitted in writing by February 28. The winner will be announced on Sunday, March 2. Drop your sealed bid in the box located below the quilt.

Church Closed? In case of bad weather we will again be posting any cancelations with Channel 69 – WFMZ-TV under their Storm Center Updates. We will announce on WFMZ but always use your own judgment and stay safe.

Week of February 2-8, 2025:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesday 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

Cub Scouts – Tuesday @ 7pm

Pizza Kit Orders Due - Wednesday

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School
9:45am Second Sunday Treats
10:15am Worship
Soup & Sandwich Orders Due

Total Offerings from January 26, 2025:

General Offerings: \$3,221.00

Window Fund: \$110.00

Mission: \$160.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$5.00

Utilities: \$70.00

Communion: \$5.00

Parking Lot: \$25.00

Cemetery: \$20.00

Attendance: 63