

Second Sunday  
OF  
**Advent**  
December 10, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✙ *Please stand in body or in spirit*



PRELUDES..... Praise Team

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

“A Hallelujah Christmas”

“What Child is This”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH .....The Circle of Faith in Service

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.**

HYMN: Advent Song (verse 2) ..... TFWS 2090

✙ **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Prepare the path of God.

**C: We prepare by waiting with patience.**

L: Prepare the path of God.

**C: We prepare by living with faith and love.**

L: Prepare the path of God.

**C: We prepare by pursuing justice and peace.**

L: Prepare the path of God.

**C: We prepare, we wait, we pray.**

L: May God bless us with both patience and passion.

**C: We wait and pray to create the path of God.**

✙ **OPENING PRAYER**

✙ **HYMN: “Emmanuel, Emmanuel”** ..... UMH 204

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:1-11.....Susan Robinson

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks Be to God**

ANTHEM: “It’s Christmas” by Chris Tomlin .....Praise Team

PSALTER: PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13.....Attached

PRAYER

✙ **Gospel Mark 1:1-8** .....Susan Robinson

L: These are the words of God for the people of God

**C: Thanks Be to God**

MESSAGE: *The Messenger and the Message* ..... Pastor Tonya

✙ **HYMN: “There's Something About That Name”** ..... UMH 171

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... UMH 881

(Over)

PRAYER, PRAISES, AND 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER

✙ 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.*

✙ HYMN: "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ..... UMH 218

✙ BENEDICTION

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
*Mom & Dad*  
by Jamie, Cathy & family.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUN., DECEMBER 17, 2023**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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Sound:	Kenny Thomas	Accompanist:	Irene Howard
Greeter:	Gloria Brake	Choir Director:	Karla Wilkins
Videographer:	Brandon Crawford or Charley Lednum	Pastor:	Tonya McClain

**ATTENDANCE**

Sun., December 2, 2023

In-person	37	Online	19
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**Zion's Mission Statement**

The mission of Zion UMC is to provide a loving community to welcome all who seek a Gospel-based commitment with Jesus Christ, through which their relationship with Him can thrive and to provide opportunities to serve others in His name.

**Zion's Core Values**

- Worship is the core of our life together.
- We are family.
- We grow disciples.
- We honor God by serving others.
- We live as God's stewards.
- We respect our heritage.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Praise and Prayer Concerns may be texted to 302-536-8136.

They will not be read during today's service, but added to next week's list.

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