

Harvest Home Celebration Sunday

November 19, 2023 10:15 a.m.

(* Indicates: all who are able to please stand.)

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Into His Presence*

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

P: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

L: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

P: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name.

P: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*HYMN *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

OPENING PRAYER

Lifegiving God, we enter your courts with thanksgiving and praise, knowing that you have made us, and remembering we are loved. We have come to praise your mighty acts, to offer our petitions, and celebrate remembrance. Let us receive from your hand the Bread of Life, as we seek to honor you for all your good works; this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM *For the Fruit of All Creation*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOMENTS

Prayer of Dedication of Food Pantry Donations

GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE READING Haggai 2:1-9

MESSAGE *How Do We See It Now?*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN *As the Deer*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Marilyn Haslam, Dennis Miller, Mrs. Haug's dad Jackie, Marilyn, Gloria, Neil Tipton Family, Zach Freschi, Roger Rynke, Cindy Harzheim, Karen McGuire and Family of Don McGuire, Shelly, Paul, Mary Enstrenchi, for health, Victims of war, Floyd, Alice's uncle, Caroline, Joe Smith, Jenna, Karen Streeter, Joan Maxey Family, Sue Krause Family, Toni Fieser Family, Kathy Radtke, Glenn Damer, Dixie Tonozzi, Sara, Rusty & Mary Thies, George, Leslie, Alli Miller Family, Grace Knutson, Marsha Reed, Kathy Rue, Cheryl Johnston, Tom Kaszynski, Paul Lewis, Clinton Crouch, Carol, Evie, Mary, Healthcare/Hospital, Quinn & family, Johanna Arkels family, Deb Cooper, Karen Kradle, Terry Dean, Bonnie, Marsha Dodd, Jeanie, Cathy Rose, Martin Nussbaum, Jack Yager, Mark Bishop family, Lucille Smith family, Tim Engel family, Gary Bruno, Ron Narczewski, Jason, Paul, Jose, Debbie, Mary Fiedler, Andy Gower, Jim L., Keisha Smith, Bob & Holly Antkowiak, Darrell, Bill Vlastnik, Jean Spayer, Ron Hudkins, Mrs. Lucas.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

PRAYER RESPONSE *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

OFFERING

RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION May these gifts bring light to those who walk in darkness, hope to those who live in despair, and justice to those who are oppressed. Give each of us a sense of participation in the most important opportunity of all time: to share your love with the world. Today we dedicate our offerings and ourselves. Amen.**

*HYMN *Let All Things Now Living*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Announcements

New Prayer Requests

- Dennis Miller, for health
- Gloria, for health
- Marilyn, for health
- Jackie, for health
- Mrs. Haug's dad, for health
- Family of Neil Tipton
- Marilyn Haslam, for health

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of Neil Tipton. Neil passed away on November 11, 2023. Services were held November 15, 2023 at Hurst Funeral Home.

To send a card to Marilyn Haslam:
303 E. Peru St. Princeton, IL 61356

*If you would like to make an announcement during worship, please request a microphone. Thank you!

Please join us for fellowship refreshments after worship today.

The Church Council will meet tomorrow at 7:00pm

Listen to Pastor Alex at 8:25 every Sunday morning on 103.9 **WLPO**. Tell your friends!

CREW (Creative Rejoicing in Early Worship)

Calling All CREW Members! Get ready for adventure, fun, and faith! Our Sunday School program, CREW, has set sail again! Join us every Sunday at 9:00AM if you're in kindergarten through 6th grade. We'll have games, stories, crafts, and more that will help you grow in your faith and friendships! Mark your calendars and don't miss the boat. Bring your energy and excitement as we learn how God is at work in our lives and world. Parents and grandparents - bring your kids and grandkids to CREW this Sunday! We can't wait to see everyone on deck for this exciting new year!

Today's Stewardship theme, "Starting Again for the First Time" is a bit of a head scratcher. The intent is to have us take a brief pause

to assess not only where we have been, which is our legacy, but to look at the potential and opportunities that lie ahead.

Our legacy is the foundation of who the church is. Through the past and present ministries and programs, the church celebrates the grace of God and the ministry of Jesus Christ. There are so many things that have made this congregation a living presence of God's love in the Illinois Valley and in the world.

Yet, each day and moment, the church is called to be a part of the renewal of God's presence, to pursue the new vision in an ever-changing world. Renewal reflects our being the people of the Resurrection, that we are a people of legacy, as well as a future.

Our Stewardship is a response not only to our legacy, but to the vision and hope of the future of the church. It is the living belief that we have so much more to offer to God, and the world, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Today's Question: How will you put your faith into action?

***Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service** will take place this Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm at Waltham Presbyterian Church.

Join us for Thanksgiving fellowship and feasting!

Our doors are open to all on Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd. We'll provide a hearty, home-cooked turkey dinner with all the fixings, free of charge. This meal is for anyone seeking a place to enjoy the holiday - whether you don't have the resources to cook yourself or simply want to join our community for the day.

Festivities start at noon with football on TV to get us in the holiday spirit. Dinner will be served around 1:00 PM. After we eat, there will be time for relaxation, digestion, and conversation.

Please consider joining us for this special day of community, food, and gratitude. Sign up sheets are available in the narthex and fellowship hall to RSVP or volunteer. We also graciously accept contributions to help cover costs. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Join us next Sunday, November 26th after worship for lunch and decorating for Advent!

Advent begins Sunday, December 3rd. Join us as we prepare our hearts and lives to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Cookie Sale Update

First, thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to help. But, of course, we can use all the help we can get. How can you help? **Bake cookies. What ever kind you like.** If you make cut outs that you want us to decorate have them at church by Wed. December 6th.

Also, **come to one of the following fun events:**

Wednesday, Dec. 6th – 3:30pm **Cookie Decorating Party**

Thursday, Dec. 7th - 9:00am **Cookie Packaging Party**

Friday, Dec. 8th – 3:00pm **THE SALE**

(Worker “Elves” gather at 2:30pm)

Give your friends and neighbors an invitation flier.

Thanks in advance for all your help.

Any questions: Contact the Church Office or Kay Harding

The Illinois Valley Flute Group Festival of Flutes is planned for Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00pm here at Zion.

****HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!**** Zion UCC is providing a delicious hot meal delivered to the Peru PADS homeless shelter each month. Please open your hearts and wallets to support this important cause. Every little bit helps us provide a nutritious meal each month through May. Write a check to the church and note "PADS Meals." Or go online and donate through the Giving page on our website. Together we can make a difference for the less fortunate in our community! Your donation helps provide a healthy, hearty meal to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and support in feeding the hungry!

Tonica Church is collecting personal hygiene products to give away. Items needed include:

*Bar soap *Shower gel *Shampoo * Razors *Deodorant

*Toothbrushes *Toothpaste *Combs or Brushes

*Also- they are collecting men's pants. Please bring items to donate to church and place them on the designated table in fellowship hall. Contact Diane Gebhardt with any questions.

Live Life (Pre and Post Transplant Support Group) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Zion UCC.

Zion United Church of Christ 6 th & Grant Streets, Peru, IL Follow us on Facebook: Zion UCC, Peru, IL office@zionperu.org 1-815-223-2671 www.zionperu.org	
Ministers	Members of the Congregation
Pastor	Pastor Alex Garncarz
Organist	Jim Greening
Secretary	Erin Lewis
Liturgist	Terri Kelly
Audio Technician	Jerry Koehler
Video Technician	Rhonda Essl
Song Leader	Dave Jacobson
Fellowship	Erin Lewis

Attendance: Morning Worship November 12–

In person: 50 (13 Children)

On YouTube: 9

This week:

Monday, November 20th

7:00pm Church Council meeting

Wednesday, November 22nd

7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 23rd

12:00pm Doors open for Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 25th

8:00am Weight Watchers meeting

Sunday, November 26th

8:25am Pastor Alex on WLPO

9:00am CREW

9:35am Choir practice

10:15am Worship in person, also available on YouTube

Followed by lunch and decorating for Advent.

Office Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: Closed

Friday: Closed