
MISSION STATEMENT

Zion is a Christian family called to provide fellowship and joy through our service with and to the community.

Welcome to historic
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Please silence all cell phones and other personal devices during worship

We are delighted that you chose Zion as your place of worship today.

Small children are most welcome during the service. Really! That's right. We believe their voices and natural motion are gifts of life from God to be celebrated by all. However, should you choose, there is a small play area in the middle pew section of the church, and a big rocking chair located in the vestibule if you need some quiet time.

All Baptized persons are invited to share in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood, kneeling or standing at the altar rail. You will receive both bread and wine during communion. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come up to the altar rail for a blessing. Also, we now offer a **gluten-free wafer**, just please let one of the ushers know before service that you would like a **gluten-free wafer**.

The **hymns and service music** are in the **Hymnal 1982** which is the blue book in your pew. The service music is at the front of the Hymnal, arranged by number preceded by an S. **The Book of Common Prayer** is the red book with the cross on it. The liturgy for our 9:00 a.m. service can be found here with accordance to the bulletin schedule page number. **The service bulletin** contains the readings of the day. The bulletin also lists announcements and activities happening at Zion this week. Please take this bulletin home with you.

Coffee Hour is held in Clarke Hall after the service which you enter through the double doors on your right at the front of the church. Please stop by to have a cup of coffee or tea, something to eat and a chance to meet the people of Zion. If you would like to know more about us or would like to become a member, please fill out the **welcome sheet** in the pew book holder before you, and give it to an usher or the priest or any parishioner. Also regular parishioners: please use the welcome sheet to update your own information with the church.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, January 9, 2022
9 AM- **Chorale Eucharist**

All the Baptized People of God may receive the sacrament.
All hymns can be sung by congregation and please stand.

😊MASKS PLEASE😊

Prelude: Allegretto

Philip G. Kreckel (1886-1963)

Processional Hymn: **448** O love, how deep, how broad, how high

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people standing, the Celebrant sings

S 76 - The Holy Eucharist Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria for Zion (yellow card in pew)

Carol Stack

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People Sit.

The Lessons

The First Lesson-**Isaiah 43: 1-7**

Reader: The First lesson is a reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson-Acts 8: 14-17

Reader: The Second lesson is a Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest

First Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C January 9, 2022 (Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22)

In the Name of the Living God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

On this first Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Each of the Gospels includes this scene, and each give a little different sense to the event. In Luke's Gospel, John calls the people to repentance, and they are washed by the waters of the River Jordan as a symbol of the need to be made clean and whole and new.

But John washes with water only, and there is really no change in the person who is washed by John's water....it is the same person after all. And yet, Jesus came to the River Jordan to be baptized by John, and one of the great questions of theology is just why Jesus came to be baptized.

Matthew explains it as the need of Jesus to fulfill all righteousness, to so identify with a sinful humanity that Jesus also makes a symbolic confession and is baptized. Luke does not give us a reason in so many words, but explains it as symbolic act not for cleansing, but for ordination and being set apart for his role as Messiah and coronation of sorts as King.

Most of us are only vaguely aware of the coronation ritual, and it has now been more than 60 years since Elizabeth the Second was crowned queen of the United Kingdom. In the coronation ritual, the monarch is washed and anointed with oil, which sets the king or queen apart for their rule. In Queen Elizabeth's case, the Archbishop of Canterbury poured oil on her forehead and her hands and then placed the signs of rule upon her – crown and scepter and orb and ring. These rituals are very ancient, going back to King David and even earlier. The prophet Samuel anointed David, and Saul before him, with blessed oil. It is a sign that the person is set apart for kingship.

In the same way, Jesus is recognized as the Messiah at his baptism. And in his baptism, during prayer, the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends and alights bodily upon Jesus as a sign of the power of the Holy Spirit and a voice comes from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved. With you I am well pleased."...as the audible voice of God declaring Jesus to be the Beloved of God, causing his ordination as Messiah and Lord. This event, celebrated by us today, is his consecration, his ordination, his coronation for his earthly ministry.

The high point of the gospel reading is wonderful. The voice. "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Pleased at what? Jesus had not done anything yet. No miracles. He had not preached or taught or healed. He had not done any of those things we identify with his ministry. And yet God says, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Interesting, is it not, that God praises Jesus before he does great things? We often reverse that order, reserving praise and approval until one has earned it...EXCEPT for our children. Loving parents start with those words of affirmation and affection right from the beginning.

"My Son/Daughter, whom I love."

As usual, we are challenged to consider the implications of these messages from Scripture...to ponder and wonder to what extent, and even how and why there is some connection...some relevance for us today. And our liturgy this morning is somewhat different in that we take the opportunity to renew our own baptismal covenant...to restate the theological understanding of the Church in such a way that, hopefully, will speak to each of us...in a meaningful, and intimate way, so that we might come into our own Epiphany.

A key ingredient for our understanding this morning is to realize that, like Jesus, our own individual baptism also sets us apart. Jesus was born Immanuel and Savior, but through the ritual of baptism, Jesus was ordained for his role as Messiah.

As for us, we are born creatures of a loving God, but also part of a fallen humanity. And baptism is God's way to restore us to be truly God's children and heirs to the Kingdom of God. Because when you and I were baptized, it was in the name of the Triune God...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, when we were baptized, it was not the same as that experienced by those going to the Jordan River to be baptized by John because we are baptized not with water only but with God's Word and by God's command.

We are baptized with water, but like Jesus before us...who was the first...we were also baptized by the Holy Spirit and fire to give us power and courage and strength to live our life with God and be the people of God. At our baptism, right after the water, we are also anointed with oil...coronating us, consecrating us...baptized to follow Jesus in our commissioning for the Lord's service just as Jesus was baptized as part of his own commissioning as Messiah and Lord.

Fred Craddock, a teacher of preachers, told the story of vacationing in the Smokey Mountains area of Tennessee, and wrote: "We were at a place called the Black Bear Inn, sitting and looking out at the mountains, when this old man with pure white hair came over and asked, "You are on vacation?"

We replied, "Yes," and he asked, "What do you do?" Well, I was thinking that it was

none of his business, but I let out that I was a minister. Then he said, "Oh, a minister, well I've got a story for you." He pulled out a chair and sat down. He said, "I was born back here in these mountains and when I was growing up I attended Laurel Springs Church. My mother was not married and, as you might expect in those days, I was embarrassed about that. At school, I would hide in the weeds by a nearby river and eat my lunch alone because the other children were very cruel...and when I went to town with my courageous mother I would see the way people looked at me, trying to guess who my daddy was.

"The preacher fascinated me, but at the same time he scared me. He had a long beard, a rough-hewn face, a deep voice, but I sure liked to hear him preach. But I didn't think I was welcome at church so I would go just for the sermon. And as soon as the sermon was over, I would rush out so nobody would say, 'What's a boy like you doing here in church?'"

"One day though," the old man continued, "I was trying to get out but some people had already got in the aisle so I had to remain. I was waiting, getting in a cold sweat, when all of a sudden I felt a hand on my shoulder, and I looked out of the corner of my eye and realized it was the face of the preacher. And I was scared to death. The preacher looked at me. He didn't say a word, he just looked at me, and then he said, 'Well boy, you're a child of...' and he paused, and I knew he was going to try to guess not who my mother was but who my father was."

"The preacher said, 'You're a child of...um. Why, you're a child of God! I see a striking resemblance, boy!' He swatted me on the bottom and said, 'Go, claim your inheritance.'" And then the old man who was telling the story said to Fred Craddock, "I was born on that day!"

"You are my Son, whom I love." Terms of endearment from that voice...and not just for Jesus alone....but terms of endearment for each of us as well.

In baptism we find our affirmation. Remember that as we recall our own baptism in the service this morning. That is where we find strength for the struggle, courage for the crises, and hope for the future.

We are part of the family of God. Each of us is God's own child. Never alone from God....and nothing can separate us from that love of God in Christ Jesus all the days of our lives. Reason enough, it seems, to make it a very big deal...a very big deal indeed...when we are privileged to witness, and include our own covenant, within the sacrament of baptism when we get the chance to celebrate one here at this very parish....baptized and blessed for a lifetime of love in the company of the family of God, in return praising God in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers of the People in the Season of Epiphany

Leader: In the silences throughout these prayers, we are invited to hold up to God, either silently or aloud, the names of those we remember especially today. Bathed in starlight, we pray together to the One who created all things, saying, Show us your child, O God,

People: ***For we observed a new star at its rising and have traveled far, bearing gifts.***

Leader: Make your wisdom in its rich variety known through all faithful people, especially to Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding bishop, DeDe our diocesan bishop, James our rector & priest. Give all branches of your holy church grace to bear the gifts of truth and love to all your children on earth.

[silence, for all faithful people and ministers]

Show us your child, O God,

People: ***For we walk together in faith.***

Leader: Give your justice to the nations and their leaders, and give your mercy to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. Where we have power ourselves, open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call.

[silence, for leaders and decision-makers]

Show us your child, O God,

People: ***For we walk together in hope.***

Leader: Bless this community, that in your light we may each become a servant, one to the other. Bring us together in story, song, joy, and sorrow; and let every daughter and son who comes among us find kinship in this place.

[silence, for this community] Show us your child, O God,

People: For we walk together in love.

Leader: Have mercy on those who serve in the armed forces both here and abroad, as well as those of us who journey in sickness, fear, or any kind of trouble and who we now name from our **prayer list (.....),**

Aileen & Wheeler	Chris	David Dutcher
Pat & Peg Corbett	Kurt, Ronna, & Ron	Anne Staple
Sharon Parsons	Catherine Zbiegien	Harriet Brennan
Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater	Sara Ennis
Shirley Reali	Janice McNaughton	John & Linda Hunter
Charles O'Neill	Janet Renzi	Georgia Northup
Barbara	Blaze	Lee Northup
Charlotte Rice	Shelly Land	David Land
Chrissy O'Connor	Julie Pangborne	Dave Pangborne
Fusco Family	Dr. Jessica	Cook Family
Reali Family	Wuthrich Family	Marion Sweet
Jim Hoffman	Roxanne Muscarella	

as well as those unnamed by us yet so well known to you and loved by you. Meet them on your road with rest, peace, and good cheer.

[silence, for those with pain or sickness in body or spirit]

Show us your child, O God,

People: For we walk together by your side.

Leader: Heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death (**especially...**) in the hope of your coming kingdom.

[silence, for those who have passed]

Your star goes before them. Show them your child, O God,

People: For they have traveled far to be with you.

Leader: Dearest God, with longing and thanksgiving, knowing that you hold this world and each of all of its children dear in your heart, we pray this day for the grace to receive your gifts, to lift up our eyes and look around, and to offer back those same gifts to you and your world, with love.

Show us your child, O God,

People: For we observed a new star at its rising and have traveled far, bearing gifts.

Leader: Loving and Passionate God, receive from the depth of our hearts, the greatest thanksgivings for all of your mercies and for all the blessings given to all of us; for our loved ones, for this nation, for and your world, including those blessings we now name aloud (**such as....**), or hold joyfully in our hearts.
Show us your child, O God,

People - For we journey with you in faith, hope, and love, with joyful hearts

Leader: To the One who is the road on which we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end, we pray in boldness and confidence through faith in Christ Jesus, **Amen.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Tito Zavala. and in The Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Ketlen A. Solak.

For our companion Diocese El Salvador: We pray for the people of San Francisco de Asís, El Pital, Lourdes, Colon, and their priest, the Rev. Irma Alvarado.

In our Diocese of Central New York; we continue to pray for all essential workers, first responders, and health care professionals. We also pray for the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Canastota and their priest, the Rev. Dr. James Heidt, and the people of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Candor. We pray to you, Loving God, for all who are impacted, here and abroad, directly or indirectly, by the coronavirus pandemic, and we especially pray for our families, our friends, our loved ones, our communities, and your church.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant and People together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake

of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Peace

The Celebrant uses this or another authorized absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: **121** Christ, when for us you were baptized

Celebrant and People together: **All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

The Invitation

ALL persons, baptized at any place and of any age, are encouraged and welcomed to receive and share in the communion of Christ's sacramental Body and Blood from God's holy table in this place.

*The Bread and Wine will now be served from the Altar rail; so, when invited, please come up to the Altar (if you are physically and comfortably able to do so) and take a plastic cup from either side. Then proceed to the Altar where the priest will give you the wafer (**gluten-free available**). Then the Acolyte will pour some wine into the plastic cup. You take both wafer and cup back to the pew when we will All consume together. If unable to come to the Altar rail, let an usher know and you will be served while seated in the pew.*

In place of Communion, you may receive a blessing at the altar rail.

The Celebrant will review the above in addition to offering the Words of Invitation prior to the celebration.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Epiphany

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and together sing the **Sursum Corda***

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lifegiving God, your Word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder. We thank you for the creatures with whom we share this world, for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal. We thank you for the Son of Man, your child now shown to us, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the deaf and the blind.

On the cross, he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of you, loving and eternal God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Therefore, with all that live through him and all who hope for a new creation, we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

SANCTUS-130 (*Celebrant & People Together*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. (X2)
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (X2)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (X2)

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that this bread and this wine as these fragile, earthly things from your creation may be to us the Body and Blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and said; "Take. Eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new Covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all that words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith:

(Celebrant and People together)

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

(Celebrant continues)

Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and on earth, whose cross and resurrection makes all things new. We offer this to you, O God, asking you to honor the gift we bring, for you, alone, are the Giver and Christ the Gift through which we live, once and for all. Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness, we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of you, Eternal God, who fills all in all, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

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, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast; Alleluia**

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God; take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen**

The Post-Communion Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Celebrant and People together:

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: **616** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**

Postlude: Toccata in C Major *J. S. Bach (1685-1750) arr. Van Denman Thompson*

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Reverend Dr. James K. Heidt, Rector & Priest
Erick Kroll, Organist and Music Director
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The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS;

AA: AA Room

M-F: 9-10am; 12-1pm

Wed: 7pm

Thurs: 8pm

Fri: 8pm

Sat: 12pm; District - 1st Sat. of the month: 6pm

Sun: 12pm

NA: NA Room

Mon. 7pm

Fri. 7pm

Sat. 11:30am

For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries: especially; Lucy Kousouros

A Note from the Treasurer-We were notified recently by the printing company that handles our offering envelopes of a delay in shipping the box sets in time for January 2022. They attribute this delay mainly to shortages in both paper and envelopes, as well as transportation delays and staffing shortages in customer service and production because of COVID. As of this writing, they are not able to provide a date when our box sets will be ready.

In the meantime, we have packets of generic (un-dated and un-numbered) envelopes available for your use. These were placed on the check-in tables at the Christmas weekend services, and will be available at services going forward as. There should be enough envelopes in each packet to get through January, if you use one each week. If we don't receive the box sets before February, we will make more of these envelopes available. If you would like a set reserved for you, please contact the church office and arrange a time to pick them up. If you are unable to come to Zion, we will get them mailed to you or dropped off.

In lieu of an offering envelope, you can also use a plain envelope for your offering. Regardless of what envelope you use, please make sure to include your name on the

outside so we can properly account for your donations. This is especially important if your offering is made in cash.

If you mail your offering to Zion, please be judicious in your use of the generic offering envelopes. For example, if you mail your pledge for the entire month with a single check, you don't need to send multiple offering envelopes. You can simply note on your check the dates you would like the offering to cover, or include a short note inside the mailing explaining your intentions.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this situation. While it is not ideal, it's certainly "small potatoes" compared with the very significant challenges many of our family members, friends and neighbors are dealing with. Always count your blessings, both large and small.

Community Dinner-Our dinners have returned and the first one of the new year will be on January 22nd; there is a sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall if you would like to sign-up after service. It will be turkey tetrazzini and you may pick it up on January 22nd between 4-5 PM. Thank You.

Phone Directory-We have our Phone Directory in Clarke Hall please make sure that all information is correct and make any changes if necessary-if you are not in the Directory and would like to please add your name in the back of the book. Deadline for the directory is January 23rd. Thank You.

Martin Luther King Service-The Martin Luther King Jr. Service will be held in-person at Zion on Monday, January 17th at 9 AM. **No breakfast this year.** If you want to watch it virtual the link to do so is on our Facebook and web -site pages.

Annual Meeting-The Annual meeting will be held on January 23rd; just a friendly reminder to those who have too hand in reports please have them to the office no later than January 20th.

THIS SUNDAY: The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 9, 2022 -9AM - *Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom*

Priest:	Fr. Jim Heidt
Chalice/Acolyte	Wayne Osborne
Lay Readers	Sandie Latimer

Altar Guild
Church Opener

Harriet Brennan/Grace Millington
Willie Talmadge

NEXT SUNDAY: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:
January 16, 2022 -9AM – *Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary & on Zoom*

Priest:
Chalice/Acolyte
Lay Readers
Altar Guild
Church Opener

Fr. Jim Heidt
Jane Padrón
Jennifer Swinney
Harriet Brennan/Grace Millington
Willie Talmadge