
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. 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 come to the Altar. Please pick up a cup at either side of the Altar. You will then receive and partake in the communion **from the Reserved Sacrament** at the Altar. Please put cup into the little trash receptacle on your way down the stairs before going back to your pew. If you would like just a blessing; please fold your arms across your chest at the Altar.

The hymns and service music for the service is in the 1982 hymnal provided in each pew. **This service bulletin** contains the readings of the day, as well as listed announcements and activities happening at Zion. 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 request a **welcome sheet** from any usher before you leave and you can place it in the collection plate. Also, regular parishioners: please use the welcome sheet to update your own information with the church.

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
A Service of Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
January 21, 2024

Sisters and brothers, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion was consecrated as part of a Eucharist celebrated in another time and place. For centuries the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

Please stand if comfortably able to do so for all hymns

Prelude: Elevation

Clement Lore

Processional Hymn: **408** Sing praise to God who reigns above

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and Prophets.

Gloria (yellow card in pew)

Carol Stack

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – **Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

Reader: The First lesson is the reading from the Book of the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So, Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 62: 6-14

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6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The Second Lesson: **1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

Reader: The Second lesson is a reading from the First Letter of Paul to the
Corinthians

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<i>Reader:</i>	The Word of the Lord
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God

The Third Lesson- **Mark 1: 14-20**

Reader: The Third lesson is a reading from the Book of Mark

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Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Leader and People together, all standing

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

Prayers of the People Form III, BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world and for all people serving in our military at home and abroad.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

As we remember [our prayer list for those in need], have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

Brett McDonell	Cindy DeProspero-Outwater
Shirley Reali	Lilla Weeks
Ann & Katherine Gambier	Christine O'Connor
Richard DeProspero	Jim Hoffman
Bobby DeProspero	Christine Vecchio-Flaim
Kelly Lubek	Leslie & Linley Beckbridge
David Wiggins	Marion Sweet
David Dutcher	Janine Waller
Ryan Pope	Joanne Waller
Donald Wilson	The June Family
Ann Staple	Craig Williamson
The Gulla Family	The Grow Family
Rick Wiggins	Lucille Cook

That they may be delivered from their distress.

[We remember especially], Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us give thanks for any blessings and for those who celebrate Anniversaries and Birthday's especially:

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer Today: In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of The Church of South India (United) and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. A. Dharmaraj Rasalam.

And in the Episcopal Church: We pray for the people of the Diocese of Olympia and their bishop, the Most Reverend Melissa Skelton.

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 St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Slaterville Springs, and the people of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, South New Berlin, and their priest, The Rev. Steve White.

All joining saying together:

Prayer for Next Presiding Bishop-Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for our new Rector and Organist: Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of Zion, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector and a new Organist for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection. All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory of your name. *Amen.*

Prayer to End Gun Violence: God of mercy and compassion, who wept with Rachel as she lamented over her children—be with us, who lament the plague of gun violence that lies heavy over our land. Open our eyes to see the ways we might transform the shadow of strife and death into the way of love and peace. Strengthen us to tirelessly care for one another, that we may truly find our security in the boundless love you call us to, and lead us all to your promised future, where no sword will be drawn against another, and no power known but the power of love. All this we ask through the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All say together:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and 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.*

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

The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offertory

Please stand as you are able

Leader: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: **321** My God, thy table now is set

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

Eucharistic Preparation Prayers

Leader: Gracious and most merciful God, we remember before you those who celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Zion on January 14th with whom we now share Communion through the reception of this sacrament.

People: **Though many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread and one cup.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord our God, for this world which you have given us; you never cease to make it new, and you call us to work with you; you accept the work of our hands.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: You have made humankind in your image; each one of us is fashioned in your likeness, and we are able to recognize your face in the faces of our brothers and sisters.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: You have never desired to live apart from us, and you have taught us to know you through the Law and Prophets, the Apostles and Evangelists, who told us the marvelous story of your love.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: And you have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ. In him you have walked along our roads, looked at us with human eyes, done the kind of things that we do, and shared with us the joy that can never be lost.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: Now you give us his Body and Blood, and we give ourselves to you. Through the death and resurrection of your Son, through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us, we can make you our eternal home.

People: **Glory to you for ever**

Leader: So, with all Christians who are gathered together today everywhere, throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, as brothers and sisters we pray to you, as our Savior has taught us.

The Lord's Prayer (Kneel or stand)

Leader 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

Administration of Communion

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. All are invited to God's table.

Post-Communion Prayer

Leader and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: **660** O Master, let me walk with thee

Leader: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Leader: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude: March of Israelites

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Leader: Rick Weltz
Peg Corbett Guest Pianist

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The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

For all those who celebrate Birthdays & Anniversaries: especially: David Dutcher, Kevin Lee, Rick Savery

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**M-F: 9-10 AM & 12-1 PM
District ~1st Sat. of the month**

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**Mon: 7 PM
Fri: 7 PM
Sat. 11:30 AM**

Bible study being lead by Aaron Mejias and Rachel Green. It meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in the parlor. We are discussing the book of Matthew. Please join us.

Pantry- The first and third Sundays are dedicated to our food drives for Zion and the Vets. We divide among the 2 all that is brought in for the month. Thank You!!!!

Annual Meeting-Next Sunday is our annual meeting; please make sure your reports are into the office by tomorrow. Also, please look at the sign-up sheets in Clarke Hall. Thank You!!!

Community Dinner-January's community dinner will be **Chicken & Butternut soup**, which will served on a Saturday, January 27th between 4-5 PM for eat-in or take-out; we do ask that you please make a reservation by either e-mailing Zion at zionchurch@twcnj.rr.com or calling the church at 315 336-5170. There is also a sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall. You can leave a message on the answering machine. This is asked so we know how much food will be needed. Thank you, ladies for your hard work and dedication to this ministry.

Pledge envelopes for 2024 are still available: for all who have pledged and requested pledge envelopes. Please pick up your boxed set after Sunday's service. If you do not see pledge envelopes with your name, please let Mike know by leaving a message with Annette in the church office (315-336-5170) or by emailing finance@twcny.rr.com. Also, there is still time to make your pledge commitment. We are around \$2,500 short of the pledge income budgeted for 2024. If you can help us close the gap, please fill out and submit a pledge card ASAP. If you prefer not to pledge but would still like to use numbered envelopes for your offerings to Zion, we have extra sets available. Please leave as message as above. Thank you!

THIS SUNDAY: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024-9 AM- *Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*

Leader	Rick Weltz
Reader	Tina Rescigno
Ushers	Willie Talmadge
Altar Guild	Jennifer Swinney/Nancy Troutman
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno-Month of January

NEXT SUNDAY: The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
ANNUAL MEETING

January 28, 2024-9 AM- *Reserved Sacrament in the Sanctuary & on Zoom*

Leader	Annette Clark-Hani
Reader	Sandie Latimer
Ushers	Willie Talmadge
Altar Guild	Jennifer Swinney/Nancy Troutman
Church Opener	Tina Rescigno-Month of January