

Order for the Public Worship of God

September 7, 2025 9:30 A.M.

ZION PRESBYTERIAN exists to join Jesus in His work
of advancing His Kingdom by spreading the gospel to the lost
and equipping the saints to worship and serve.

PRELUDE

WELCOME



CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 5:2, 12, ESV

LEADER: And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
“Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?”

FAMILY: *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and might and honor and glory and blessing!*



INVOCATION



Congregation stands, as able

HYMN OF PRAISE

“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!” • Hymn 100

Day and night they never stop saying: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” REVELATION 4:8

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Author: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, Tune: NICAEA, Composer: John B. Dykes (1861)

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING” • Hymn 115 • vs 1,2,4,5

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. PSALM 145.10

1 All creatures of our God and King, — lift up your voice with us and sing
alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, — thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, — alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 O rushing wind that art so strong, — ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice, — ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 And all ye men of tender heart, — forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, — praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let all things their Creator bless, — and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, — and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Author: Francis of Assisi, Translator: William H. Draper (1926), Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN,
Source: Geistlich Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623, Copyright: Tune by permission of Oxford University Press*

Speaking to Christ

THE NICENE CREED

IN UNISON

*We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.*
*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 begotten from the Father before all ages,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.*
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made human.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.*
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

**The term "catholic" means "universal," throughout all ages and generations*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Revelation 3:1-3, ESV

And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

CONFESSION OF SIN

IN UNISON

Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. In His name we pray, Amen

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Revelation 7:13–17, ESV

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; — Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; — Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Hearing from Christ



SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 6:1-17, ESV, Page 1031

Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!” ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.

³ When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”

⁴ And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

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5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!"

7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. 10 They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

LEADER: This is the Word of the LORD.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God!*

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

“JESUS PAID IT ALL” • Hymn 308

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. ISAIAH 1:18

I hear the Savior say,
 “Thy strength indeed is small,
 Child of weakness, watch and pray,
 Find in Me thine all in all.”

Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all,
 All to Him I owe;
 Sin had left a crimson stain,
 He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
 Thy pow’r and Thine alone,
 Can change the leper’s spots
 And melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

For nothing good have I
 Where-by Thy grace to claim;
 I’ll wash my garments white
 In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb. *Refrain*

And when, before the throne,
 I stand in Him complete,
 “Jesus died my soul to save,”
 My lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

Author: Elvina M. Hall (1865), Tune: ALL TO CHRIST, Composer: John T. Grape (1868)

Hearing Christ

KIDS WORSHIP DISMISSAL

At this time children ages 3–5 may be taken to the Kids Worship room in the Annex. (They are welcome to remain in the Sanctuary.)

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL" • Hymn 691

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. PHILIPPIANS 4:7

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

*It is well (It is well),
with my soul (with my soul);
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

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3 My sin — O the bliss of this glorious thought! —
 my sin, not in part, but the whole,
 is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain:

*It is well (It is well),
 with my soul (with my soul);
 it is well, it is well with my soul.*

4 O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
 "Even so" — it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Author: Horatio Gates Spafford (1873), Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, Composer: Philip P. Bliss (1876)

Tithes & Offerings to Christ



1. Drop a check or cash in the offering plate in the front or back of the sanctuary.
2. Mail a check to the church office.
3. Scan the QR code to give online; click on the appropriate fund on the drop down menu to give.

SERMON TEXT

Habakkuk 1:1-2:1, ESV, Page 785

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

- 2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
- 3 Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
- 4 So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.
- 5 "Look among the nations, and see;
wonder and be astounded.
For I am doing a work in your days
that you would not believe if told.
- 6 For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,
that bitter and hasty nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth,
to seize dwellings not their own.
- 7 They are dreaded and fearsome;
their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.
- 8 Their horses are swifter than leopards,
more fierce than the evening wolves;
their horsemen press proudly on.
Their horsemen come from afar;
they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

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- 9 They all come for violence,
all their faces forward.
They gather captives like sand.
- 10 At kings they scoff,
and at rulers they laugh.
They laugh at every fortress,
for they pile up earth and take it.
- 11 Then they sweep by like the wind and go on,
guilty men, whose own might is their god!"
- 12 Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.
- 13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,
why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?
- 14 You make mankind like the fish of the sea,
like crawling things that have no ruler.
- 15 He brings all of them up with a hook;
he drags them out with his net;
he gathers them in his dragnet;
so he rejoices and is glad.
- 16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and makes offerings to his dragnet;
for by them he lives in luxury,
and his food is rich.
- 17 Is he then to keep on emptying his net
and mercilessly killing nations forever?

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2:1 I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

SERMON

SERMON NOTES

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The Celebration of Communion

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Guidelines for participation on Page 21

INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH

PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

FAMILY: *Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.*

PASTOR: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

FAMILY: *Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God.

HYMN OF CONTEMPLATION

"LAMB OF GOD"

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world—
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world—
grant us peace.

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMING TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SIN

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in You the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on You, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to You, the Author and Perfector of my faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

IN UNISON

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 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 forever. Amen.



HYMN OF RESPONSE

"THIS MY INHERITANCE"

This, my inheritance
Will never spoil or fade
Until he comes, my salvation
In heav'n kept by faith

This, my inheritance
God's power will be its shield
Through Jesus Christ, the only light
By which it is revealed

Chorus:

*All praise, all praise, all praise be to God
Always, always and forever*

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This, my inheritance
 Through suffering and trial
 More worth than gold, our only hope
 In faith our song will rise

Chorus:

*All praise, all praise, all praise be to God
 Always, always and forever*

Bridge: As it was in the beginning
 Is now and ever shall be
 A world without end, Amen

This my inheritance
 That none can take away
 Not even death, with my last breath
 I'll see my Saviour's face

(Repeat Chorus)

Writer(s): David Alan Leonard, Jason David Ingram, Paul Brendon Mabury, Leslie Anne Jordan



WELCOME VISITORS!



Please scan the
QR code above.

*We would love to get
to know you better!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACONS FUND OFFERING TODAY: First Sunday of every month

Through the stewardship of the deacons, this monthly offering is the primary means by which our benevolent endeavors are funded. These typically tax deductible donations provide financial assistance to Zion members first and then to the community around us. Examples are basic needs related to medical treatment, lodging, food, clothing, and transportation. Please give generously this morning!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER TRAINING:

Today, 3:00 pm, Annex Study

If you can rock a baby or read a Bible story aloud, you can serve in the Nursery and/or Kids Worship...*and we need you!* This annual training is for all CURRENT and NEW Children's Ministry volunteers. Contact Anna Quinn or Katie Peyton for more information.

ONGOING CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

HEART OF ZION CLASS: Introduction to Zion Presbyterian Church

Ongoing through October 19, 11:15-Noon, Annex Study. Contact: Jeff Wilkins, 615-707-6493

FALL BIBLE STUDIES: The Book of Acts

Men's Classes: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 am, Office Conference Room

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm, Annex Study.

Contact: Jeff Wilkins, 615-707-6493

Women's Classes: Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 am, Annex Study

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Contact: Terry Eaves, 615-351-6055

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP: Weekly on Wednesdays

5:00-5:45 pm: Dinner, Brown Fulton Fellowship Hall - *Please scan the QR code to volunteer to set up, clean up, or bring a dessert.*

6:00-7:00 pm: Bible Studies/Age-Appropriate Teaching for all ages, from our babies to our Senior Saints



Volunteer for
Midweek
Fellowship



Young Adult
Taco Lunch

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH: Next Sunday, September 14, 12:15 pm, Zion Pavilion

Young adults, high school graduates and beyond, are invited to join us for a taco lunch at the Zion Pavilion next week after Sunday School. Please scan the QR code to sign up to bring a topping or two. Plan to come and bring a friend!

Contact: Carolyn Newell, 931-215-6555.

TODAY AT ZION

SUNDAY, September 7

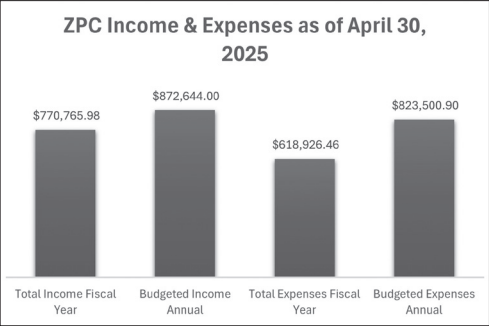
Today's Volunteers:		Coffee Fellowship Set Up — Stephanie & Ryan Brown
		Greeters — Cathy & Warren Goodman
		Communion Preparation — Debra & Jim Davis
		Nursery — Laura Newell, Ruth Ann Talley
		Kids Worship — Terry Boggs, Sherri Hein
9:30 am		Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:45 am		Coffee Fellowship (Brown Fulton)
11:15 am		Sunday School for All Ages
3:00 pm		Children's Ministry Volunteer Training (Annex Study)

THIS WEEK AT ZION

Tues	Sept 9	7:00 am	Men's Morning Bible Study
Tues	Sept 9	9:00 am	Women's Morning Bible Study
Wed	Sept 10	5:00 pm	Midweek Fellowship Dinner
Wed	Sept 10	6:00 pm	Bible Studies/Programs for All Ages

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept 14	Young Adult Lunch After Church
Sept 16	Pastoral Search Prayer Gathering
Sept 26	Last Fridays for Men
Sept 27	Senior Saints 60+ Fellowship Breakfast
Sept 30	Pastoral Search Prayer Gathering
Oct 3-6	Annual Churchwide Camping Trip
Oct 5	No Sunday School for All Ages
Oct 6-10	Fall Break - No Midweek Activities
Oct 12	Missionary Sunday
Oct 26	Annual Chili/Pie Cook Off



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 8	Patrick Raleigh	Sept 11	Joy Rhodes
Sept 9	Jana Perryman	Sept 12	Hensley Brown
Sept 9	Reese McAulay	Sept 12	Rick Conrad
Sept 9	Sharon & Mike Vaughn	Sept 13	Sherri Hein
Sept 9	Elizabeth & Bob Morgan	Sept 13	Dale Bryant

SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - FALL 2025

• ADULT CLASS - Adults 18 years & above

Location: Zion Sanctuary, 11:15-Noon

First Qtr Term: August 17 – September 28

First Qtr Topic: **REFORMED SPIRITUALITY** – Christianity is a holistic religion. God created us to relate to him as holistic beings—body and soul. Today, this is emphasized through various practices, means, and rituals within a variety of Christian denominations and traditions. The Reformed Tradition has a thoughtful and vibrant understanding of how we relate to God as holistic beings. We invite you to study this with us and see how your relationship with the Lord can deepen Taught by Keaton Paul.

• PRESCHOOL CLASS - Ages 3-5

Location: Sanctuary Annex Preschool/Kids Worship Room, 11:15-Noon

Check-in: Children check in at 11:15 at their classroom.

Dismissal: Children are to be picked up at their classroom immediately after Adult Sunday School concludes at Noon.

• ELEMENTARY CLASSES - K-1st Grade & Grades 2-4

Location: ZCA Lower Elementary Classrooms (in hallway adjacent to Fellowship Hall)

Check-in: **Students check in at 11:10** in the hallway outside the Brown Fulton Fellowship Hall, where Coffee Fellowship is held.

Dismissal: At 11:55 students will be escorted to the Sanctuary to join their parents at the conclusion of the Adult Class.

• YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - Grades 5-12

Middle School (Grades 5–8): ZCA Lower Elementary Classroom, 11:15-Noon

High School (Grades 9-12): “The Burrow” Youth Room - Sanctuary Basement, 11:15-Noon

• THE HEART OF ZION - An Introduction to Zion Presbyterian Church

Location: Annex Study, 11:15-Noon (*Fall session August 17 - October 19, 2025*)

This eight-week class is offered twice annually to those interested in learning more about or becoming a member of Zion. Included will be discussions about who we are, why we do what we do at Zion (and why we don't do what we don't do), and how to plug in. For info, call/text Jeff Wilkins at (615) 707-6493.

Classes will not meet on these 2025 Sundays through Christmas Break:

Oct 5 Fall Break

Nov 30 Thanksgiving weekend

Dec 14, 21, 28 Christmas Break