

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times when all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "On Wings of Morn" Nolte

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 36*)

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep.

**For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**For with you is the fountain of life. Fill us with life!**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

**Magnificent God, we come to draw near to you. Your presence among us sustains and challenges us. In you, we find strength and surprises. May the songs we sing, the prayers we pray, the word proclaimed, and the lives touched honor your name. We give you glory and honor. We welcome you and pray that your spirit shapes us with fresh wind, power, and compassion. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 36 CEB

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Thanks be to God!**

+ Opening Hymn No. 644 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, we live in the tension between expectation and reality. Sometimes, we navigate that tension with hope and clarity. At other times, we fester in doubt, disappointment, and uncertainty. Help us to release our need to control and enable us to embrace the possibilities. May our trust in your goodness and the power you have poured into us embolden our faith. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Beloved, know that God's grace meets us at our point of need with encouragement. Circumstances change, and that's the nature of God's creative work. Receive the gift of new life with the unexpected experiences it brings. God is with you and equips you for the journey. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Giving from Our Hearts



*It is the generosity of the friends and members of this church which supports this ministry. While the ministry at Zion is sustained by more than dollars and cents, the monetary giving is vital to the work we do. We give thanks for all who have supported Zion over the years. For those contributing financially, there is an offering plate just outside the sanctuary or you can donate online through the online giving button at zionunion.org.*

+ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One, may our gifts declare your glory and benefit the common good. Receive them with our gratitude for your generosity and the opportunity to participate in your kin-dom on earth. Amen.**

Second Reading of Scripture

Luke 3:1-14, 21-22 CEB

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Special Music

*“Rejoice the Lord Is King”*

Chancel Choir

**Rejoice in glorious hope. For Christ the Judge shall come to gather all his saints to their eternal home.**

**Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say rejoice!**

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and The Prayer of Our Savior

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.

+ Closing Hymn No. 113

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

+ Benediction:

+ Postlude

*“A Psalm of Praise”*

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**Service Prayers for the Second Sunday after Epiphany** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ. <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-epiphany-2c-january-19/>

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**Council President:** Fern Dewert

**Music Director:** Dr. Karen Stafford

**Church Custodian:** Joy Bradley

**We commit ourselves...**

**to worship God**

**to form faithful followers of Jesus**

**and to care for our wider community.**

*We care as Christ cares.*



The Holy Spirit descended  
on him in bodily form,  
like a dove.

Luke 3:22

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**Zion United Church of Christ**

**Union, Missouri**

Please take the Sunday News home with you for information and happenings during the week at Zion Church.

# SUNDAY NEWS

# JANUARY 19, 2025

## Serving This Morning

Liturgist: Jane Ridder  
Ushers: Wayne Bean & Bruce Templer Greeter: Sallie Hancox  
Sound System: Ken Rohrbach Camera Tech: David Bean  
(Hearing devices are available if needed. Please ask an usher for one.)

**Usher Dismissal** - An usher will dismiss you by row at the conclusion of the service. They will begin at the front.

**Coffee/Fellowship Hour** will be in the lower commons each Sunday following the worship service.

**Historical Display** - Eden Seminary (Part 1) is on display in the Historical Display Case during the month of January. Stop by to view photos of its first two locations.

**Zion Cemetery Association Congregational Meeting** will be held in the sanctuary following the worship service this morning.

**Please Note** - The Zion Fellowship Brunch has been **CANCELLED** for this morning.

## On Our List For Prayers

### **Health and Healing:**

Jim Doehring	Phyllis Olson	Carolyn Donoho	Frank Fazzari	Myrt Dunigan
Charlotte Ellison	Kim Yenzen	Kevin Vorderbruegge	Carol Bean	Keith Stahlman
Sarah Berghorn	Bruce Crane (at New Haven Care Center)	Anne Parker (at Willow Brooke in Union)		
Chris Branch (niece of Gerry Hoelscher)		Sharon Waldrop (friend of Jim Doehring)		
Mitch Angell (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Tammy Wettling (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Eric Heitman (nephew of Jim Doehring)		Heather Gooch (great niece of Charlotte Ellison)		
S (Karen Stafford's CASA buddy)		Carol Mossoney (mother of Dan Mossoney)		
Bob Truel (husband of Shirley Truel)		Josh & Tricia Pardee-Jacka (friends of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mike Bailey (husband of Leslie Bailey)		Cindy Roach (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		
Norma Laubinger (sister of Hettie Becker)		Liz Klemme (daughter/sister of Armin, Norma & Phil Klemme)		
Glenda Foster (friend of Charlotte Ellison)		Vanessa Dobsch (niece of Charlotte Ellison)		
Mary Dobsch (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Aubrey Reed (granddaughter of Charlotte Ellison)		
Wayne Herring (father of Matt Herring)		Beverly Elliott (mother of Mike Elliott)		
Nancy McKenzie (sister of Vicki Hooper)		Bill Stolle (friend of Jim Doehring)		
Eileen Lischer (mother of Jeanne Lischer)		Whitney Henle (granddaughter of Susan Merlino)		
Roger McDaniel (brother-in-law of Larry & Betty Clark)		Jake Phillips (father of John Phillips)		
Darlene Farrell (sister of Charlotte Ellison)		Marvin Huggins (brother-in-law of Barb Harvey)		

### **Church Family Undergoing Cancer Treatment:**

Brenda Viehland	Jake McNiell (member of Zion & son of Sarah Davenport)
Skip Buehrle	Susie Andell
Ronald Dobsch (nephew of Charlotte Ellison)	Sarah Reed (daughter-in-law of Charlotte Ellison)
Cynthia Johnson (friend of Karen Stafford)	Kim Gallagher (friend of Chris & Dawn Robinson)
Trish Kennedy (friend of Charlotte Ellison)	Allen Coffman (friend of Shawn Pehle)
Marissa Schollenberger (friend of Tom & Gayle Williams)	Aaron Dixon (nephew of Dan Mossoney)
Mike Meyer (friend of Mandy Frick)	Brenda (friend of Hettie Becker)
Leland Stahlman (brother of Keith Stahlman)	
Bill Diestelkamp (cousin of Liz Short & friend of Mandy Frick)	

### **Various Concerns:**

Prayer for our country and those actively serving:  
Aviation Structural Mechanic 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hunter Grafrath (son of Lindsay & Greg Traffas, grandson of Mike & Lynne Elliott)  
Ross Groenke (son of Cindy & Dale Groenke)

## Adult Education Opportunities

**This Morning** - The JOY Adult Class begins meeting again this morning in the lower commons classroom. They will be discussing the book *'If God is Love Don't Be a Jerk'* by John Pavlovitz.

## Christian Education/Faith Quest/Youth News

**This Morning** - All Sunday School classes will meet from 10-11 a.m.; **Preschool** - ages 3-5 will meet in the Preschool Room (the nursery); **Faith Quest** - grades kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Bible Max Theatre; **Confirm NOT Conform** - grades 6-12 will meet in the high school room.

## Church Calendar – January 19, 2025 to January 26, 2025

<b>Today -</b>	<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Zion Cemetery Association Meeting (sanctuary)</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>
<b>Mon., Jan. 20 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Church Council (classroom)
<b>Tues., Jan. 21 -</b>	1:30 p.m. Book Club (lower commons)
<b>Wed., Jan. 22 -</b>	12:00 noon Loops of Love (lower commons)
	6:00 p.m. Joyful Noise
	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir
<b>Thurs., Jan. 23 -</b>	8:00 a.m.-12 noon Quilting Circle
	1:00 p.m. Historical Team Workday (historical room)
<b>Fri., Jan. 24 -</b>	7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
<b>Next Sun., Jan. 26 -</b>	<b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b>
	<b>10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour</b>

**Mon., Jan. 20** – 2024 Annual Report articles are due in the church office by Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Thurs., Jan. 23** – Articles for the February 2025 Spirit of Zion newsletter are due in the church office on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The newsletter will be assembled on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 a.m.

**Sun., Jan. 26** – Everyone is invited to the “MLK Celebration: Mission Possible” next Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the ECC John Edson Anglin Performing Arts Center. Keynote speaker is Bishop Eric D. Morrison. The event is sponsored by Neighbors United Undoing Racism.

**Help Thyself Meals** - HELP THYSELF meals program has had two successful years with the endeavor and we plan to continue as a service to those that need a bit of support in the future. These meals are for anyone in need of a bit of help with meals during the week. We want you to help yourself. The meals and simple desserts are in the freezer in the kitchen in the Lower Commons kitchen. This is a reminder to mark the chart on the front of the freezer for taking meals or bring meals to donate to those in need. If anyone needs assistance in receiving meals please contact one of these people: Kathy Young (314-580-3105), Carol Rohrbach, (636-583-3659), Ann Hartley (636-346-5921), Dorothy Mitana (636-239-1296), Jane Ridder (314-520-7090) and Maxine Harrison (636-583-2159)

**Little Food Pantry** – Thank you for the great support in keeping the Little Food Pantry going! A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the lower commons. Monetary donations can also be given – contact the church office.

**Little Free Library** – Just a reminder that Zion has a Little Free Library located close to the corner of Washington and Springfield Avenue. If you have any gently used adult/children’s books please feel free to drop them in the free library or drop them off in the church office. Thank you!

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