

New Zion Evangelical Congregational Church

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Third Sunday in Advent, December 17, 2017

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Meekness and Majesty video

Advent Candle Lighting Aliya Fulkerson

Bell Ringing Dylan Fulkerson

*Call to worship from 1 John 3:1

*Behold what manner of love the Father Has lavished on us
That we should be called the children of God*

*Hymn 249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Hymn 250 O Little Town of Bethlehem

KNOW THAT THE LORD, HE IS GOD

Scripture John 1:10-13

Message The Christ Options

*Hymn 478 Have You any room for Jesus?

Special Music Bert Mullen

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Sharing Time and Prayer

Receiving Offerings and Tithes as we pass attendance registers

*Hymn 273 Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

Ann Brown is providing child care for children under age five in the church basement today.

In light of the holiday weekend, we will celebrate next Sunday, Christmas eve, by having a combined Sunday School and worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will be having communion on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m..

New Zion church was dedicated on Sunday, January 2, 1898. A new bell, cast in 1897 says "A New Commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another." Perhaps this was in response to the rupture with their church, now known as "Old Zion," For fifteen months the "seceders" met outdoors or in nearby homes, awaiting the completion of their "New" Zion building. On January 7, 2018, we will be celebrating the beginning of our fourth forty years as a congregation at this location with a reception and open house after worship. Our bishop, Bruce Hill, will kick off our new year by preaching for us December 31.

Looking forward to our Fourth Forty Years will be the theme of worship and congregational meeting on Sunday, January 14.

