

New Zion Evangelical Congregational Church

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Christmas Eve, December 24, 2017

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Meekness and Majesty video
Advent Candle Lighting Jayme Rupp
Bell Ringing Ariya (and her mom) Rupp
Joy to the World (screen)
Children's play

KNOW THAT THE LORD, HE IS GOD

Scripture John 1:14-18
Message The Gifts of Jesus Christ to us
*Hymn 278 Angels We have heard on high
Special Music The Ashbaugh family

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Sharing Time and Prayer
Receiving Offerings and Tithes as we pass attendance registers
*Hymn 249 O Come Let us Adore Him
*Benediction and Postlude

We will be having communion with candlelights and carols this evening 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 light lunch and open house from noon to 2:00 pm.. 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.

