

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets
Decatur, Indiana

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(*) Please stand either in body or in spirit.

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026
Matthew 4:12—23

“Taking on bold challengers to live differently in the world—Individually and together.”

Gathering Music: “I’ll Go Where You Want Me To Go” Shelly Nussbaum

The Welcome and Announcements: Justin Shaffer, Liturgist

(Visitors: Please sign the Friendship Folder)

The Prelude: “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

*Please take a moment and quiet your minds and open your hearts as
we focus ourselves in preparation for worshipping God.*

The Light appears: The Acolytes serve

The Church Bell rings:

*The Call to Worship: Liturgist

Let your lives witness to Christ’s love.

And may our words bring reconciliation.

Let your thoughts be of peace.

And our touch bring healing.

Let your actions count for justice,

And may our faith be a sign of hope.

Let our time of worship here and now be a true blessing for us all
and restore joy and praise to our lives.

*Hymn of Praise: “Revive Us Again” No. 295

*Invocation: (Responsively) Liturgist

Come, Lord.

Come be light for our path and a lamp in our darkness.

Come, Lord.

Fill our days with song and our nights with blessing.

Come, Lord.

Deepen our prayers for others and quicken our steps to do justice.

Come, Lord.

Enlighten our worship and bless us with peace.

***Passing the Peace of Christ:**

Liturgist

Jesus is our peace. He has reconciled us to God; born in a manger and died on the cross. We meet in the name of Jesus and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Affirmation of Faith:

There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

The hope in our lives is Jesus.

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The call we must answer is God's.

There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

The Creator who calls us is God.

We are one body, one family, one church,

woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

we are one body in unity and love.

The Scripture Reading:

Psalm 27:1,4—9

Liturgist

Pew Bible, Pg. 477

The Choir Anthem: "From This Very Place" Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer: Spoken and Silent

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Prayer Response: Chancel Choir

The Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:12—23 Rev. Kahler

The Word of God for the People of God:

The Response: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" No.376

The Sermon: "The Gift of Bold Action"

The Moment of Offering: Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

Source of life may the works of our hands bring you honor. May the life we live reflect the risen Word of life. May the service we offer be inspired by the Breath of life. Amen.

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The Offering: Ushers serve

Tim & Maggie Bolinger
Bill Carpenter, Aithen Shaffer
Myra Gaunt
Acolytes

Door Greeters
Ushers
Money Counter
Ushers

We welcome all members, visitors, and guests to our worship service this morning. Visitors are asked to take a few moments to sign the Friendship Folder located in each pew and place in the offering plate.

Please join us in the dining room after worship for a time of fellowship and cookies, coffee, and punch.

Today's bulletins are presented by Jan Miller in honor of family birthdays.

Our Operation Help products for January will be **canned meat and peanut butter**. Please place your donations of non-perishable items or canned goods in the bins in the dining room and West vestibule. Demand at Operation Help has increased considerably and any donations are much appreciated.

Please submit your completed Lenten Devotional to Barb Engle **today**. The Lenten mailing will be sent out the week of February 9th.

We will be submitting a gift card order to RaiseRight tomorrow. Anyone who wishes to place an order should see Stacey Smith today. She will be placing an order at the end of every month.

Christian Education committee will meet next Sunday after worship to plan 2026 activities.

Men's Fellowship will collect donations of canned soup in celebration of "Souper Bowl" Sunday on February 8th. Simple hearty meals like soup and stew are especially needed during the cold winter months. Last year, there were 182 cans donated and we hope to exceed that this year.

Looking Ahead

Monday, January 26: Official Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 28: Bell Choir Practice 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 29: Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 1: Christian Education Meeting 11:00 a.m.

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