

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Third and Jackson Streets
Decatur, Indiana

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(*)Please stand either in body or in spirit

November 16, 2025

Fall Congregational Meeting

Luke 21:5—19

“Christ never promised an easy walk, but one of Sacrifice.”

Gathering Music: “The Holy City” Shelly Nussbaum
(In memory of Ron Feller)

The Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist: Randi Stevens
(Visitors, Please sign the Friendship folder)

The Prelude: “Be Thou My Vision”
*The Prelude calls us together. It is a time of quiet reflection to focus ourselves
in preparation for worshipping God.*

The Light appears: The Acolytes serve
The Church Bell rings:

*The Call to Worship: (Inspired by Psalm 98) Liturgist

O Sing to our Creator a New Song,

Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!

With trumpets and sounds of the horn

We create joyful sounds for you, God of love.

The hills will sing together in bliss.

**Just as the sea roars and the artists rhyme, we serenade
our Creator.**

*Hymn of Praise: “The Solid Rock” No.404

*The Invocation: (Unison) Liturgist
Beloved Divine Sustainer, Like the sunlight, your presence

illuminates the world around us. Like the air, your being invigorates us. Even when the world seems to be on fire, your quenching rain soothes our souls. Through your wisdom, we find our hope and strength. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with fortitude, knowing you will never depart from us. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ: Liturgist
Please pass the peace through our words and through our actions in a world that desperately needs to see the results of following the Prince of Peace.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life: Rev. Kahler
Holy Strength,
At the signs of conflict in our communities and world, we cower instead of running towards the needs of our neighbors. We believe the end is near, but in actuality, this is another wave of dread coming from our fellow humans. Unfortunately, we can't simply wish this conflict away. Instead, you call us to walk through the fire and to use our voices. Forgive us when we want to stop instead of continuing to follow the way of Jesus. Give us grace to keep moving forward, even when betrayal and hate are raining upon us.

Words of Grace: Rev. Kahler

Scripture reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Liturgist
Pew Bible, pg. 1033

The Choir Anthem: "The Little Brown Church" Chancel Choir

Time With The Youth:

Prayers of the People:

The Morning Prayer: Spoken and Silent

The Lord's Prayer:

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:

Luke 21:5—19

Rev. Kahler
Pew Bible, pg. 915

*The Sermon Hymn:

“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past” No. 52
vs.1,2,3,6

The Sermon:

“Full Disclosure”

The Moment of Offering:

Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer Of Thanksgiving: (Unison)

Creator God, Source of All Energy, we see how your gifts transform the hearts, minds, and souls of this world. May your wisdom continue to strengthen our spirits. Through our gifts of treasures, talents, and time, we can serve your children, ensuring no one goes hungry and all are thriving. Through our endurance and compassion, may we build God's Realm here on earth. Amen.

The Offering:

Ushers Serve

The Offertory Music: “It Is Well With My Soul”
(In Memory Of Ron Feller)

*Doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit One. Amen.**

*Hymn of Commitment: “A Shelter In The Time Of Storm” No. 353

*The Benediction:

Gain Your Souls: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian , an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.

*Song Of Departing Friends: Savior Again, To Thy Dear Name”

**Savior, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease;
With eager hearts we wait Thy word of peace. Amen.**

*The Light is carried forth Acolytes serve

*The Worship Leaders exit

*The Moment for Silent Prayers Chimes

*The Postlude: “Bringing In The Sheaves”

Please be seated for Congregational Meeting

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Each of Us	A Minister of Christ
Rev. Allen Kahler	Minister
Barb Engle	Congregation President
Jan Miller	Board Secretary
Maggie Bolinger	Office Secretary
Stacey Smith	Church Treasurer
Lisa Krueckeberg	Financial Secretary
Shelly Nussbaum	Music Director/Church Organist

Kacie Shaffer	Custodian
Justin Shaffer	Building Manager
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Sandy Uhrick, Faith Walchle	Door Greeters
Ken Uhrick, Terra Roop	Ushers
Terra Roop	Money Counter
Ushers	Acolytes

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We welcome all members, visitors, and guests to our worship service this morning. Visitors: Please sign our Friendship Folder located in each pew.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Harvest Food Table. There are two individuals receiving food boxes and extra food items are donated to Operation Help to serve the wider community.

We hope you will join the Men’s Fellowship this afternoon for their Thanksgiving Carry-in dinner. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, dinner rolls, and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Dinner begins at 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, November 23rd. We hope you will join us as we give thanks for our many blessings.

It is Red Kettle season! The Salvation Army begins its bell-ringing season on November 28th at Kroger and Walmart in Decatur and M&M Market in Geneva. Please call the United Way at 260-728-2056 to volunteer an hour or more of your time. Funds raised are used for emergency situations for people of all ages and all funds raised in Adams County stay in Adams County. Donations are significantly higher when there are bell ringers present and it is a fun way to help our neighbors.

This year we are inviting the Trunk-or-Treat families back for a Parents Morning Out on November 29th from 9:00-1:00 for children ages 3-11. We can provide four hours of childcare to help parents get things done while we watch their children. This gives us the opportunity to get to

know some of the families that are a part of our neighborhood, and them the opportunity to get to know us. There will be themed activities, games, crafts, and snacks and volunteers are needed to assist. Contact Pastor Allen & Shannon to volunteer!

The Lunch Bunch will gather for lunch at Everett's Family Restaurant in Willshire this Wednesday, November 19th at 11:30 a.m. Please see Russ Augsburgsberger if you plan to attend. Everyone is invited for a time of good food and fellowship.

We offer our sympathy to the family of Ron Feller, who passed away in Michigan this week. Please keep Jackie and their children in your prayers. Cards may be sent to:

Jackie Feller
527 Lancaster Ct.
Saline, Michigan 48176

Advent begins on Sunday, November 30th. We will be decorating the church next Sunday afternoon, November 23rd. Please meet at 2p.m. The Men's Fellowship will also meet at that time to set up the Nativity. A new stable has been purchased and donated for use on the front lawn. It takes the efforts of many people and any help is much appreciated.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Lunch Bunch, Everett's Family Restaurant, Willshire, 11:30 a.m.
Handbell Choir Practice 6 p.m.
Chancel Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 20: No Bible Study

Sunday, Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Communion

Advent Decorating 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: No Choir Practices

Sunday, Nov. 30: First Sunday of Advent

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Last week's attendance: 38 Offering: \$11947.67 (Incl. \$100 Disaster relief, \$10,000 Paul & Martha Feller memorial)

Needed each week: \$4085.87

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