

# ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third and Jackson Streets

Decatur, Indiana

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

Memorial Sunday, Totenfest

November 2, 2025

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

**“God is at work in the dark places, even when we cannot see it.”**

Gathering Music: “Saints Bound For Heaven”

The Welcome and Announcements: Liturgist: Jeanne Reidenbach  
(Visitors, please sign the Friendship folder)

The Prelude: “By All Your Saints Still Striving”

*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:

\*Call to Worship: (Inspired by Psalm 32) Liturgist

I refuse to hide the worst piece of myself from God,

**And through my transparency, God shares Divine Grace.**

I allow God to know the depths of my grief,

**And through my openness, God shares Divine Peace.**

I refused to keep silent. In knowing my voice, God shares Divine  
Presence.

**And through my vulnerability, God shares Divine Strength.**

\*Hymn of Praise: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 26

\*Invocation: (Unison) Liturgist

**Holy God, Divine Seeker of Our Hearts,**

**We walk about in our lives, seeking what’s shiny instead of**

**Pursuing you. Even so, you still search for us. You’ll climb trees**

**with us, sit in the dust with us and journey on long roads alongside**

**us. You abide in our dwelling places- no matter their size or state of order. Today, we welcome you in our spaces: from the churches where we sing your praise to our homes where we rest for the upcoming week. May we recognize your presence and calling in our lives. 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**

**Christ who abides as our Holy Guest,  
We rush to find you as if you are our favorite celebrity. We look for you in the pretty people with seemingly uncomplicated lives. And yet, you are hanging with folks who many consider quirky, unique, and holy messes. You seek companions with our neighbors who are scattered and whose lives seem like fountains of chaos. We neglect noticing you as you like to dwell with the ones who abide in corners, shadows, and hidden in trees. May we seek you in the hearts of our neighbors instead of being distracted by shallow charmers and earthly glamour. Amen.**

**Words of Grace:**

**The Scripture Reading: Luke 19:1-10**

**Liturgist  
Pew Bible pg. 912**

**The Choir Anthem: “For The Autumn Sky” Chancel Choir**

**Time For Youth:**

**Prayers of the People:**

The Morning Prayer Spoken and Silent:

The Prayer of Our Savior:

**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

Scripture Reading:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Rev. Kahler

Pew Bible, pg.811

\*The Sermon Hymn:

“Be Still, My Soul”

No.347

The Sermon:

“Work Of Waiting ”

The Moment of Offering:

Liturgist

Invitation to Generosity:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication: (Unison)

**God of Infinite Light, In the ways that you glow, we discover more about ourselves: how we excel and how we are to share from our talents, treasures, and time. May we have hearts of hospitality as we seek the Christ in our works. May we build God’s Realm, knowing that what we give will make a difference and bless our siblings across this world. Amen.**

The Offering:

Ushers serve

The Offertory Music: “I Am Bound For The Promised Land”

### \*The 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**

## Memorial Service:

## The Lighting of the Memorial Candles:

Norma Shelton: March 18, 2025

# Marilyn Fruchte: April 26, 2025

Brenda Osterman: July 23, 2025

Donna Roth: 9-2-2025

Timothy L. Walchle: 10-5-2025

Mary Pat Heller: 10-10-2025

\*The Hymn of Commitment: “For All The Saints” No. 546

**\*Benediction:**

***The Lost: Service Prayers for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*** was written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian , an ordained UCC minister in Belleville, Illinois.

\*The 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
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\*The Worship Leaders exit

\*The Moment for Silent Prayers Chimes

\*The Postlude: “We’re Marching To Zion”

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Each of Us Minister of Christ

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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.

Our Operation Help products for November will be items for the Harvest Food Table. Please place your donations of non-perishable items or canned goods in the bins in the dining room and West vestibule or bring them to the sanctuary on Sunday, November 16th. Please let Janet Smith know if you know of someone in our church family or the community in need of help this holiday season. Extra food items are donated to Operation Help to serve the wider community.

We hope you will join the Men's Fellowship on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our College Boxes will be sent next Sunday. Your donations may be placed in the bin in the dining room before Sunday School. Monetary donations to cover postage are also welcome. We currently have 3 students receiving boxes.

Our Fall Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16th following worship. There will be elections for the 2026 Official Board, presentation of the 2026 budget for consideration and other items

of interest to the congregation. Candidates for Elder are Jan Miller and Carl Stevens. Candidate for Trustee is Tim Bolinger. Candidates for Association and Conference delegates are needed, and any member of the church is eligible to serve. There are no Deacons to be voted on this year.

Bible Study continues this Thursday morning in the lounge at 10:30. Please join us as we continue our study of the letters of John.

Our Trunk or Treat event last year saw many neighborhood families come into our parking lot. We would like to expand on that outreach by offering an event to bring those same families back to the church. 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. With all the holiday events and shopping, we can provide four hours of childcare to help parents get those 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. We plan to have themed activities, games, crafts, and snacks for the children to enjoy during their time with us. Volunteers are needed to assist with the program for the day. Contact Pastor Allen & Shannon to volunteer!

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Bell Choir Practice 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir Practice 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 6: Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9: College Boxes

Official Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.

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