

Elton Zion United Methodist Church

November 20, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Announcements

Prelude

Opening Scripture: Colossians 1:15-16 NKJV

¹⁵Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

Prayer:

Children's Sermon:

Blessing of the Shoeboxes

Opening Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, GOD Only Wise" #103

Responsive Reading: Luke 1:68-79 *NLV* (*see below*)

Greeting One Another In Christian Love:

Chorus: I Love You with the Love of the LORD

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Message: *"The Sheep Will Follow the Shepherds,
but Who Will Be the Shepherds?"*

***Hymn of Response:** Blest Be the Tie That Binds #557

Intercessory Prayer & LORD's Prayer: (*Invitation to the kneeling rail*)

Offering:

Doxology: Praise GOD from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal" #580

Benediction: Amen #898

The church is who we are....Not where we go on Sundays!

Responsive Reading

Luke 1:68-79

NLV

Leader: Let us thank the Lord God of Israel. He has bought His people and made them free.

Congregants: He has raised up from the family of David One Who saves people from the punishment of their sins.

Leader: His holy early preachers told us this long ago.

Congregants: God told us that we should be saved from those who hate us and from all those who work against us.

Leader: He would show loving-kindness to our early fathers. He would remember His holy promise.

Congregants: God promised this to our early father Abraham.

Leader: He promised that we would be saved from those who hate us and that we might worship Him without being afraid.

Congregants: We can be holy and right with God all the days of our life.

Leader: And you, my son, will be the one who speaks for the Most High. For you will go before the Lord to make the way ready for Him.

Congregants: You will tell His people how to be saved from the punishment of sin by being forgiven of their sins.

Leader: Because the heart of our God is full of loving-kindness for us, a light from heaven will shine on us.

Congregants: It will give light to those who live in darkness and are under the shadow of death. It will lead our feet in the way of peace.”

Hymn Lyrics

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
3. We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Lead On, O King Eternal,

1. Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

Announcements

Nov 20th at 3:00 p.m. at Elton UMC—Combined Forest Hills Ministerium Thanksgiving Service of Music Combined Choir practice at 2:15 p.m. prior to the Service. Light luncheon to follow the service. Donations of covered dish/desserts would be greatly appreciated.

Children's Lego Ministries - Children of all ages can enjoy an evening of Bible lesson and have fun while they build with the various amounts of LEGO's. **(Mt. Olive at 6:00 p.m.) Always the 2nd Saturday of each month**

Clergy Christmas Gathering - The Zion-Elton UMC will be hosting this year's Clergy Christmas on Dec. 2nd at 6:00 p.m.. We are asking for volunteers to aide in the preparations and serving for this gathering.

GREATER THINGS - Dec. 4th at 6:00 p.m. Johnstown High School auditorium - A city wide service of "*Celebration & Expectation*"

Elton's Christmas Celebration - December 11th (During Worship Hour) Light luncheon to follow.

EXPRESS TO BETHLEHEM—A one hour unexpected journey where Christmas is rediscovered. December 1, 2 and 3. 7:00 PM to 8:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 pm) Will be held at the Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship—**Free Admission to this Drama/Musical Production!!**

Please add Pastor Maggie to your shut-in list:

Her address is: Rev. Maggie Foreman,
Room 153, Cambridge Ebensburg Senior Living
4848 Admiral Perry Highway
Ebensburg, PA 15931

Worship Leaders

November 30 Wendy Gordon
November 27 David Kissinger
December 4 Brian Flynn
December 11 Tom Stewart
December 18 Cheryl Brush
December 25 David Kissinger

Greeters

November 20 Dick and Donna Trent
November 27 Tom and Stacey Fondelier
December 4 Don and Roxanne Saccol
December 11 Wendy Gordon and Donna Neff
December 18 Steve and Carol Chappie
December 24 John and Heather Shaffer
December 25 Donna Williams

From Outreach:

HEBREWS 6:10

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

In the upcoming season of giving, Outreach is partnering with an organization called, Destiny's Outreach. We are asking the congregation to “sponsor” a child/late teen from the Johnstown region by purchasing a few gifts for Christmas. In trying to remain impartial for all recipients, we are requesting a total gift amount around \$50. Suggestions for gift ideas will be provided with each name. With rising costs this holiday season, you may consider partnering with another church member to sponsor a child together. A definitive date for collection is unknown at this time. Please contact Carol Chappie (814-467-8855) to receive a child's name.



Also see Poinsettia Order Form next page...

Poinsettia Order Form 2022

NAME	Size	6" 3-5 blooms	5" doubles	10" triple
	Color/Price	\$8.75	\$17.00	\$22.00
Red Velvet	Red			
Noel	White			
Pink Passion	Pink			
Elegance	Marble			
Plum Pudding	Burgundy			
Jingle Bells	Red/White Splash			
Candy Cane	Red & White	Not available		
Three Musketeers	Red, White, Pink (multi)	Not available	Not available	
Winter Rose	Red			



I would like _____ poinsettia(s) to be listed as follows:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Orders Due By November 28