



Give Thanks NOVEMBER 2025

Our Mission: United by Christ's loving embrace, a welcoming light in an unsure world, we serve and enrich the community and provide a safe gathering space for fellowship, spiritual growth, and self-exploration.

Our Vision: Transforming and caring for our community through Christ's love.

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Prelude

Gathering (Responsive, based on Isaiah 65)

One: God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Many: The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

One: God rejoices over Jerusalem, and takes delight in God's people.

Many: The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more.

One: Before we call out, God will answer. While we are still speaking, God will hear.

Many: We worship the one who makes all things new.~

*Gathering Song

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, 72

Prayer—There is no place to turn, O God, for the comfort we desire; no place, but to you alone, O Creator. Bless us this day, that we might be a blessing to others. Bless us this day, that we might be faithful witnesses to life in Christ Jesus, our redeemer and friend. In our songs and prayers, in our scriptures and spoken words, reveal your purposes to through the power of your Holy Spirit. We are here, O Creator. Equip us for ministry with the faith and assurance only you can provide.~

The Lord's Prayer (unison)—Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Exploring Together

Stewardship Bingo

Scripture

Isaiah 65:17-25 (CEB)

¹⁷ Look! I'm creating a new heaven and a new earth: past events won't be remembered; they won't come to mind. ¹⁸ Be glad and rejoice forever in what I'm creating, because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy and her people as a source of gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people. No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again. ²⁰ No more will babies live only a few days, or the old fail to live out their days. The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person, and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed. ²¹ They will build houses and live in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They won't build for others to live in, nor plant for others to eat. Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people; my chosen will make full use of their handiwork. ²³ They won't labor in vain, nor bear children to a world of horrors, because they will be people blessed by the Lord, they along with their descendants. ²⁴ Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. ²⁵ Wolf and lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but the snake—its food will be dust. They won't hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Meditation

Hymn

Rise Up, O Saints of God, 590

We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving

Invitation—God has given us home and hearth and love without end. Let us share our lives and our gifts with the One who has gifted us.~

November Benevolence—God's Bounty

Ministry Moment

Foster Care, Joe Osher

***Doxology**

We Give Thanks—Gracious God, you have given us new heavens and a new earth. You bless us with new life and presence, more than ever before. So, let us build and share our homes. Let us plant gardens and offer the fruit to those who hunger. We

offer our gifts to you and to all your people. For then shall we too be fed— in body and in spirit. Amen.~

Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets, 24

Benediction—People of God, the Creator calls. We shall answer— embracing new life, blessed peace, and a love that has no end. Amen.~

Postlude

~Beu, B.J.; Scifres, Mary. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2025: Worship Resources for Every Sunday of the Year (p. 245).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ZION

- Sunday, after worship – 3rd Sunday Lunch at The Depot
- Monday, 6:30 pm – Young Adult Book Study (Zoom)
- Wednesday, 6:30 pm – Council (Zoom)
- Thursday, 2 pm – Golden Friends Game Day (Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, 6 pm – Fundraising Team (Zion Room)
- Sunday, November 23, 9 am – Choir Practice with Bell Practice following
- Sunday, November 23, 10 am – Thanksgiving Worship
- Sunday, November 23, after worship – Thanksgiving Party and Pie Lunch

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- **STEWARDSHIP BINGO**—There is one week left for Stewardship Bingo. Be on the lookout for ways you can serve God and the church as you live your faith. Prizes are available as you fill your bingo cards. A second prize can be won for a cover-all.
HANGING OF THE GREENS—It is almost time to deck the halls of our sanctuary! Help prepare our worship space on Monday, November 24, at 6 pm, as we get ready for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Pizza and treats will be provided.
- **NATIVITY SCENES**—Because the nativity scene is the anchor image for our Advent worship, you're invited to bring in a nativity set to help decorate the sanctuary. We will offer a blessing on the nativity sets on November 30 and will place them throughout the sanctuary after that worship service. Nativity sets will stay up through Epiphany on January 4.

SERVE

- **ANGEL TREE**—Thank you to everyone who has been able to participate in the Angel Tree this year. Please drop off your unwrapped gifts in the sanctuary by

November 30. Your generosity is allowing us to serve 8 kids this year!

- **NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE**—The holiday season is right around the corner, and we want to help make sure our neighbors have food to eat. Help us fill the chancel with non-perishable food donations. Bring your donations now through November 23.
- **NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE**—This month we are supporting the work of God's Bounty in all kinds of ways as they serve neighbors right here in our community facing food insecurity. In addition to supporting our food drive, you can also make monetary donations to God's Bounty so they can purchase exactly what they need and keep up with the expenses of running the pantry.

ENRICH

- **MINISTRY MOMENT**—Sign up today to share a Ministry Moment with us in worship. This is a chance for you to tell the story of how God is at work through Zion and through the lives of our members.
- **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**—The Young Adults finish their book study on *Braving the Wilderness* this Monday at 6:30 pm on Zoom.
- **3rd SUNDAY LUNCH**—We hope you can join us today after worship for our 3rd Sunday Lunch at The Depot (240 W. Mill St., Greenfield).
- **GOLDEN FRIENDS GAME DAY**—Join the Golden Friends on Thursday, November 20 at 2 pm for a fun afternoon of games, snacks, and fellowship. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. All are welcome to join us no matter your age. Family and friends are always welcome!
- **THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION & LUNCH**—We will give thanks for the bounty of our lives on Sunday, November 23. In worship we will have a special service of song and praise. After worship you're invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Party and Pie Celebration. Bring in your favorite pie and open your hearts to warm fellowship as we enjoy Olive Garden Soup and Breadsticks.
- **CHRISTMAS IN WANAMAKER**—Our Fundraising Team will again have a booth at Christmas in Wanamaker on December 6 and will sell ornaments, potholders, and mini bread loaves. All are invited to walk in the parade as we invite our neighbors to join us for worship. Line up begins at 12 pm, with the parade at 1 pm. Sign up today!