

Second Sunday
OF
Advent
December 7, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✦ *Please stand in body or in spirit*

*We are pleased to welcome all who have come to worship
with us this morning! Your presence is a blessing.*



PRELUDE

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY: Welcome & Announcements

✦ SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):

A voice cries out: "Prepare in the wilderness a road for the Lord."

As we worship, we will do so with reverent quietness.

Let us leave behind the rush of the season, and the strident voices of our commercial world.

Then we will hear the voice of the prophet and prepare the way of the Lord.

✦ OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

✦ COLLECT (unison)

O living Christ, in this season of lights, may we look to the Light of the World. In this season of music, may we hear the message of the angels. In this season of gift giving, may we acknowledge the greatest gift of all. In this season of merriment, may we experience the joy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

(Lighting of the first candle)

We light the first candle of hope. We long for the day when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie with the lamb, the calf and lion shall feed together, and a little child shall lead them."

(Lighting of the second candle)

We light the candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light and peace to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" verse 3 UMH 218

PSALTER: Psalm 72:1-8 (Response 1) UMH 795

HEBREW LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-10 (p 686)

A son of David is promised as the world's King. Christians believe that this promise was fulfilled in the coming of Jesus.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 15:4-13 (p 1125)

Advent is a season of hope. God's Word, the Scriptures, is the source of our hope.

ANTHEM..... Choir

✦ GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 3:1-12 (p 957)

John the Baptist's mission was to prepare the way for Christ.

MESSAGE: *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Pastor Jim Pugh

✦ HYMN: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II..... UMH 12

OFFERTORY (following Confession and Pardon)

✦ FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY (sing in unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦ DEDICATION

(We continue the communion service with Taking the Bread and Cup, p. 13, followed by The Great Thanksgiving.)

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In Cambridge, Maryland

✦CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be" UMH 399

✦BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Leslie & Charlotte Booze and Virginia Booze
by their family.

Children's activity sheets (ages 3+ and ages 7+) are available in the Narthex.

Lectionary Readings for Sun., December 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

Give to God
through
Zion UMC



Sound:	Tom Wilson	Accompanist:	Irene Howard
Greeter:	Gloria Brake	Choir Director:	Karla Wilkins
Videographer:	Brandon Crawford	Scripture:	Olivia Schunick
Ushers:	Gene Williams & Tom Wilson	Pastor:	Jim Pugh
Advent Readers:	Crawford Family		

ATTENDANCE

Sun., November 23, 2025

In-person: 36 Online: 18

Zion's Mission Statement

The mission of Zion UMC is to provide a loving community to welcome all who seek a Gospel-based commitment with Jesus Christ, through which their relationship with Him can thrive and to provide opportunities to serve others in His name.

Zion's Core Values

- Worship is the core of our life together.
- We are family.
- We grow disciples.
- We honor God by serving others.
- We live as God's stewards.
- We respect our heritage.

OTHER INFORMATION

Praise and Prayer Concerns may be emailed to office@zionumccambridge.org.

They will not be read during today's service, but added to next week's list.

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