



# GREATEST COMMANDMENT

**October 25, 2026**

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# 9:00am Worship Service

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Welcome

\*Opening Prayer - In Unison

**O Gracious God, we pray for Your Holy Church Universal, that You would be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Him who died and rose again, and evil to make intercessions for us, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.

**People: We have responded to Christ's call and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Leader: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light, therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

**People: Blessed be Your Name, O God our Redeemer. By Your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

\*Opening Song & Entrance of the Light of Christ

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

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Joys & Concerns

Scripture Reading

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

Choir Anthem

*"The Longer I Serve Him"*

**Mt. Zion Choir**

Pastor Appreciation

Scripture Reading

**Matthew 22:34-46**

Children's Time

Sermon Song

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*

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Message

*"The Greatest Commandment"*

**Pastor Philip Tocknell**

Offering

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

\*Closing Song

*"God Be with You till We Meet Again"*

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Benediction

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## **Prayer Concerns**

### **October 25 thru November 1**

Donna Daley - pain management due to her MS

Kay Elwood and Family - loss of Brian Bayer

Pastor Hayden - cancer, chemo treatments

Heidi Kammer - loss of her brother, Bobby Hunter

Heidi & Allen Kammer - moving, new address 307 Close Dr. Martinsburg, WV 25404

Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater

Joanna Mauck - positive outcome for bloodwork for kidney function

Dennis Taylor - scan shows no cancer, prayers for mobility issues and God's direction

### **Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends**

Jessica Abell (Isaacs) - very aggressive breast cancer, upcoming double mastectomy

Alanna (Seibel) - swallowed a quarter, may need surgery to remove it

Cindy Brainerd - (Seibel) - cancer

Mike Davis - joint pain due to autoimmune disorder

Leslie Ellis - Parkinson's Disease, issues with her management of the disease

Marjorie Johnson - stage 4 lung cancer

Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength

Julie Misero - 80 yrs. old - broken hip, had surgery and will be going to rehab for therapy

Ron - stage 2 bladder cancer, surgery and treatments

Shirley - surgery for breast cancer

Ben Winter - stage 1 lung cancer

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***\*Please Stand if Able***

***Lay Reader - Joanna Mauck***

***Greeter - Mary Cranford***

***Linda Harrison & Denise Toney provided our Fellowship Breakfast today.***

## **Announcements**

### **Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Sunday**

On Sunday, November 1, we will recognize the Saints who have gone home to be with the Lord since the first Sunday in November of last year. We would like to have pictures displayed on the screen of members and family who have passed.

At a special time in the service, a candle will be lit and a chime will be played in honor and memory of each Saint. Please send a picture and the name of your loved one by email to Christi at [christi@mzumc.com](mailto:christi@mzumc.com). by **October 28**.

### **Saturday, November 14 - 3:00-5:00pm - Paint & Pray**

Join the Mt. Zion Youth Group for a special Paint & Pray event in the church Fellowship Hall. This activity is for everyone and all proceeds support the MZ Youth. Join in the fun and fellowship and text "PAINT" to 4106107718 or register on Facebook. You can also let Kaula know if you plan on coming. Adults are \$10 & Children are \$5

### **Sunday, November 22 - 11:00am - Church Decorating for Christmas**

#### **4:00pm - Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner**

We will begin decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 22 starting around 11:00am. Everyone can join in to make the church festive for the holiday season.

Then around 4:00pm bring a dish to share and enjoy a time of fellowship and giving thanks for all our blessings. See Charlie Seibel for details or questions.

### **Food Pantry Box on the Field of Grace**

We fill the Food Pantry Box on the Field of Grace about every other week. We need monetary support to continue filling the box with non-perishable items for the community. If you would like to contribute funds, please make your check out to Mt. Zion and mark "Food Pantry Box" in the memo. You can also bring non-perishable items, like cereal, peanut butter and jelly and pasta and sauces. You can leave any food donations under the coat rack in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

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***Birthdays: 10/30 Mike Emery; 10/31 Annetta Cook, 11/1 Mike Kilpatrick***

***Anniversary: 10/28 Peggy & Gary Harrison***