

*Zion Evangelical United Church
1886 ~ 2026
Empowered by God's Love
for 140 Years!*



Our Mission Statement

*"To be a welcoming, Christ centered community,
empowered to share God's love and to make disciples
for Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship,
teaching, prayer, and acts of caring.*

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Thanksgiving Sunday, October 11, 2026
Rev. Sheldon Alley

Prelude

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Alley

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the unceded, unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin Anishinabe Nation. For countless generations, the Algonquin people have been stewards of the lands and waters along the beautiful Ottawa River—and its tributaries. We honour their enduring connection to this land and commit to working towards reconciliation. We express our gratitude and respect to them and to the land for all that it has provided.

Announcements

Eunice Getz

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Alley

Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

#797

Call to Worship

Let's thank the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God's love endures forever.

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare
God's praise?

Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Remember us, O Lord, when you show favour to your people that
we may enjoy your blessings.

**Let us worship our good God, who blesses us with infinite love
and abundant grace. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you call us to live out our faith in ways which honour you and bless our neighbours, and we recognize that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. We believe that what we do here in worship does shape our daily witness to Jesus whose disciples we profess to be. We know that our faith is most visible when we live by your kingdom of values of love, justice, and peace, yet it is increasingly hard to resist becoming absorbed with the values of the world—values dominated by money, profit, and production.

Forgive us when we fail to understand that planting seeds of faith and love point to the treasures of your kingdom, being found and shared. We pray that our hearts will be shaped and reshaped by the unfailing treasures of your kingdom. May our accountability as disciples of Christ be evident in our worship, our witness, and our service. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Prayer of Assurance

Lord Jesus, we lift up our shortcomings to you today with hearts full of joy and appreciation for the beauty of your diversity and extravagant welcome. We invite your Holy Spirit to work within these words and this space, to celebrate your goodness and presence and grace. Prepare our hearts to receive your love. **Amen.**

Youth Time

Choir “Thanks To God For My Redeemer”

Prayer for Understanding

Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Sherry Blaedow

Philippians 4: 1-9 (pg 1140)

Responsive Reading

Psalms 65

(Voices United—Red Book, Page 782)

Scripture

Matthew 22: 1-14 (pg 957)

*“Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**”*

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

We Gather Together

#790

(Offerings are held during prayer of dedication and placed on altar)

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

Take our offerings and gifts, O God, bless them that they may be used to share your love and blessing in our community and the world. May these offerings provide for the least of these needs and the proclamation of your word to those seeking hope. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Gracious God, we thank you for all that you provide and the blessings we receive daily from you. We know that, at times, we feel hopeless amid so much uncertainty in our world, but we trust you. **Bring us peace. Give us comfort when we are overwhelmed with anxiety. Help us be calm in the chaos around us and give us the strength to overcome.**

Gracious God, we bring all our concerns, doubts, and insecurities with the confidence that you are walking with us and guiding us with your Holy Spirit. Mold us into the vessels you want us to be, full of hope and joy. **We lift prayers for the homeless, the hungry, the lonely, the rejected, those left behind, and all suffering injustice in our community and the world. Hear their cries for healing, wholeness, and acceptance.**

Gracious God, we ask that your Holy Spirit accompany and protect our marginalized communities dealing with violence and hatred. We pray for continued strength and courage for all being persecuted by society. **You call us beloved when we stand in the face of oppression. Help us to continue to be agents for transformation and equity. Help us live according to your word's mandates that call us to love one another as you love us.**

Gracious God, we pray that our hearts will be open to the change that needs to happen here on earth. Please help us to see each other as gifts from you. And now we join together and pray in the way we were taught saying, **"Our Father..."**.

Hymn	<i>Let All Things Now Living</i>	#794
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Benediction

Our gathered worship has ended, but our race goes on. The faith we celebrate in here continues to be the faith we keep out there. As you have poured yourself out in worship—in song and in prayer, in fellowship and in unity, now may we go to pour ourselves out in service to the world God so loves. Let the church be the witness that God is at work in the world. Go with God. **Amen.**

Postlude Shelley Jodoin

“Did You Ever Talk To God Above”

(See Lyrics Next Page)

Did You Ever Talk To God Above?

Did you ever talk to God above?
Tell Him that you need a friend to love.
Pray in Jesus' name believing that
God answers prayer.

Have you told Him all your cares and woes?
Ev'ry tiny little fear He knows.
You can know He'll always hear
And He will answer prayer.

You can whisper in a crowd to Him.
You can cry when you're alone to Him.
You don't have to pray out loud to Him;
He knows your thoughts.

On a lofty mountain peak, He's there.
In a meadow by a stream, He's there.
Anywhere on earth you go,
He's been there from the start.

Find the answer in His Word; it's true.
You'll be strong because He walks with you.
By his faithfulness He'll change you, too.
God answers prayer.

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Today, we take time to count our many blessings that God has provided. Thank you to God for bringing Rev. Alley and his family safely into Canada so that they are able to share their ministry with us. For all the people of Zion who have been united in discipleship for Christ, whether it be through prayer, music, donations, or stewardship, we are filled with gratitude for your part in our church family. God is good!

Zion's Sunday School Program for all ages takes place each Sunday during our Worship Service.

Coffee Time

All are invited for a time of fellowship following our service to enjoy some pumpkin treats. We appreciate the ladies who get things prepared for our Coffee Time and make sure everything is cleaned up.

Choir Practice

Members are asked to join together at 10:15 to practice music for Zion's Thanksgiving and Anniversary Sunday Services. Practice times for our Service at Calvin on October 25th will be held on Saturday, October 17th at 1:00 and Saturday, October 24th at 1:00 at Calvin United Church.

Next Sunday

Zion's "Anniversary Service" will take place at Zion at 11:00. There will be guest musicians and a Potluck Luncheon will follow the Service. We would appreciate any hot or cold dishes that you wish to contribute. Buns and dessert will be provided.

If you have prayer requests for yourself, family or friends please call Heather Lariviere, our Prayer Chain Leader, at 613-735-2825. Let Heather know if you would like your name to be printed in our Sunday bulletin.

Keep in your prayers those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, those experiencing or recovering from illness and surgeries and those going through challenging and difficult times.

We especially ask that you remember in prayer, Rev. Dave Bauman and Maureen, Doug & Beudis Buder, Myrtle Gutz, Erna Maves, Evelyn Maves, Burton Maves, Sandra Maves, Doreen Schroeder and Martin Verkruisen.

Pastoral Care for Zion and Wesley

Pastor Dave Henderson will visit those in hospital or Palliative Care when requested and serve Communion. Arla Bailey from Wesley and Eunice Getz from Zion will be our contact people to reach out to Pastor Dave. Call Eunice at 613-732-8004 and Arla at 613-732-9438.

Decorating for Fall at Zion

Thank you to Betty, Eunice, Heather and Sherry who came out on Thursday morning to make our Sanctuary look beautiful for Thanksgiving. We also appreciate the donations brought in for our harvest display at the altar.

Outreach Committee

Following a meeting of the Outreach Committee and our ladies of Zion, it was decided that we would hold a Christmas Market in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 21st from 9:00 until 3:00. We would love it if you had any winter and/or Christmas décor to donate to our sale and any crafty ideas to share that we could create together to add to our market. Let us know what days you might be available to start up our Christmas Workshop.

October Food Bank Outreach Project

We ask for your help during this Thanksgiving season to gather items for the St. Joseph's Food Bank. You can donate by bringing one item per week or a larger amount if you prefer. Also money donations are very much appreciated. A cash container for the Food Bank will be placed on the back table of the Sanctuary. Please place food items in the fall theme box inside the parking lot doors. A list of food bank items is posted by the box.

Fall Sale Items in Fellowship Hall

This is our final week for our Fall Sale Table. Please take a look to see if there is anything that sparks your interest. All proceeds will go toward our Outreach efforts at Zion.

Chair Yoga

Our next session led by Mike Young will take place on Saturday, October 17th at 10:00.

Supply Organist / Pianist

Zion church is searching for a supply organist/pianist to fill in one Sunday per month for our 11:00 Worship Services. If you would like more information, please contact our Church Office at 613-732-9493. Leave your name and contact number and a brief message and we will get in touch with you.

New Sign Funds

We have raised \$5633.95 as of October 4th. An amount of \$179.90 will help us complete our goal of what we owe to Sun Sign Graphics. If you would like to help us finish raising these funds, please write, "New Sign" on your envelope beside Building Account. Thank you for all the donations and support throughout this fundraiser.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S**October 18—Anniversary Service and Communion at 11:00**

With Rev. Alley and Rev. Mandara

Instrumental Trio:

Led by Kirsten Waymann, Violinist

Alex Lambermont, Cello

Marc Seguin, Flute

Cold or Hot Potluck Items from our people

Buns and Dessert will be provided

October 25—All United Churches at Calvin at 10:00

COMMUNITY EVENTS
(Please see our bulletin board)

First Step Options—“Baby Bump Party”

- A list of needed items is posted.
- Please see Sherry if you have an items to donate

September 28th to November 16th— First Step Options

The “Connected” Program: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 22nd—Fall Harvest Luncheon

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

- 11:30 to 2:00 at 257 Pembroke Street West
- Enter at Parking Lot Back Door
- Serving soup, sandwiches, and pie
- Tickets—\$25 and can be purchased at Astrid's Florals, or by calling Marina Dennison at 613-732-1657
- Gluten free options and Take-Out are available

November 24—First Step Options Open House

- 362 Miller Street—4:00 to 7:00
- Celebrating 20th Anniversary

December 4—M&M Food Market

- 10% of all purchases will be donated to:
First Step Options Programs & Services

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