

*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.*

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Rev. Sheldon Alley

Prelude

Shelley Jodoin

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Rev. Alley

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the unceded, unsundered 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

When Morning Gilds The Skies

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Call to Worship

We have gathered once again, Lord of all and Lord of us.

We come to lift our prayers, and to sing your praises once again.

We come to ask, and hope, and long to see your justice in the land.

We worship in that hope and will work in that Spirit.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and words of grace. We remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Prayer of Assurance

Friends, God promises to forgive us, to put our sins out of mind and heart. In this way, God gives us not just a second chance but a new beginning. Believe the Good News of the gospel: our hope is in our faith in Christ Jesus. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Youth Time

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

Eunice Getz

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (pg 73)

Responsive Reading

Psalm 19

(Please see back of bulletin)

Scripture

Matthew 21: 33-46 (pg 956)

"Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God."

Message

Rev. Alley

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

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

Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

We give you thanks, God of all creation, for your persistence in caring, and in challenging us to care—for all your creatures, and for the whole of this place we call our earthly home. May these gifts be utilized to their full potential, supporting the ministries of this congregation in this place, and to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Jesus encourages us never to give up praying. With faith in God, and in his justice, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need. Let us pray for our churches. May the church, through the power of the Spirit, remain missionary intent and be a visible sign of unity and hope in the way we support and encourage one another. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we thank you for the example of leadership given to us through Jesus Christ, in his life on earth. We pray for the renewal of a spirit of humility and a sense of responsibility among leaders of this world, that they may continue to seek for an end to the suffering caused by war and violence, injustice and inequality, disease, prejudice, poverty and hopelessness, and bring healing to the world. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we thank you for your love and compassion for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We pray that your healing presence will calm their fears, ease their pain, and bring light into the darkness of all who are sick. Show us the best way to help those who suffer, without being intrusive but without simply turning away from their pain either.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Merciful Lord, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love. May those who have gone before us rest in your eternal peace.

We remember those who have died, and we pray for all whose lives are saddened by the death of a loved one. Be with them in their loneliness. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, we pray for ourselves as we go from this church service today to start the week ahead. We ask that in all we do, we may walk more closely with you at our side, safe in the knowledge that your love and care knows no bounds. And now we join together and pray in the way we were taught saying, “**Our Father...**”.

Hymn ***God Will Take Care Of You*** **#692**

Benediction

Go now, striving like Jacob for blessing, persisting as the widow demanding justice. Pray always and do not lose heart. And, the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all, this and every day. **Amen.**

Postlude **Shelley Jodoin**

ZION'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family & Friends of Zion,

Welcome each and everyone. We are so grateful that you chose to come out to Zion this morning. We pray our time of worship and music will inspire you in all your actions in the week ahead.

Our Sunday School Program is open for any children who would like to join. The program activities consist of lessons, music, crafts and games. If you are interested in helping with the children in Sunday School, no experience is needed, however, a Vulnerable Sector Check is required. Please contact Kathy at 613-732-4443 or email Tara at tftennant@gmail.com.

Coffee Time

All are invited for a time of fellowship following our service. This is our Birthday Cake Sunday. Thank you to Betty Wodzak and Shirley Popkie for hosting the celebration of all our October birthdays.

Myrtle Gutz's Birthday

An Open House took place at Caressant Retirement Home in Cobden yesterday to honour Myrtle's birthday. On October 5th, Myrtle turns an amazing age of 106! An announcement was printed in the Eganville Leader this past week and is posted on our church bulletin board.

Choir Practice

Members are asked to join together at 10:15 to practice music for Thanksgiving and Anniversary Sunday Services.

White Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been placed there in memory of Steve Ulicska. A beautiful service in remembrance of Steve was held this past Thursday at the Murphy Funeral Home Chapel.

Next Sunday

Zion's "Thanksgiving Service" will take place at Zion at 11:00. We will have special music and following our service we will enjoy some "pumpkin treats" in the fellowship hall.

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.

Zion's Volunteers

There are never enough words to express how grateful we are to those who dedicate themselves to the ongoing work of the church. This week we extend a thank you to the grass cutting team, Mike Kearns and Tim Maves for helping to keep the property around Zion looking neat and tidy all summer.

Thank you so much to Burton for giving of his time this past week to prepare our snowblower for the winter. He has changed the oil, got the blower running and picked up some fresh gas.

Thank you as well to Garry Hanniman for keeping check on our boilers throughout the year. Garry keeps the thermostats set to work with our boiler systems. We have been advised that the thermostats cannot be set below certain temperatures as it hinders the proper starting up of the boilers. Please note that if you have any issues concerning the thermostats, let Eunice know and she will contact Garry. It is the time of year when Garry will start up the boilers and our regular yearly maintenance will be scheduled with Andrew Schizkoske from Custom Mechanical.

Decorating for Fall at Zion

Decorating our Sanctuary for Thanksgiving will take place on Thursday, October 8th at 9:30. We would be grateful for any garden produce items that you could donate.

Outreach Committee

Please join Sherry for a brief meeting following today's Service.

Month of October 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.

Non-Perishable Food Items Needed:

***-Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Juice, Coffee/Tea,
Pasta/Sauces, Cereal, Spreads, Canned Tuna/Ham***

Fall Sale Items in Fellowship Hall

A few items are still available to purchase. All proceeds will go toward our Outreach efforts at Zion.

Chair Yoga

Another yoga session led by Mike Young took place yesterday, in the church basement. Eight people attended on September 26th, and enjoyed the session. We will inform you of upcoming sessions.

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 \$5573.95 as of September 27th. We are still \$239.90 short of our amount to be paid 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 in working toward this goal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11—Thanksgiving Sunday at Zion at 11:00

Special Music

Pumpkin Treats

October 18—Anniversary Service and Communion at 11:00

With Rev. Alley and Rev. Mandara

Instrumental Trio led by Kirsten Waymann

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.

-Items you may wish to contribute to this cause can be placed in the purple box at our church parking lot door entrance.

First Step Options—The “Connected” Program

-Starting Monday, September 28th to November 16th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church Fall Harvest Luncheon

-Thursday, October 22nd in 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

Psalm 19
Responsive Reading

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.**

There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.

**Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins;

may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be pleasing in your sight,

O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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