

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
JANUARY 10, 2026
ZION LUTHERAN, TAMAQUA, PA

Note: Pastor White will ask for prayer requests at the start of this evening's service. Worshipers are also invited to add their own prayers during Prayers of the People. We will also be using our cell phones for the Sharing of the Peace. You may wish to select someone ahead of time to send your message of peace and love.

GATHERING

Video: "Unto Us"

Opening song: "We Three Kings" – Reawaken Hymns

Gathering Words

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

In this holy season of Christmas,

Christ comes to us again.

In this quiet after the harried days of December,

God invites us to pause and reflect.

Our journey has led us here.

The Spirit is with us now.

Let us bow down as sages of old,

and worship Christ our King.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray together: **Christ of power and justice,**
help us embrace the power that comes from love,
and guide us to seek the justice that love reveals.
Open our hearts and minds, that we may hear your wisdom in this time
of worship. Open our lives in the year ahead to the power and strength of
your loving Spirit. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Greetings – Pastor Cindy White

Sharing of Peace

May the Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Sharing by text

We invite you to take out your cell phone now and send a text message of joy and love to someone who isn't in worship this evening.

Godsightings:

Where have you seen God at work in your life?

THE WORD (Matthew 2:1-12)

Holy God, may we taste and see the good things you are doing in our lives.

May the words we hear inspire us to be your faithful followers.

Amen.

“Have Your Way” – Don Moen

A reading from Matthew: **2** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a]from the east came to Jerusalem **2** and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

6 “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.’^[b]”

7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

The Gospel of Our Lord

Praise to you, O Christ!

Today's message – Pastor Cindy White

Praise & Prayer

The Offering Moment

“Doxology” – The Vagle Brothers

Let us pray: **Gracious God, bless these gifts, that they may be as impactful as the gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Christ child by kings long ago. May our treasures bring honor to your name and support justice in your world. May our worship bring humility to our hearts, and may our time and talents bring love to life in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

Sharing of text responses

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The sending

Benediction

And all God's people say

Thanks be to God.

Sending song: “And the Angels Cried” – Alan Jackson

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening.