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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude & Silent Meditation Janette van Rooyen  
Welcome Rev. Petri van Rooyen  
\*Greeting (Unison) Reading of Hymn #607, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"  
Advent Lighting Kellen, Megan and Evelyn Suntken  
Bible Quiz  
Children's Time (fifth grade and younger) Pastor Petri  
Hymn #O Come Let us Adore Him & It is well...  
Scripture Meditation Isaiah 9:6-7  
\*Hymn #157, "Away in a Manger"(v1,2)  
Call to Worship Pastor Petri  
\*Hymn Christmas Hallelujah  
\*Prayer of Confession (Unison)  
*Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.*  
Special Music Jean Mollenbeck

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Isaiah 8:23 – 9:6  
Message "A Hopeful Future"  
Holy Baptism Evelyn Claire Suntken  
Prayer of Blessing  
Offertory  
Doxology(#625) and Offertory Prayer

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

\*Hymn #147, "Silent Night! Holy Night!"(v1,2)  
\*Benediction  
\*Benediction Response "Amen"(X 2)  
Announcements  
Postlude \*Please stand if able.

**Welcome to Zion!** *With warm hands and joyous hearts please reach out in peace to those around you.*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ADVENT READERS AND TO JEAN FOR SHARING WITH US TODAY.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KELLEN AND MEGAN ON THE BAPTISM OF EVELYN.  
THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR IS IN CELEBRATION OF EVELYN.**

*Everyone is invited to Fellowship Time following worship.*

**AUDIO/VIDEO:** Nick/Molly Next Week – Jerry/Kendal  
**CHILDREN'S TIME:** Pastor Petri Next Week- Molly Allen  
**CHILDCARE:** Kirsten/Morgan Next Week – Steph C/Marli  
**FELLOWSHIP:** Sonna/Jean Next Week – Consistory

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**WED** 6:30PM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE  
**THURS** 7PM JOURNEY CIRCLE - ?  
**SAT** 10 AM WOZ CHRISTMAS PROGRAM / INSTALLATION /SALAD LUNCH  
**SUN** 9:15am WORSHIP; SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT; SS  
ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP

**Please keep the following in prayer:**

**PRAYERS:** ZION'S HOMEBOUND, MARK DEVRIES, ELAINE PARKS, RON JURGENS, KELLY BENNETT, BRIAN LUPKES, ANGIE DEVRIES, DIANE HUGHES, TED HUGHES, DUANE PAYNE, LENORA PAYNE

**\*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\***

**\*DINGERS!** PRACTICES ARE RIGHT AFTER CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH 12/22.

**\*WHITE GIFT OFFERING: PLEASE LEAVE YOUR GIFT IN THE "GUNNY SACK".  
DEADLINE IS TODAY.**

**\*TODAY:** EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY AND DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS FOLLOWING FELLOWSHIP. Q: SEE ROSE M.

**\*SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DEC. 22 AT 3:00 PM. PRACTICES WILL BE FROM 6:30-7:45 PM. **PRACTICES ARE UNDERWAY!** DEC. 4, DEC. 11, DEC. 18, AND SUNDAY, DEC. 22 AT 10:30 AM. **NOTE:** THE CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO BRING A PLATE OF GOODIES TO SHARE FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

**\*WOZ: INSTALLATION/SALAD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ON SAT., DEC. 7.** ALL WHO ATTEND, PLEASE BRING A SALAD TO SHARE.

**\*ZION'S CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING IS NEXT SUNDAY** FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO ATTEND. CONGREGATE MEMBERS WILL BE VOTING FOR TWO ELDERS AND ONE DEACON. THOSE ON THE BALLOT: ELDERS: JERRY BUSEMAN, DUANE CARSTENS, DENNIS CROM, BRIAN LUPKES; DEACONS: KEATON BUSEMAN, PHIL MARKWARDT. ALL CONGREGATE MEMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR VOTING PURPOSES. A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO THE FOLLOWING THAT WILL BE DONE SERVING THEIR TERM ON CONSISTORY: ERIC BARKEMA, ANN LUPKES, JON SUNTKEN. PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE CONSISTORY.

**\*POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.** FORMS ARE LOCATED BY THE "CATCH ALL BOX." DEADLINE TO ORDER IS NEXT SUNDAY Q: SEE ROSE MARKWARDT.

**\*2025 Offering Envelopes:** If you would like to be added to receive a box of offering envelopes or have your name taken off to not receive offering envelopes, please let Marsha or Eric know by next Sunday.

**\*2025 AUDIO/VIDEO TECHS NEEDED!!!** IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE AUDIO/VIDEO LIST, PLEASE LET MARSHA KNOW BY NEXT SUNDAY.

**\*BANK OPEN HOUSES:**

**GREEN BELT BANK & TRUST:** BANK HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE ON DEC. 6 @ BELMOND, ELDORA AND DEC. 9 @ I FALLS FROM 9AM-1PM. THE BANK WILL DONATE \$1.00 &

**FIRST BANK HAMPTON:** FRIDAY, DEC. 13, HAMPTON AND LATIMER, 9AM-3:30PM. THE BANK WILL DONATE \$2.00 TO OUR CHURCH BY REGISTERING.

**\*FYI:** CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT 6:00PM, DEC. 24.