# MANBECK'S ZION EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Worshiping the Lord in Spirit and Truth

December 21, 2025 Announcements/Prelude

\*Call to Worship: Luke 2; Matthew 2 ("Sage's Song")

\*Opening Carol: #271 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

"Born that We May Have Life"

\*Opening Prayer

\*Greet One Another

**Lighting of Advent Candle** 

Carol: #A Christmas Hymn" (tune of #11)

"God Moments" (Praise and Testimony)

Offering of Tithes & Gifts to the Lord/Ushers: Wayne & Bob Offertory

\* #815 "Doxology"

Special Music: Judy & Ardella

\*\* Time of Prayer

Children dismissed for Jr. Church & Nursery: Laura

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12, 5:12-22

MESSAGE: "Love that Labors"

Closing Carol: #285 "O Holy Night!"

\*Benediction

\*Recessional Hymn: #258 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (ref.)

Leave to Serve

\*Please Stand \*\* Please Kneel if able

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# Welcome guests!

We're so glad you're with us. Please fill out an info card so we can serve you better and stay connected. You're welcome to join us for light refreshments downstairs after the service.

We love kids – Activity packs are available for them to use during the service; PreK & elementary ages can go to Jr. Church during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our service and our nursery is available downstairs at any time it you need space (or changing table) for little ones.

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

## **TODAY:**

♦ Building Fund Offering

🦫 Fellowship Brunch after service

## **WEDNESDAY:**

🔖 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

7:00 P.M.

# **NEXT SUNDAY:**

Special Offering: Christmas Missionary Offering

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Sunday School resumes

⇒ Jan. 7 – Prayer Gathering and "The Chosen" 6:00/7:00 P.M.

↓ Jan. 22 - Ladies Lunchion (to be decided later) 11:00 A.M.

⇒ Jan. 23 – Fourth Friday Praise Night 7:00 P.M.

Statistics: December 14, 2025

Attendance: cancelled/YouTube sercive

Offering -



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ Isaiah 61: heal the broken hearted and set the captives free
- Marion (the people of Ukraine)
- Cathy (Shelley's dad, Robert Baum/heart valve replacement/issues)
- Betsy (Jack will need open heart surgery)
- ❖ Betty (visiting friend in nursing home/saw another friend with special needs son/they were in a car accident)
- Jen (Lily going to Hershey/shoulder surgery/home sick today)
- Update on Lindsay/another round of treatment/blood test shows chemo is working)
- ❖ Larue (Kerry's CT scan did not show significant healing of his neck/he has a mass in his saliva gland)
- Sharon L. (sister in law is in a comma)
- May (mom in prison and has kidney disease)
- Harold (brother Danny/tumor in prostate)
- Willis (niece Shelby)
- ❖ Deb R. (SueAnne/colonoscopy/correct medicine/find a good dr.)
- Pastor Kyle (for Larue, Kerry and her mother)
- Those battling cancer: Mark Wolfe; Brenda; Janeen; Roy; Linda; Everlee Fessler; Deneen Sonon; Bob Kramer; Ellie; Mike; Tony; Stacey; Jim; Ed; Bob W.'s brother; Wade; Lindsay; Pete Pizzuto
- ❖ Military: Keith Gillespie; Lois's grandson; Betsy's 1 grandson
- ❖ Nursing home: Nancy Wildsmith Sue Stump Bob Trout
- ❖ Assisted living: Sue Reiter

## **PRAISE**

- Cathy (Angie Hikes is doing fine)
- ❖ Lois (sister has breast cancer/lumpectomy in Jan./kids there for her)
- Marion (Little Amorah is doing fantastic)
- ❖ Bill (hunting/roads icey/slid onto Rt. 209/no cars coming)
- ❖ Deb R. (Dave is home from the hospital)
- ❖ Kelly (patient, no show, called emergency contact who went to check/patient was outside for 2 days)
- Jen (decorating Grandmother's tree/she is hanging in there)

#### **MISSIONS**

- ❖ Joe Toy (Street ministry in North Carolina)
- Jamie and Anita Farr (Wycliffe in Florida)
- \* Robert and Bettina Schaeffer (L.I.F.E. Ministries in NY)
- Wagner's & Stoltzfus's (Rift Valley Academy in Africa)