

Classes and Important Worship dates

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Sunday, August 24, 2025 (worship only, no class)

9:30am worship with 3 baptisms

Monday, September 15 (no school, in service)

class with Pastor Clark (1:30-3pm), plus food pantry (3:15-5pm)

Sunday, October 26 (worship and class)

9:30am worship, plus blessing of confirmands, and class with Pastor Clark (11am to noon)

Sunday, November 2 (worship and class)

9:30am worship and Tanzania presentation (11am to noon)

Thursday, November 6 (no school, conferences)

class with Pastor Clark (1:30-3pm), plus food pantry (3:15-5pm)

Monday, December 1 (no school, in service)

class with Pastor Clark (1:30-3pm), plus food pantry (3:15-5pm)

Wednesday, December 24 (worship only, no class)

6pm Christmas Eve worship

Monday, January 19, 2026 (no school, holiday)

class with Pastor Clark (1:30-3pm), no food pantry

Monday, February 2 (no school, in service)

class with Pastor Clark (1:30-3pm), plus food pantry (3:15-5pm)

Monday, February 16 (no school, holiday)

class with Pastor Clark (1:30-3pm), plus food pantry (3:15-5pm)

Wednesday, February 18 (worship only, no class)

6pm Ash Wednesday worship

Thursday, April 2 (worship only, no class)

6pm Maundy Thursday worship

Friday, April 3 (worship only, no class)

6pm Good Friday worship

Sunday, April 19 (worship and class)

9:30am worship and class with Pastor Clark (11am to noon)

Confirmation Sunday, October 31, 2027

when students will be confirmed and share their faith statements

[Add dates to your calendar](#)

Other aspects

- Read Gospel of Luke and other biblical books between classes
- Turn in 16 Worship Worksheets ([download here](#))
- Serve as assisting minister in worship (read scripture, say prayers, and serve communion) 4 times
- Watch *Luther* movie before Sunday, October 26 (available on [YouTube](#))

Faith Statement

Confirmation Faith Statement

In roughly five minutes on Sunday, October 31, 2027, tell the congregation about your faith in Jesus Christ and the difference it makes in your life.

Step one

Don't freak out, you can do this. I'm here to help, and so are many others who love you.

Step two

We'll meet to rehearse the scripted and unscripted parts. And if you feel stuck between now and then call, text, email me, or we can meet, and I can help.

Step three

Here's a couple of pointers and an example.

It might help to write your "Faith Statement" out and plan to read it. Consider including:

- A story from the bible that points to who Jesus is for you
- A story from your life that shows

For example, if I were to do this, I might mention the Letter to the Philippians, where Paul lists all the examples of his high standing and "rights" in society but then says, "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

Without Jesus, my life would probably be all about looking good and climbing social and professional ladders and trying to impress people with my achievements and feeling like everything I had or didn't have, did or didn't do was mine alone (credit and blame). Except that Jesus found me like Jesus found Paul. And now knowing Jesus and belonging to Jesus and Jesus's church matters more and keeps inviting me to risk being real instead of trying to be the image I want others to see and to slow down and risk relationship and community like the ones Jesus died and rose to create.

I might go on and tell a story about when God called me to Zion after saving me from the temptation to try to become a bishop. It's really much better to be where God wants me, rather than in the little hells of my own creation.

By giving your faith statement, you will be giving yourself, the congregation, and God a great gift. Really and truly. Don't be afraid. Speak from the heart. Ask for help when you need it. You're not alone.

And pretty much no matter what you say or how you say it, I and Zion and your families will be immensely proud of you.