Joining a Zoom Meeting from a Computer, Tablet, or Smartphone

To join a Zoom Meeting using your desktop or laptop computer, or tablet, or smartphone, click on the meeting link a couple of minutes before the scheduled starting time (every meeting will have a unique link, and look something like this): https://zoom.us/j/9xxxxxxxx.

Zoom will connect and start automatically. It will update your Zoom software if needed.

When it starts up, Zoom asks whether you want to use computer audio – click the blue “Join with Computer Audio” button.

Zoom next opens a Zoom window on your computer or tablet or smartphone screen. Here is information about controlling the microphone, video stream, and screen size:

1. Clicking in the lower left corner of the Zoom window toggles your microphone on and off. In the image below, the microphone is muted. Click on the icon during the meeting to turn your microphone on or off.
2. The Start Video control and icon is marked as 2. Click it to turn the video stream from your computer off and on.
3. Clicking in the upper right corner of your computer screen will expand the Zoom window to full screen size, and clicking there again will restore it to its smaller size.
4. Hovering the mouse over the Zoom window makes the controls visible. With video turned on, as it may be at the start of the meeting, you will see the other participants or their names or phone numbers. The controls will fade out in a few seconds, so hover over them as needed.
5. To leave a meeting, click the End or Leave button in the lower right corner of the Zoom window.