

## OUR PURPOSE



Loving God  
Welcoming All  
Serving Neighbors  
Together through  
Jesus Christ

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Mon., Jan 6 - **MATTHEW 2:1-12** *The Unexpected*  
Tue., Jan 7 - **JOHN 15:1-9** *Garden Grace*  
Wed., Jan 8 - **PSALM 34:1-7** *Eyes on God*  
Thu., Jan 9 - **MATTHEW 5:43-48** *How Unfair!*  
Fri., Jan 10 - **ISAIAH 43:16-21** *Hidden In Plain Sight*  
Sat., Jan 11 - **NEHEMIAH 1:1-11** *With God's Blessing*  
Sun., Jan 12 - **ISAIAH 55:6-13** *Let God*

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## OFFICE INFORMATION

### GENERAL QUESTIONS & PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or visit [www.pmumc.org](http://www.pmumc.org)

### PHONE MESSAGES

Voicemails are sent electronically to designated email accounts.

### EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email [PastorTim@PMUMC.org](mailto:PastorTim@PMUMC.org)

## CHURCH GIVING

**AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING** (*last 8 weeks*)  
\$10,470.62

### WAYS TO GIVE:

- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via [PMUMC.org](http://PMUMC.org)

## CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

**PASTOR** - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

**MUSIC DIRECTOR** - Janet Hartz

**ORGANIST** - Linda Custer

**BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR** - Becky Smalley

**HEAD USHER** - Dr. Robert Spiker

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Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (alternate)

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**BELL CHOIR** - Jennifer Fielder, Janet Hartz,

Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis,

Priscilla Lyon, Michelle Palmer, Beth Parker,

Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

**CHANCEL CHOIR** - Eleanor Bateman, Tim

Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Betty King, Steve

Krasner, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim

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# WELCOME



**Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church**

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**Epiphany Sunday—January 5, 2025**  
Sunday Worship Service—10:30 am



**"Christmas Reflections"**



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study.

\* = Please stand in your heart or posture.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith We Sing.

**GREETERS**—Michelle Palmer/Suzanne Shorts

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—PIANO DUET**

*We Three Kings*

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz  
arr by Joel Raney

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ACOLYTE**—Knox H.

**WELCOME**—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**PRELUDE MUSIC—FLUTE DUET**

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

Michelle Palmer/Beth Parker  
arr by Judy Nishimura

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Erin Smeller

**LEADER:** Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last: gathered together for worship!

**PEOPLE:** *We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.*

**LEADER:** The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past: “Arise, shine; for your light has come.”

**PEOPLE:** *We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.*

**LEADER:** The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

**PEOPLE:** *We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.*

**LEADER:** So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God whose glory shows up among us as a vulnerable child, a poor carpenter, and a foot-washing servant who is the salvation of the world.

**PEOPLE:** *We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day. Amen.*  
*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024.*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

led by Erin Smeller

*Holy One, you have come among us to lead us in paths of righteousness. Guide our feet through the wilderness toward the living water of your grace, following in the steps of our Savior: Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.*

*From the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA) posted on www.pcusa.org.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**—*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

UMH 173

**FIRST READING**—*Ephesians 1:3-14*

Kirsten Lewis

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Shines the Light*

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer  
by Dengler/Dengler

**SECOND READING**—*John 1:1-18*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**MESSAGE**—*Christmas Reflections*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*We Would See Jesus*

UMH 256

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**OFFERING** (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*DOXOLOGY**—*In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221, verse 4

**COMMUNION WITH SUNG RESPONSE**

*A Service of Word & Table II with Musical Setting C*

led by Rev. Timothy Dowell  
UMH pgs. 12-15, 20-22

*The Lord's Prayer*

UMH 895

Various communion hymns from UMH and TFWS

Linda Custer

**\*CLOSING HYMN**—*Go, Tell It On The Mountain*

UMH 251

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**POSTLUDE MUSIC**

*There's A Song in the Air*

Linda Custer  
by Wilbur Held



**Haven't decided on a New Year's Resolution yet—here are some ideas...**

- Join Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim
- Come in person to worship
- Participate in Sunday School
- Join a Small Group
- Start a Small Group
- Participate in Music Ministry

| SCHEDULE  | JAN 12<br><i>Baptism of the Lord</i> | JAN 19<br><i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> | JAN 26<br><i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| LITURGIST | Bob Bachman<br>Nicole Lewis          | Eleanor Bateman<br>Scott McGrew            | Pam Flick<br>David Melton                  |
| ACOLYTE   | Isabel S.                            | Sam L.                                     | Evie S.                                    |
| GREETERS  | Cindy McCraith<br>Steve McCraith     | Suzanne Shorts                             | Cindy McCraith<br>Steve McCraith           |

Choral Anthem Lyrics, *Shines the Light* by Dengler/Dengler

On the edge of a night lit with hope and promise,  
All the heavens are filled with the glory of God.  
From a rough wooden bed in a stable in Bethlehem  
Shines the light of the world. Alleluia.

For the Child that is born here is sent from above  
To show us freedom and peace and love.  
From the life that He lives as He walks among us  
Shines the light for our pathways. Alleluia!

On the edge of a day dimmed with grief and sorrow,  
Though the dark would consume that radiance so bright,  
From a rough, wooden cross on a hillside called Calvary  
Shines the light that is Jesus. Alleluia!

For the man that hangs there is sent from above  
To bring us freedom and peace and love.  
From the life that denied the grave its power  
Shines our light, our salvation. Alleluia!  
Shines our light, our salvation. Alleluia!

**MORE HANDS=MORE FUN**  
Thank you to the many hands that hung the greens in November. Now it's time for de-hanging, including outdoor nativity.

Whether you can stay today after church for 5 minutes or until it is done, your help would be greatly appreciated.


 **All Men Invited!**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays each month, at 7pm in Room 6 & Zoom.  
Email Scott.McGrew@aol.com for link

\* \* Have a **2025** \* \*  
\* \* blessed \* \*


**Join a Small Group...**

- **Adult Sunday School**- Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School**- Dianna at mdmcgrews@aol.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim**- PastorTim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group**- Ray at RLHoewing@gmail.com
- **Youth Connection**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Grief Group**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com




 **Next Week's Scriptures**  
Isaiah 43:1-7 • Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17 • Luke 3:15-17, 21-22


**Nursery Rm 5**  
 10:15 to 11:45 am

 **Engage** in church ministries by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.

 **Prayer Requests?**  
Email [prayers@pmumc.org](mailto:prayers@pmumc.org)

 **Sunday School - 9:15 to 10:15am**  
3 yrs-K, Rm 3; 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, Rm 4  
5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, Rm 2; Adults, Rm 6 & Zoom

**Need Ride** to church? Email  [Scott.McGrew@aol.com](mailto:Scott.McGrew@aol.com)

 **Columbarium & Memorial Garden** For information on our permanent resting place for cremains, visit [www.PMUMC.org](http://www.PMUMC.org) or speak with: Eleanor Bateman at 301-461-7898, Steve McCraith at 301.788-5987 or Jan Schmidt at 301-807-9449

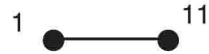
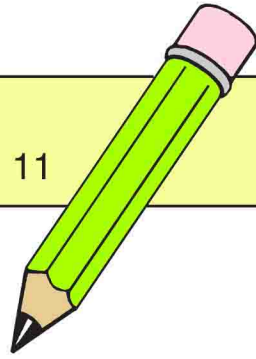
**UPCOMING HAPPENINGS**

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| <b>SUN - JAN 5</b><br><i>Epiphany Sunday</i>                       | 9:15 - 10:15 am<br>9:15 - 10:15 am<br>10:15 - 11:45 am<br>10:30 - 11:30 am                         | Sunday School- PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rms 2-4</b> ; Adult <b>Rm 6/Zoom</b><br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <b>Room 8/Sanctuary</b><br>Nursery- <b>Room 5</b><br>Worship Service with Communion- <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b>   |
| <b>MON - JAN 6</b>   | 7 - 8:30 pm<br>7 - 8:30 pm   | Bell Choir Rehearsal- <b>Canceled</b><br>Grief Group- <b>Room 6</b>  |
| <b>TUE - JAN 7</b>   | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>10:30 - 11:30 am<br>7 - 8 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors- <b>Fellowship Hall</b><br>Men's Group Meeting- <b>Room 6</b>   |
| <b>WED - JAN 8</b>   | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>5:45 - 7 pm<br>7:30 - 9 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting- <b>Room 1</b><br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <b>Room 8</b>  |
| <b>THU - JAN 9</b>   | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>7 - 8 pm<br>7 - 8 pm<br>7 - 8:30 pm  | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- <b>Online via Zoom</b><br>Zumba Class- <b>Fellowship Hall</b><br>IOOF #97 Meeting- <b>Room 6</b>  |
| <b>FRI - JAN 10</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b>  |
| <b>SAT - JAN 11</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>11am - 2pm<br>1 - 4 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Private Party- <b>Fellowship Hall</b><br>The Friendly Thrift Shop- <b>On Location</b>   |
| <b>SUN - JAN 12</b><br><i>Baptism of the Lord</i>                  | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>9:15 - 10:15 am<br>9:15 - 10:15 am<br>10:15 - 11:45 am<br>10:30 - 11:30 am | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b> Sun-<br>day School- PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rms 2-4</b> ; Adult <b>Rm 6/Zoom</b><br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <b>Room 8/Sanctuary</b><br>Nursery- <b>Room 5</b><br>Worship Service- <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b> |
| <b>MON - JAN 13</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>7 - 8:30 pm<br>7 - 8:30 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Bell Choir Rehearsal- <b>Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall</b><br>Grief Group- <b>Room 6</b>  |
| <b>TUE - JAN 14</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>10:30 - 11:30 am<br>7 - 9 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors- <b>Fellowship Hall</b><br>Church Council Meeting- <b>Room 6 and Zoom</b>   |
| <b>WED - JAN 15</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>5:45 - 7 pm<br>7:30 - 9 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting- <b>Room 1</b><br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>Room 8</b>   |
| <b>THU - JAN 16</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>7 - 8 pm<br>7 - 8 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- <b>Online via Zoom</b><br>Zumba Class- <b>Fellowship Hall</b>   |
| <b>FRI - JAN 17</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b>  |
| <b>SAT - JAN 18</b>  | All Day thru 1/18/25<br>11am - 2pm<br>1 - 4 pm   | Ceiling and Floor Tile Project- <b>Kitchen &amp; Hallways</b><br>Private Party- <b>Fellowship Hall</b><br>The Friendly Thrift Shop- <b>On Location</b>   |
| <b>SUN - JAN 19</b><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</i> | 9:15 - 10:15 am<br>9:15 - 10:15 am<br>10:15 - 11:45 am<br>10:30 - 11:30 am                         | Sunday School- PreK-12 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rms 2-4</b> ; Adult <b>Rm 6/Zoom</b><br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <b>Room 8/Sanctuary</b><br>Nursery- <b>Room 5</b><br>Worship Service- <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b>  |

Be one in Christ.

Connect the dots.

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# Children's Worship Bulletin™



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January 5, 2025 • Ephesians 1:3-14

## Blessings in Christ

“Give praise to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Find the letters **P R A I S E**.

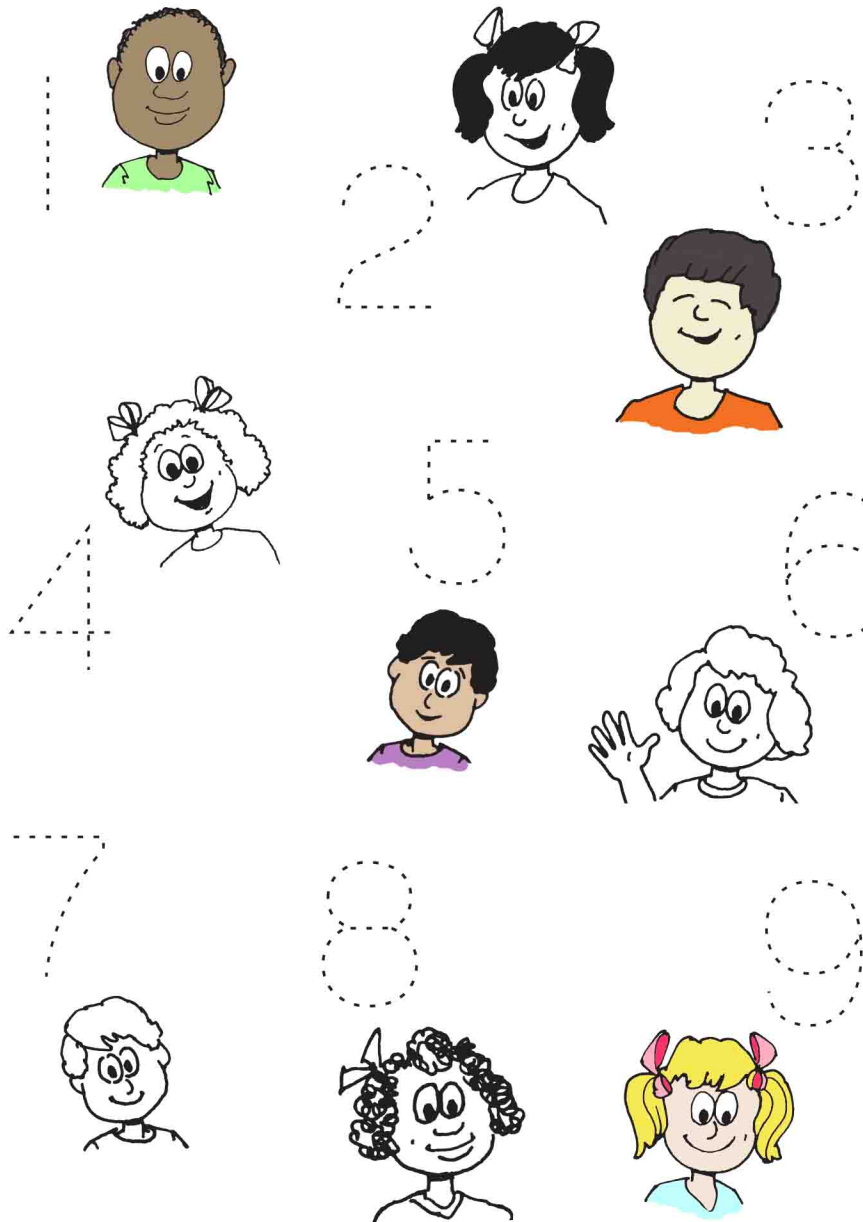


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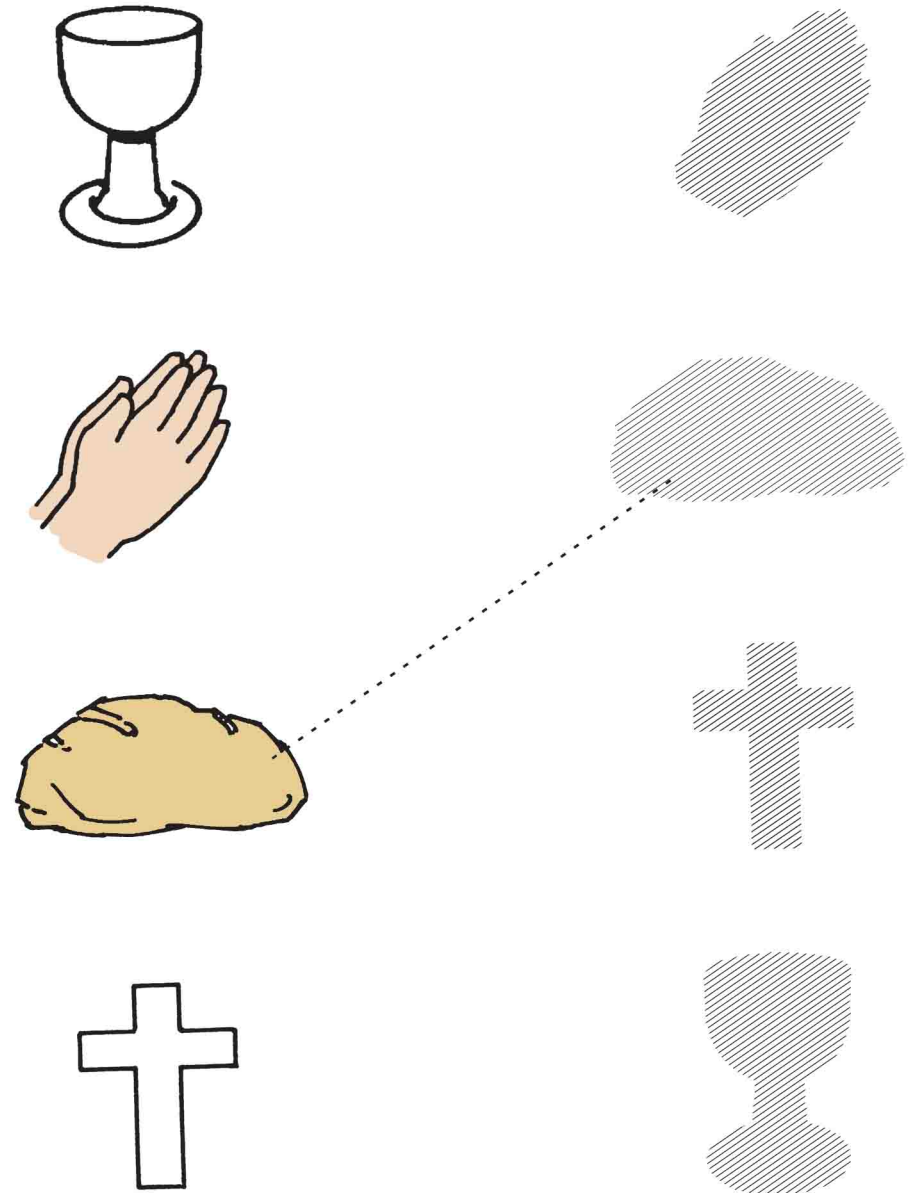
God has adopted us as His sons and daughters through Jesus.

Trace and count the sons and daughters.

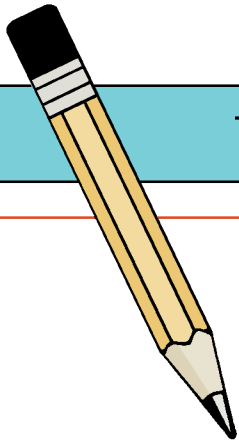


In Jesus we have many blessings.

Match the shadows.



Grace and truth came through  
Jesus Christ.



Trace the words below.



Grace

and

Truth

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January 5, 2025 • John 1:1-9, 10-18

## Jesus Came to the World

God sent Jesus to the world. Many  
people did not recognize Him as God's Son.

Circle Jesus in the crowd.

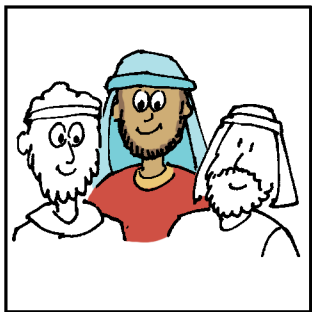
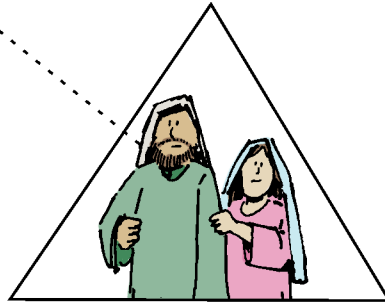
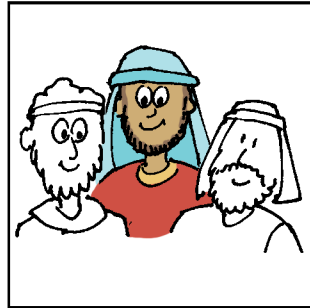
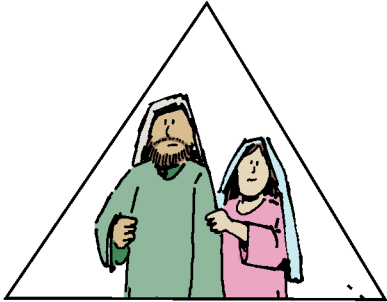


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Some people did believe in Jesus.

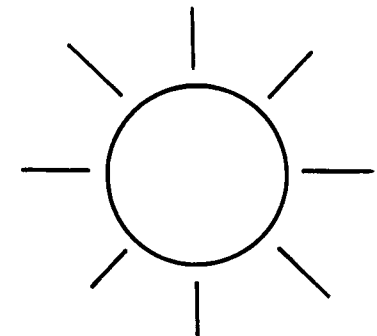
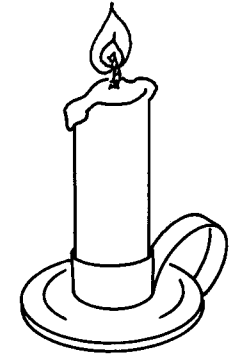
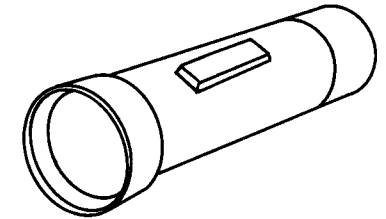
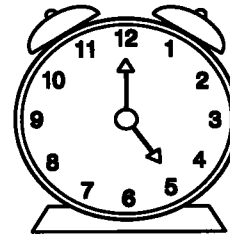
Match those who believed in Him.



Jesus is like a light.

He helps people understand God better.

Circle the things that give light.

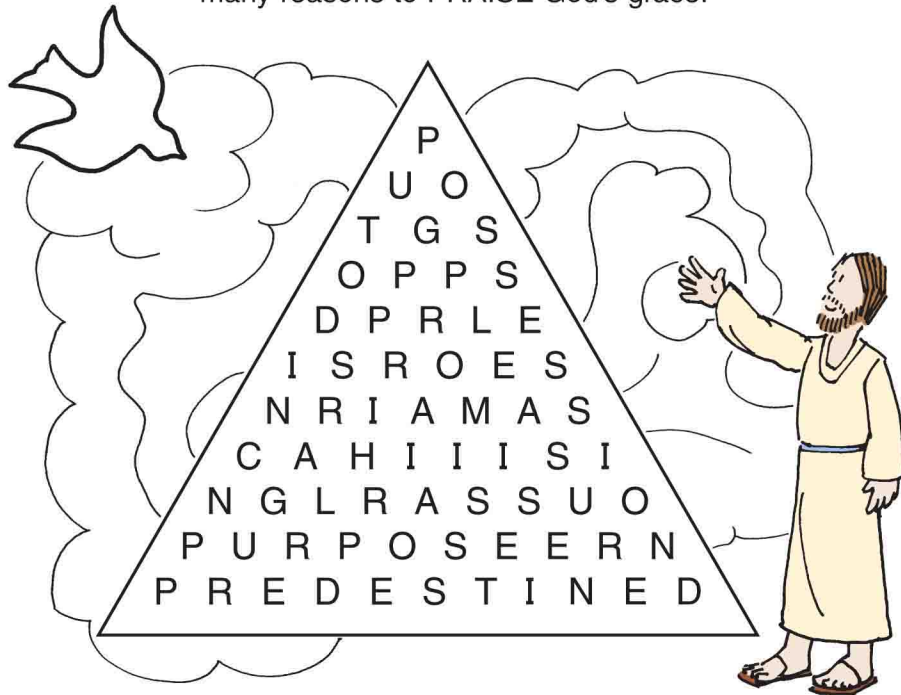




God the Father chose us,  
Jesus redeemed us,  
and God's Spirit sealed us.

In the triangle, circle the 8 words from the paragraph which begin with the letter P. Write the remaining letters in order on the blanks.

God has a great PLAN and works things out in conformity with the PURPOSE of His will, according to His good PLEASURE. God will, in time, PUT all things under Christ as head. We are PREDESTINED to be God's children. Those who believe are God's POSSESSION. The Holy Spirit gives us the PROMISE of an eternal inheritance. We have many reasons to PRAISE God's grace!



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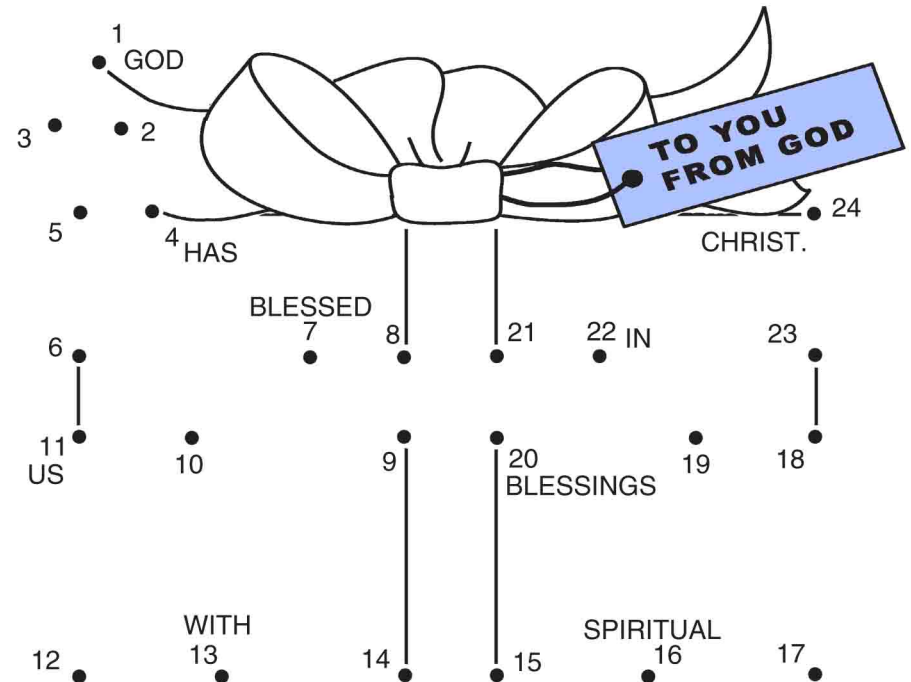
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January 5, 2025 • Ephesians 1:3-14

## Blessings in Christ

Through Jesus, we have received many wonderful gifts from God.

Connect the dots. Read the words in order as you come to them.



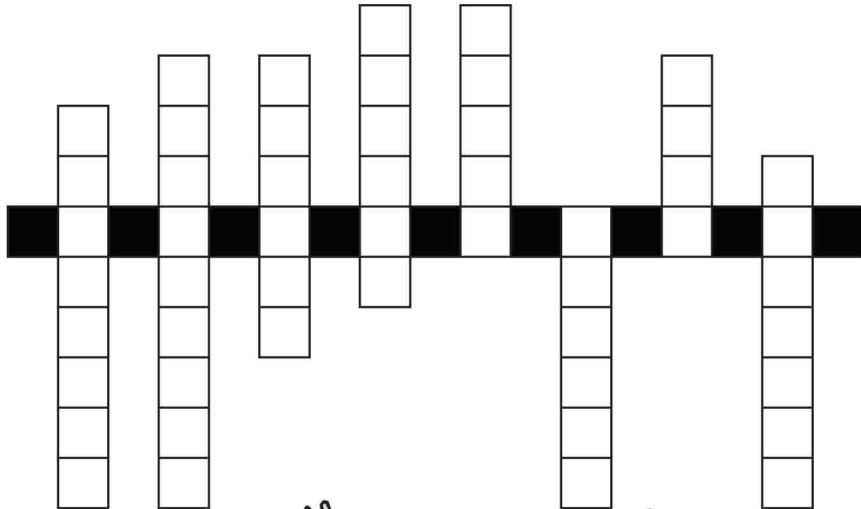
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Paul praised God for all the spiritual blessings  
He gives those who are redeemed.

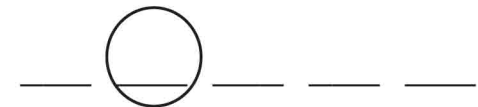
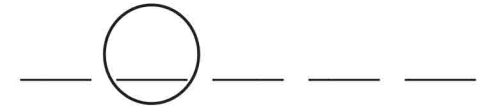
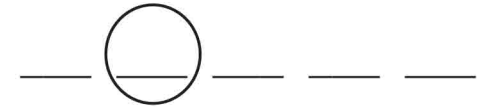
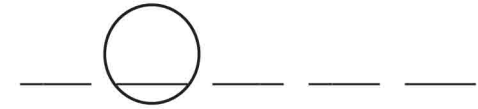
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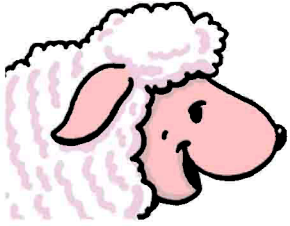
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| adopted | forgiven | inheritance | marked |
| chosen  | grace    | love        | wisdom |



God freely gives many good things to us  
that we don't deserve.

Write the name of each object. The circled letters should spell a word which means "God's gift of good things we don't deserve."





John, the gospel writer, used many important words in today's Scripture reading.

Unscramble these words that are found in today's Scripture.

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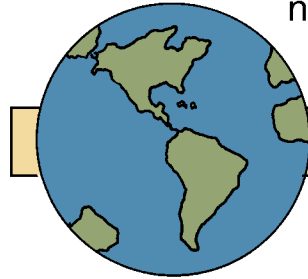
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January 5, 2025 • John 1:1-9, 10-18

## Jesus Came to the World

The "Word" is a special name for someone.



Color the boxes listed to find the answer.

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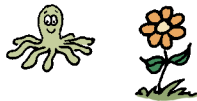
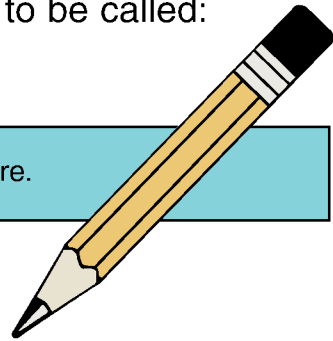
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Some people believed that Jesus was God's son.

To them, God gave the right to be called:

Write the first letter of each picture.



What came to us through Jesus?



On the line, write the letter that's in the first word but not the second.

in MANGO not MOAN \_\_\_\_\_

in AFTER not FEAT \_\_\_\_\_

in NEAT not TEN \_\_\_\_\_

in CAPER not PEAR \_\_\_\_\_

in LATHE not HALT \_\_\_\_\_

AND

in OTHER not HERO \_\_\_\_\_

in SHIRT not THIS \_\_\_\_\_

in UNTO not TON \_\_\_\_\_

in GOBLET not GLOBE \_\_\_\_\_

in HEART not TEAR \_\_\_\_\_