

OUR PURPOSE



*Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ*

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Mon., Dec 16 - **PSALM 31:19-24** *A Persistent Sparrow*
 Tue., Dec 17 - **GENESIS 18:9-14** *Burdens Into Joy*
 Wed., Dec 18 - **MATTHEW 5:13-16** *Beautiful Lights*
 Thu., Dec 19 - **PSALM 3:1-8** *Not Shaken*
 Fri., Dec 20 - **MATTHEW 7:7-14** *Making A Choice*
 Sat., Dec 21 - **PSALM 16:5-11** *Safe in God's Hands*
 Sun., Dec 22 - **JOHN 8:12-18** *Shining Christ's Light*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

OFFICE INFORMATION

GENERAL QUESTIONS & PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Voicemails are sent electronically to designated email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email PastorTim@PMUMC.org

CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING *(last 8 weeks)*
\$7,860.33

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

CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

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Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

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Melton, Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Roger

Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller, Madelon Stone

WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024
Sunday Worship Service—10:30 am



"Producing"



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.

GREETER—Suzanne Short

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Carol of the Birds

Linda Custer
by James Biery

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Isabel S.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—TRUMPET AND ORGAN DUET

Three French Carols

Walter Moskwa/Linda Custer
by Lani Smith

CHORAL INTROIT—CHANCEL CHOIR

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer
by Robert Benson

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Love Has Come (Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella)

Betty Jean Selby
by Ken Bible/Pr. Jack Glasgow

WEEK-THREE SCRIPTURE—*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I, the LORD, love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

WEEK-THREE DEVOTIONAL

We want everything to look nice: the decorations of the season, our homes with their lights and tinsel, wreaths and ribbons. We want to lighten the darkness around us, bring beauty to the ugliness that wears us down. We decorate, because it is tradition. Because it lifts our hearts. Because it makes us feel like children again. We deck our halls because company is coming.

The prophet Isaiah smiled when he said, “God will give a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.” No matter how far we feel from the spirit of the season, God promises to decorate us with love and with joy.

CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE AND CANDLE LIGHTING

(Choral Response to be sung to the tune of *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*)

Joy has come, and it never will leave us, Joy is the song our hearts are singing.
Joy is life, everlasting and free, Joy! Joy! Joy is the gift of Christmas.
Joy is Jesus within and among us. Joy! Joy! Praise be to God on high.

OPENING PRAYER

We light these candles as a sign of our joy in the beautiful things of this season – not just the things that glitter and flash, but the deeper things, the beauty of the heart and the soul, the beauty of love shared in service and hospitality. We light this candle of joy because company is coming.

***OPENING HYMN**—*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

UMH 216

FIRST READING—*Philippians 4:4-7*

Gary Hartz

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

ANTHEM—**BELL CHOIR**

Silent Night, Holy Night

Becky Smalley
arr by Michael Helman

SECOND READING—*Luke 3:7-18*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

MESSAGE—*Producing*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH 399

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

UMH 221, verse 4

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN**—*All Earth is Waiting*

UMH 210

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Linda Custer
by Anna Laura Page

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - DEC 15 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Sunday School- PreK-12 th Rms 2-4 ; Adult Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8/Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service- Sanctuary/YouTube Fellowship Time- Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Youth Fellowship-Shop for WUMCO- Off-Site
MON - DEC 16	4:15 - 6 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30pm	Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting- Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary Grief Group- Room 6
TUE -DEC 17	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors- Fellowship Hall Men's Group Meeting- Room 6/Zoom
WED - DEC 18	5:45 - 7 pm 6 - 8 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting- Room 1 Poolesville Community Band Sing-A-Long-All Welcome- Sanctuary Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8
THU - DEC 19	10 am - 6 pm 6 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	WUMCO-LCSW Therapy Sessions- Noah's Ark Room Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Online via Zoom Zumba Class- Fellowship Hall
FRI - DEC 20	7 - 9 pm	Line Dancing -Poolesville Seniors- Fellowship Hall
SAT - DEC 21	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop- On Location
SUN - DEC 22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School- PreK-12 th Rms 2-4 ; Adult Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8/Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service- Sanctuary/YouTube
MON - DEC 23	7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary Grief Group- CANCELED
TUE -DEC 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors- CANCELED Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service- Sanctuary
WED - DEC 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	
THU - DEC 26	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Online via Zoom Zumba Class- Fellowship Hall
SAT - DEC 28	1 - 4 pm 3 - 6:30 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop- On Location The Frederick Rescue Mission- On Location
SUN - DEC 29 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School- PreK-12 th Rms 2-4 ; Adult Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8/Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service- Sanctuary/YouTube



Fellowship Time will be happening TODAY after Worship
Please come down to the Fellowship Hall to grab a snack and share a conversation with others in your church family.

Choral Introit Song Lyrics, *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* by Robert Benson

From heaven above to earth I come
To bring good news to every one!
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To all the world, and gladly sing.

To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This newborn child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.

This is the Christ, God's Son most high,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be
And from all sin will set you free.

O dearest Jesus, holy child,
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
A holy shrine, within my heart,
that you and I need never part.

"Glory to God in highest heaven,
in highest heaven,
Who unto us his Son has given."

With angels sing in pious mirth,
with angels sing in pious mirth;
A glad new year to all the earth!



*Let us
celebrate the
birth of Jesus
together.*

Tuesday, December 24th
7pm

THANK YOU to all those that planned,
participated in, and attended last Sunday's
performance of

C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S.

by our Sunday Schoolers and
for sharing yummy food and
fellowship at the Potluck.




THIS CHURCH FAMILY came through again with pulling together
the Live Nativity last night. It takes a village!

A big thank you to all that had their hand in any aspect of the event and
for all those that came to experience this
moving portrayal of the story of Jesus' birth.

Christmas Cards—Some church members and their families are currently unable to join us due to health and/or relocation. If they're not already on your list, please consider adding them.

- **Sandi, Mike & Sam Baggett**, 19 Walling Grove Rd, Beaufort, SC 29907
- **Jan Deloriea**, 17648 Kohlhoss Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837
- **Elizabeth Gard**, 18910 Beallsville Rd, Beallsville, MD 20839
- **Keith & Mary Beth Patton**, 20321 Whites Ferry Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837
- **Betty Ritorto**, Room 112, Montgomery Village Healthcare Center,
19301 Watkins Mill Rd, Montgomery Village, MD 20886
- **Philomena Roy**, c/o Don Roy, 6613 Davis Ford Rd, Manassas, VA 20111





Review/Preview with Pastor Tim
 No prep needed!
 Study Sundays' scriptures
 Thursdays @ 7pm on Zoom.
 For link, email:
 pastortim@pmumc.org.




All Men are Invited!
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm in Room 6 & Zoom.
 Email Scott.McGrew@aol.com for link



Next Week's Scriptures
 Micah 5:2-5a • Luke 1:46b-55
 Hebrews 10:5-10 • Luke 1:39-45

Columbarium & Memorial Garden For information on our permanent resting place for cremains, visit 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



TRUSTEE UPDATE


The Trustees recently reviewed proposals on two interconnected projects and recommended the Church Council approve funding for both totaling \$49,007.87. It includes:

- campus-wide exterior and interior lighting upgrade,
- ceiling tile upgrade in the public areas, and
- replacement of damaged or stained tiles in the classrooms, admin offices and kitchen (health department requirement).


These are another major undertaking by our congregation to:

- reduce utility costs,
- add another layer of safety for after dark activities, and
- improve overall appearance.

The actual cost of this package is \$95,856.87; however, incentives from Potomac Edison and a Scott Foundation grant totaling \$46,849.00 results in our share noted above.
Your second level giving would be much appreciated.




LED lighting



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



Engage in the church's ministries
 by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera to see all your options!



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



Send Prayer Requests
prayers@pmumc.org



Need a Ride to church
 Email
Scott.McGrew@aol.com

SCHEDULE	DEC 22 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	DEC 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	DEC 29 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	JAN 5 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>
LITURGIST	Eleanor Bateman Ralph Hitchens	Pam Flick Ray Hoewing	Bob Bachman Kirsten Lewis	TBD
ACOLYTE	Sam L.	Nicole L.	Sam L.	TBD
GREETERS	Cindy McCraith Steve McCraith	Cindy McCraith Steve McCraith	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

Poolesville Seniors-Events Open to ALL
 Register: www.PoolesvilleSeniors.org or 301-875-7701

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS: PICKLEBALL • PING PONG
 WALKING CLUB • TAI-CHI • MAHJONG • ZUMBA GOLD
 BRIDGE • TRIVIA GAME NIGHT • SENIORS AT THE BARRE

SPECIALS:

- 12/16 at 6:30pm—HIP-HOP DANCING
- 12/16 at 7pm—PS! BOOK CLUB
- 12/19 at 7pm—HISTORIC AG RESERVE PROPERTIES
- 12/19 at 7pm—CHAIR ONE FITNESS W/DEIRDRE
- 12/20 at 7pm—LINE DANCING W/ASHLEY KELCH

Join in the Merriment!



Riverwork's has chosen PMUMC's Sanctuary to perform their, free and open to all, Wind Ensemble's Christmas Concert. Come enjoy this community band play as you sing along to all your favorite holiday tunes.
 Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm.



Decorate our Lobby's Sock and Mitten Tree

All these much needed essentials that we collect will be donated to an organization helping those in need.



You are Helping to Bring Christmas Joy to Ten Local Families

Not only did you provide a beautiful turkey dinner with all the trimmings to these families at Thanksgiving, you are now providing them with gifts under their tree and a delicious ham dinner for their Christmas meal. You collectively donated 221 food items and 152 gifts.


Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church Family,

We are blessed to be served by a compassionate pastor with great spiritual strength and a dedicated and caring staff. Traditionally we at Memorial have expressed our gratitude to the pastor with a Christmas purse. Several years ago, we expanded that tradition to include our Church's staff.

At year end based on recommendations from SPRC, the Church Council determines a monetary gift to be provided to our pastor and the Church staff. If you would like to provide a second level gift to support the Church Council's decision to show staff our appreciation, you may place your gift in the offering basket during the Worship Service from now through December 22nd or mail your gift to the Church Office. Please mark on the check or envelope "Staff Appreciation."

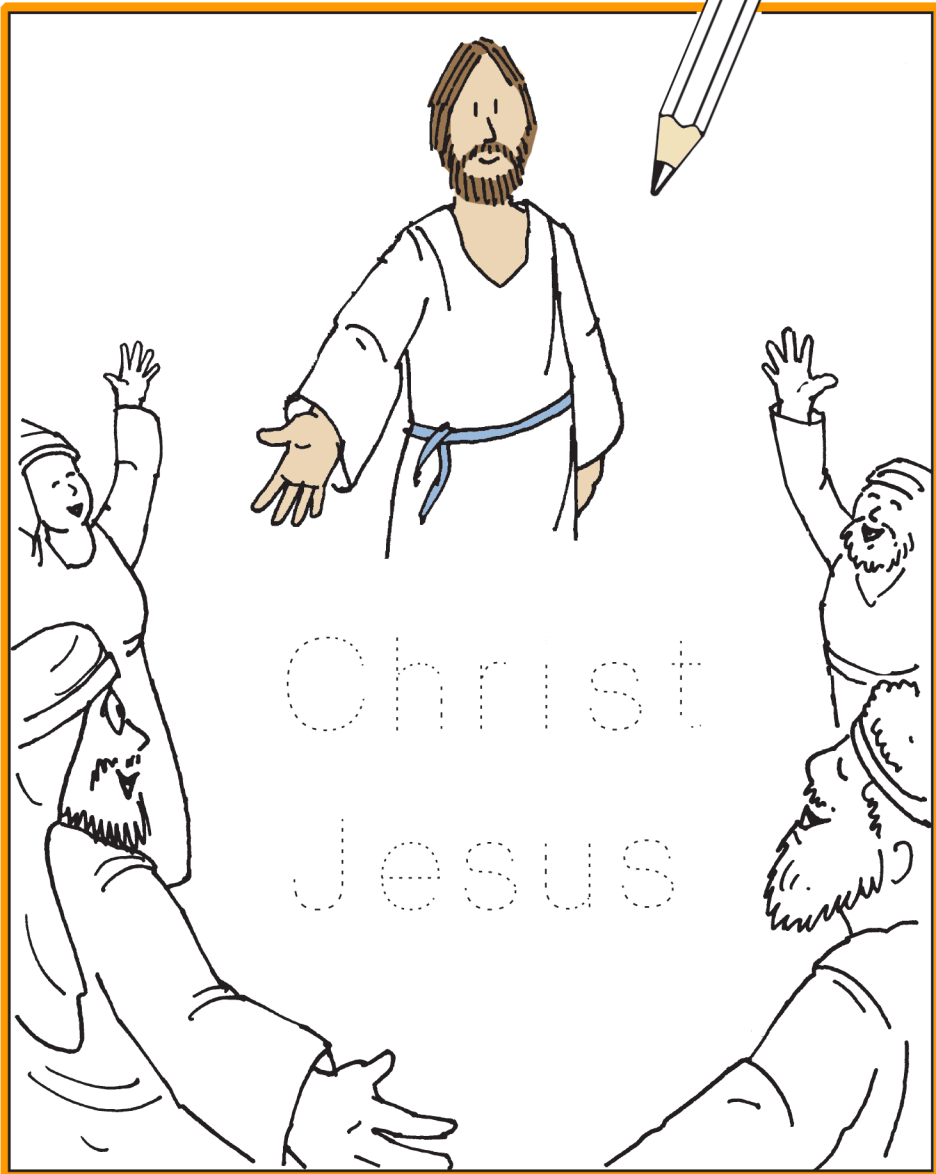
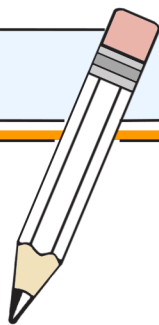
Even more important than a monetary gift, we would ask that you continue to lift Pastor Tim and our Memorial Staff in prayer as they lead and serve us in sharing the Light of Christ's Love with our neighbors.

Blessed to Serve with You,
 Jim Hardter, SPRC Chair
 Scott McGrew, Church Council Chair



And the peace of God will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Trace the letters.



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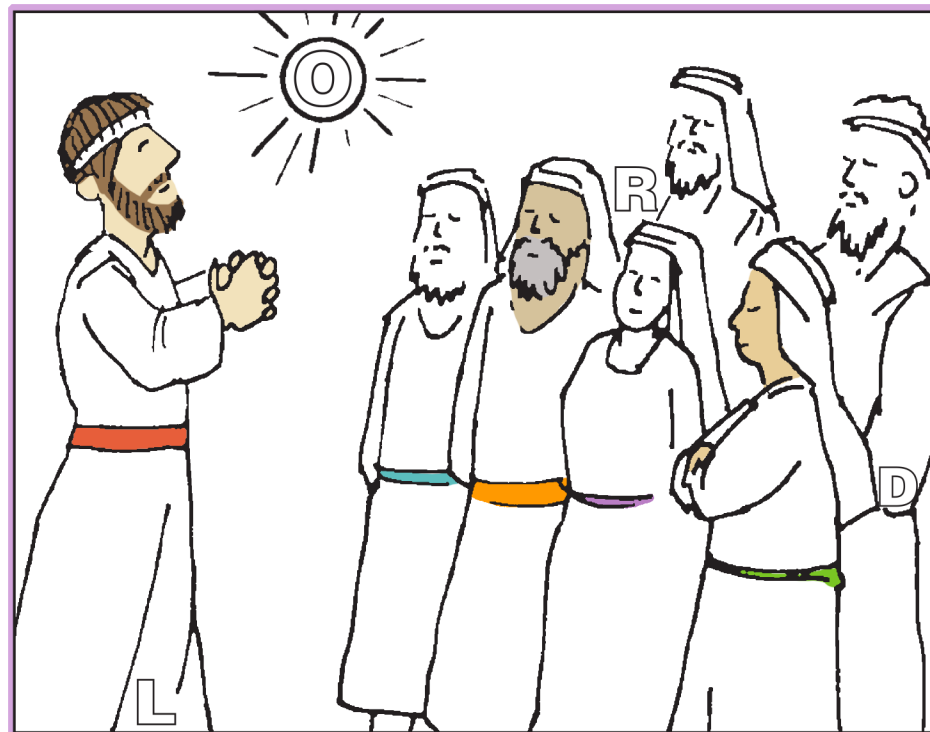
December 15, 2024 • Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord Is Near

Paul said: Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!

Circle the hidden letters.

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Let your gentleness be seen by all.
The Lord is near.

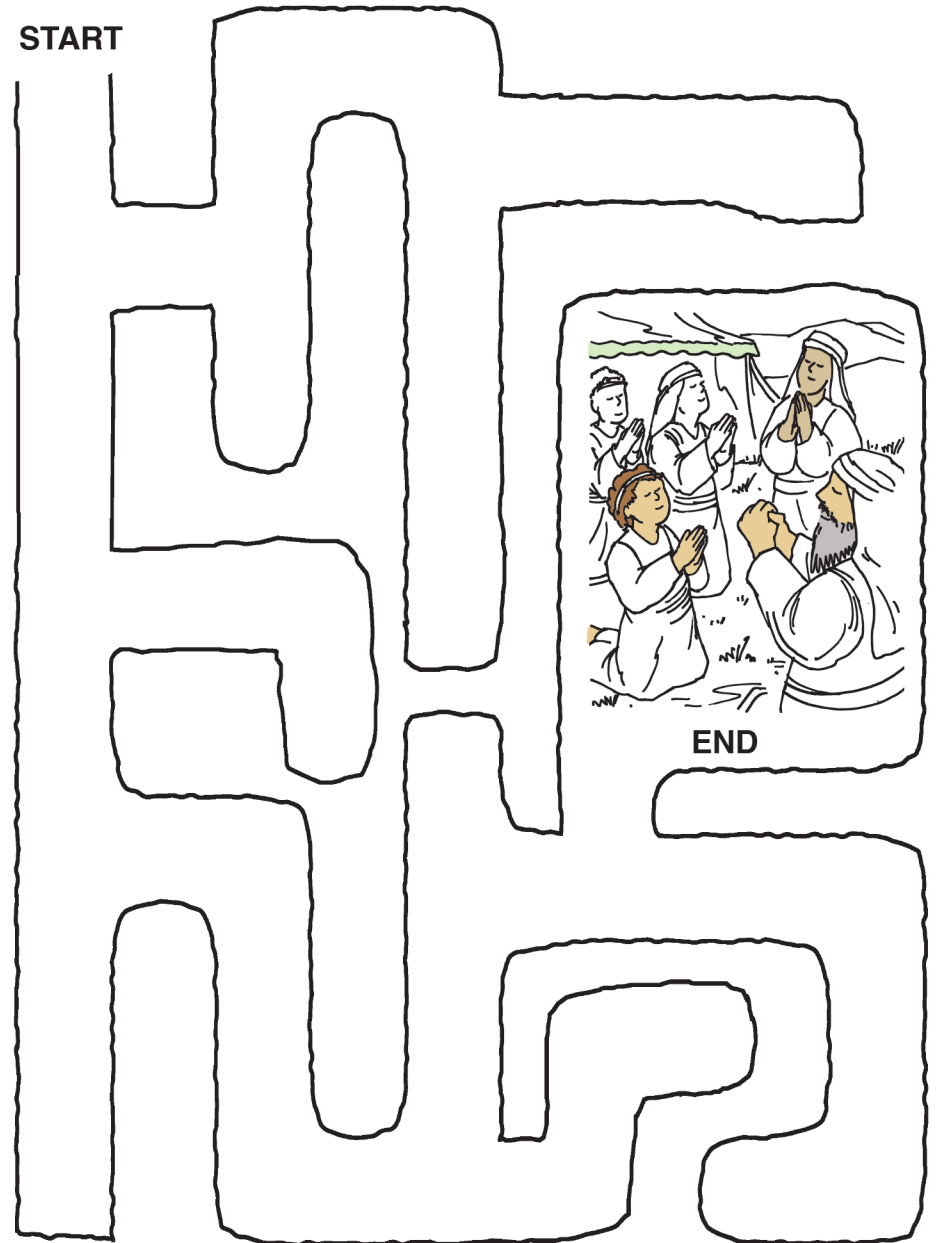
Match the shapes.



Do not be worried about anything, but
always pray to God with your requests.

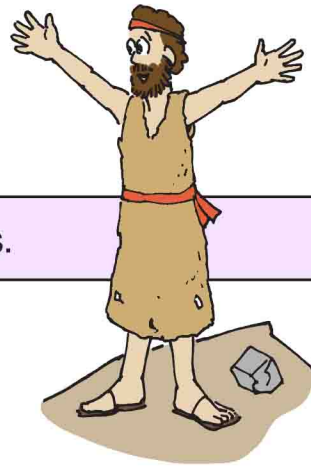
Find the way to help the praying family.

START



END

John preached the Good News of Jesus to the people.



Transfer the letters.

Activity for letter transfer. It features the words "GOOD NEWS" in large, dashed letters. Above the word "GOOD", the letters D, G, O, and O are scattered. Dashed lines connect these letters to their corresponding positions in the word "GOOD". Below the word "NEWS", the letters E, W, N, and S are scattered. Dashed lines connect these letters to their corresponding positions in the word "NEWS".



John Preaches Good News

Many people came to hear John's message.

Count the hidden objects.  7 or 8 ?  5 or 6 ?

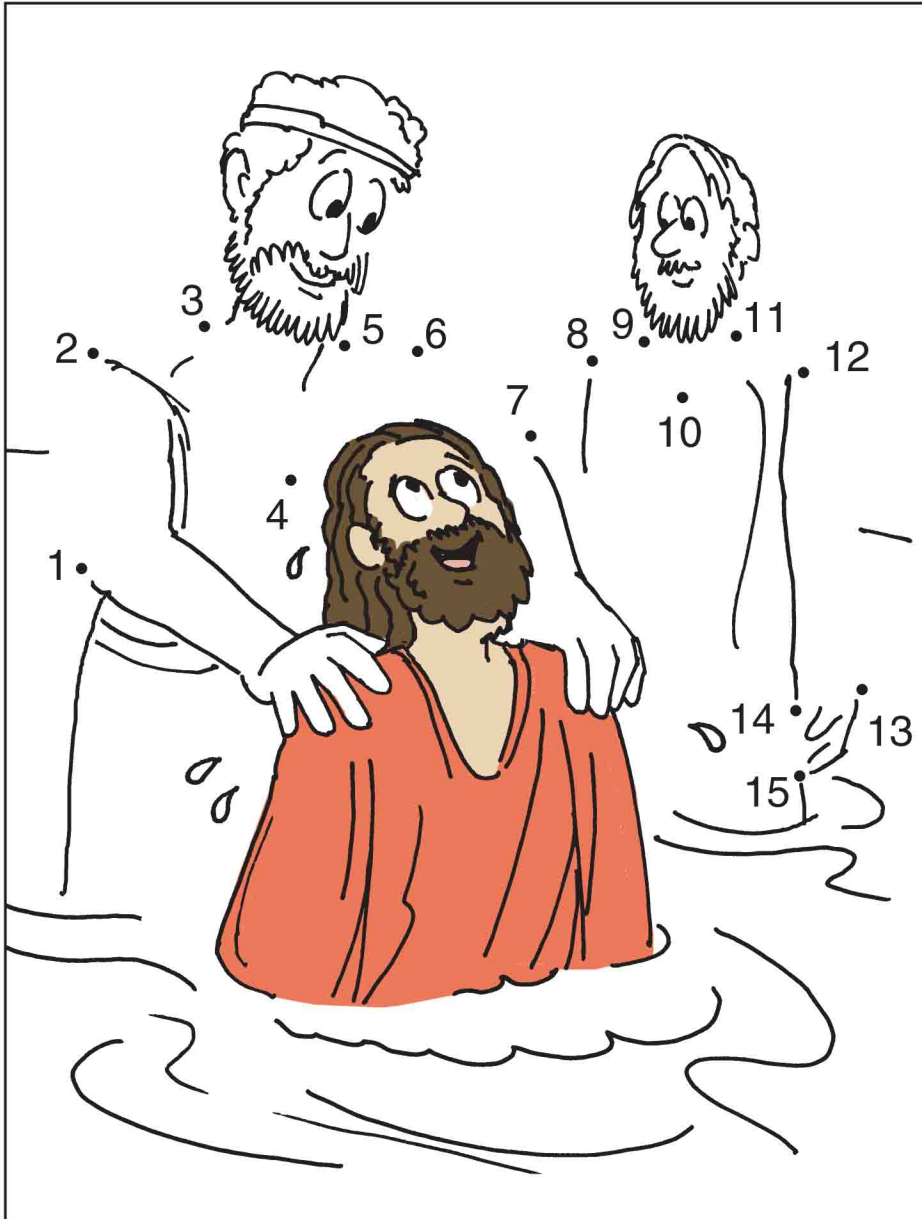


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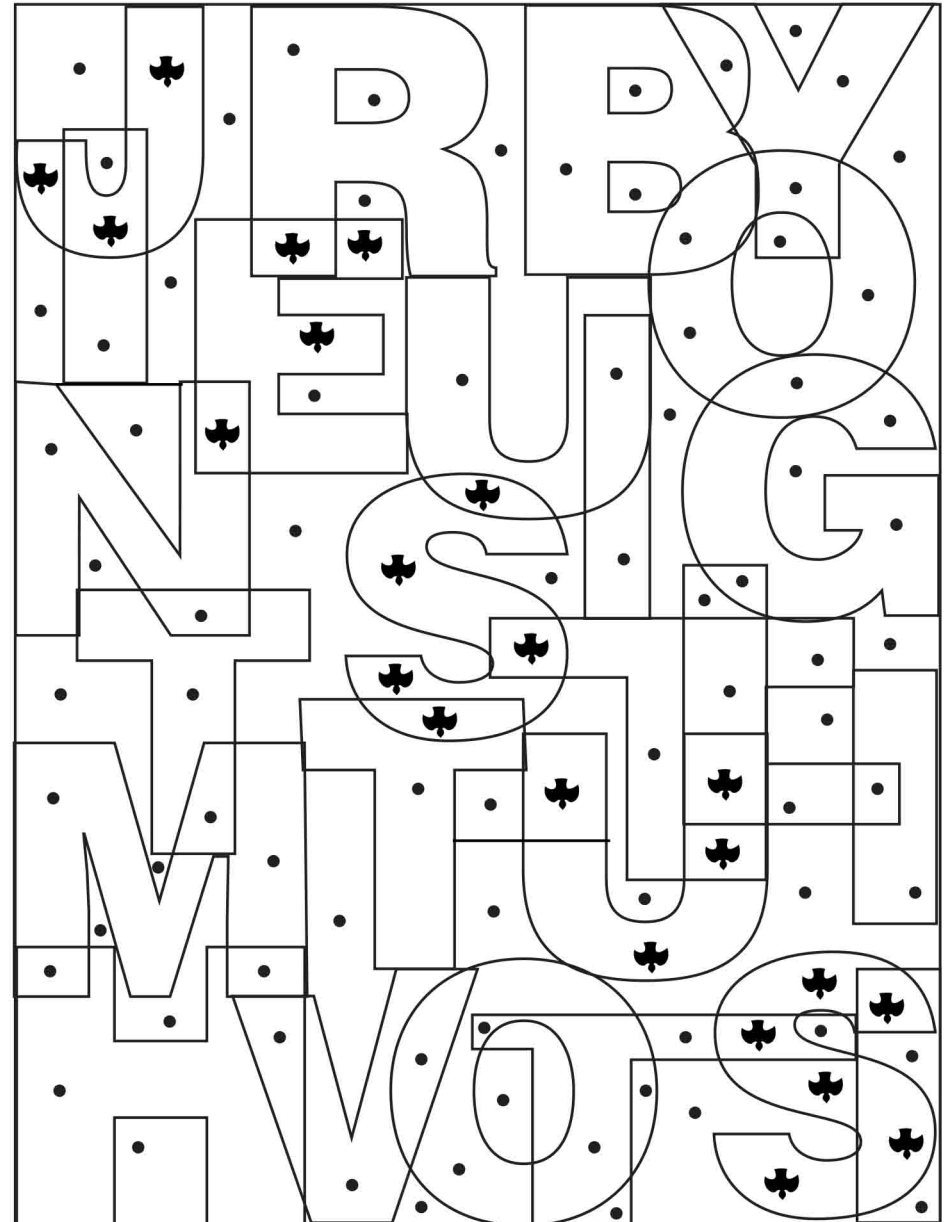
John told the people to prepare themselves for the Lord.

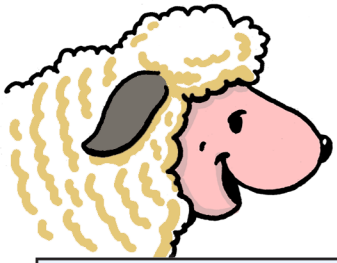
Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



John said, "One will come after me."

Shade in the shapes with ♣ to learn who was coming.





And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, ...

Fit the word parts on the blanks below to finish the words.
Hint: The word parts are NOT listed in order.

___ur m___ds yo___ J___us
h___ts Ch_____ ___uar_ /ll

... wi | | g____d ___ur
___ear___ and yo___ in___
in ___rist ___es___.



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Ages 7+

December 15, 2024 • Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord Is Near

Paul said: Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!

Circle the hidden letters. R E J O I C E



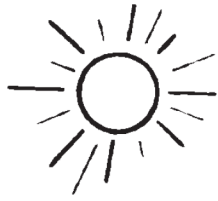
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What did Paul then say?

Use the code to write the letters on the blanks.

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☀ = E	⊕ = L	■ = R
★ = H	□ = N	○ = T



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g e □ ○ ⊕ e □ e ss

b e □ ⊙ ◆ e □ ○

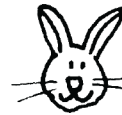
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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, ...

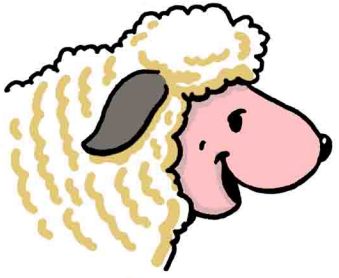
Write the name of each item. Then read the letters in the darker boxes from top to bottom, and write the word on the blank below.



		B					
Q				T			
	C						
				P			

... with thanksgiving, present your _____ to God.





The people were wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. What did John answer?



Follow the arrows through the letters to find John's answer.

I	Y	E	W	A	T	U	B	O	
T	Z	O	H	T	E	R	T	N	
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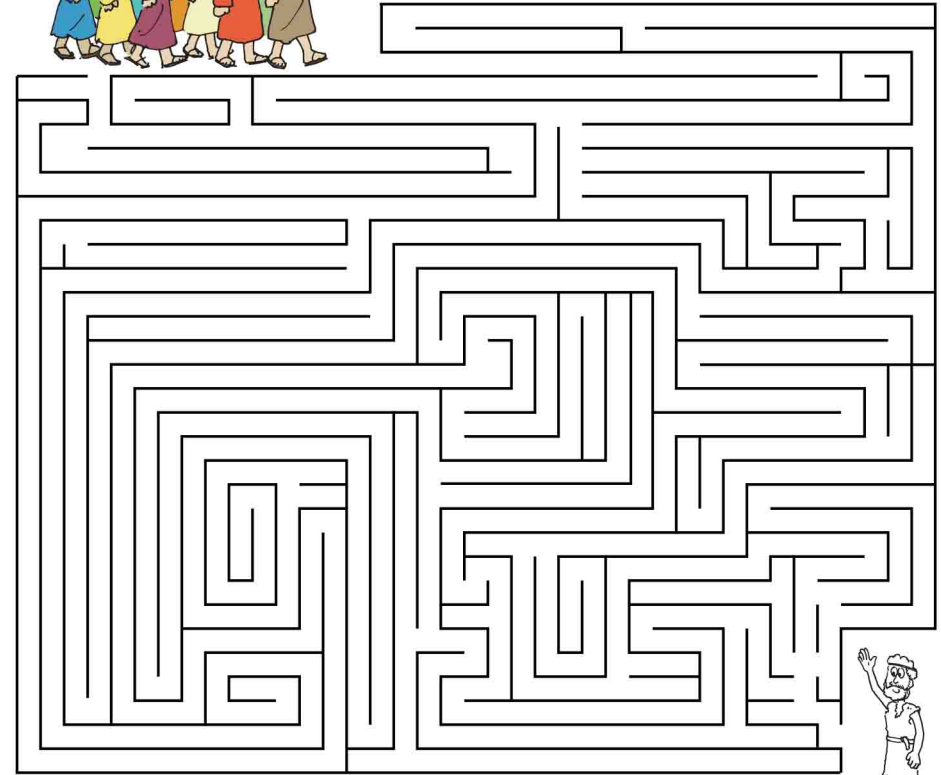
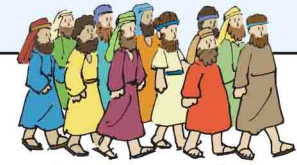
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December 15, 2024 • Luke 3:7-18

John Preaches Good News

Crowds of people came to John.

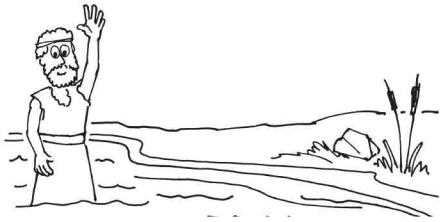
Help the people get to John.



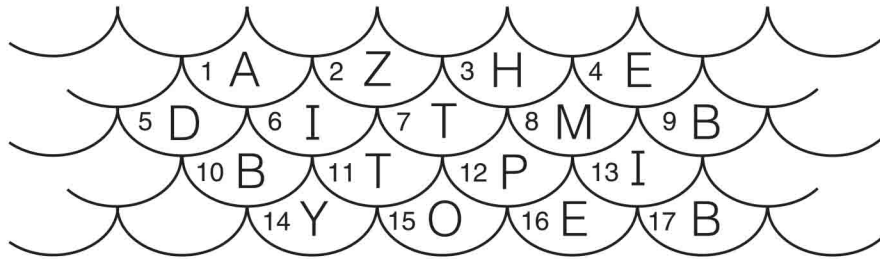
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Why did the crowds come to John?



Write the letters from the water on the lines.



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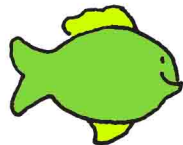
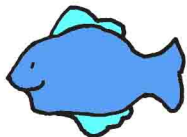
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9 14

3 6 8



The people asked John what they should do to be children of God. What were two things John said?

Use the code and fill in the blanks below to find the answer.

	A	E	H	R
	B	F	I	S

