

## OUR PURPOSE



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

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Mon., Dec 23 - **ISAIAH 61:1-3** *God of Second Chances*  
 Tue., Dec 24 - **PSALM 139:7-12** *God with Us*  
 Wed., Dec 25 - **MATTHEW 1:18-25** *A Son Is Given*  
 Thu., Dec 26 - **PSALM 42:1-11** *A Global Connection*  
 Fri., Dec 27 - **JEREMIAH 17:5-8** *Unexpected Beauty*  
 Sat., Dec 28 - **LUKE 2:1-20** *Praying with the Nativity*  
 Sun., Dec 29 - **ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8** *Rejoice and Give Thanks*

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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*)  
\$6,719.21

### 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

**ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD**-

Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (alternate)

**WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR** - Priscilla Lyon

**VISUAL ARTS** - Dianna McGrew, Jenny

Rivenbark, Janet Spiker,

**ACOLYTE COORDINATOR** - Roy Melton

**HEAD ACOLYTE** - Sam L.

**AUDIO/VIDEO** - Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

**NURSERY** - Stephanie Parker, Cynthia Cook

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**CUSTODIAN** - Ximenia "Patricia" Murdock

**FACILITY'S AIDE** - Linda Self

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Addison S., Aubrey S., Evie S., Isabel S.

**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

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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**Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 22, 2024**  
Sunday Worship Service—10:30 am



**"A Reminder"**



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**—Cindy McCraith and Steve McCraith

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

*Mary's Little Boy Child*

Linda Custer  
by Hairston/Hayes

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ACOLYTE**—Sam L.

**WELCOME**—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**PRELUDE MUSIC—PIANO DUET**

*Greensleeves with Coventry Carol*

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer  
by Joel Raney

**ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

*Love Has Come (Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella)*

Eleanor Bateman,  
by Ken Bible/Pr. Jack Glasgow

**WEEK-FOUR SCRIPTURE**—2 Samuel 7:8-11

Eleanor Bateman

<sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel, <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and be disturbed no more, and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel, and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

**WEEK-FOUR DEVOTIONAL**

Everly & Adaline Reif,

We live on the brink every day. We stand on the threshold between this world and the next one. We live and move between the ordinary and divine, between the mundane and the mystery. Too often, we forget to look up and see the angels in our living room. We forget that the love we give and live is a sign of eternity, God with us, right now. We forget that company is coming.

Luke tells us that God's favor came to a girl, an ordinary girl. It might have been you or your daughter; it might have been the girl down the street or your grandchild. But the messenger of God came and greeted her and said, "The Lord is with you." What a gift and a promise: Emmanuel, God is with us.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE & CANDLE LIGHTING** Eleanor & Hayden Bateman  
(Choral Response to be sung to the tune of *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*)  
*Love is born! Come share the wonder. What is the name her heart is saying?*  
*Love is God now asleep in the hay. Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.*  
*See the glow in the eye of his mother. Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.*

**OPENING PRAYER**

*We light these candles with peace in our hearts for the promise of proximity, the nearness of god. Even when we forget to listen, to lean into that presence, God is as close as our own breath. This, in a confused and confusing world, is a peace that passes all understanding. It is the peace that knows that company is coming.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UMH 234

**FIRST READING**—*Hebrews 10:5-10*

Ralph Hitchens

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

**ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Song of Mary* (Soloist, Rachel Smalley)

Janet Hartz  
arr by Lopez/Mock

**SECOND READING**—*Luke 1:39-45*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

**MESSAGE**—*A Reminder*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

UMH 198

**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**—*Love Came Down At Christmas*

UMH 242

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**POSTLUDE MUSIC**

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

Linda Custer  
by Hayes/Wagner



*Let's Celebrate  
the Birth of Jesus Together  
Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*



## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

<b>SUN - DEC 22</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rms 2-4</b> ; Adult <b>Rm 6/Zoom</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <b>Room 8/Sanctuary</b> Nursery- <b>Room 5</b> Worship Service- <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b>
<b>MON - DEC 23</b>	7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal– <b>Sanctuary</b> Grief Group– <b>CANCELED</b>
<b>TUE –DEC 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– <b>CANCELED</b> Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service– <b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>WED - DEC 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Merry Christmas</i>	
<b>THU - DEC 26</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– <b>Online via Zoom</b> Zumba Class– <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>SAT - DEC 28</b>	1 - 4 pm 3 - 6:30 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– <b>On Location</b> The Frederick Rescue Mission— <b>On Location</b>
<b>SUN - DEC 29</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rms 2-4</b> ; Adult <b>Rm 6/Zoom</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <b>Room 8/Sanctuary</b> Nursery- <b>Room 5</b> Worship Service- <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b>
<b>MON - DEC 30</b>	7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal– <b>CANCELED</b> Grief Group– <b>CANCELED</b>
<b>TUE –DEC 31</b>	10:30 - 11:30 am	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– <b>CANCELED</b>
<b>WED - JAN 1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Happy New Year</i>	
<b>THU - JAN 2</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– <b>Online via Zoom</b> Zumba Class– <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>SAT - JAN 4</b>	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– <b>On Location</b>
<b>SUN - JAN 5</b> <i>Epiphany Sunday</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 <sup>th</sup> <b>Rms 2-4</b> ; Adult <b>Rm 6/Zoom</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <b>Room 8/Sanctuary</b> Nursery- <b>Room 5</b> Worship Service- <b>Sanctuary/YouTube</b>

**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 Deloriae**, 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**, 19700 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837
- **Philomena Roy**, c/o Don Roy, 6613 Davis Ford Rd, Manassas, VA 20111



Choral Anthem, *Song of Mary* by Rachmaninoff/Faye Lopez

My soul exalts the Lord, my God,  
And my spirit rejoices in praise to God my Savior,  
For He has chosen me,  
The handmaid of the Lord.

In His goodness, His kind compassion,  
He sends the Promised One the vow to pay.  
In remembrance of His great mercy,  
The Holy One has done great things for me.  
O magnify His holy name.

Age to age (magnify) generations will call me blessed,  
For the favor the Mighty One has shown to His servant,  
For He has honored me, the bonds slave of the Lord.

My soul (magnify) magnifies the Lord, my God,  
And my heart rejoices in praise to God, my Savior,  
For He has chosen me, the bonds slave of the Lord. Amen.

Decorate our Lobby's  
**Sock and Mitten Tree**

All these much needed items  
that we collect will  
be donated to a  
homeless shelter.



**Called to start a new group? Contact Pastor Tim**

- **Adult Sunday School**- Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School**- Dianna at mdmcmcgrews@aol.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim**- Pastor Tim@pmmumc.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**  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 • Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17 • Luke 2:41-52

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

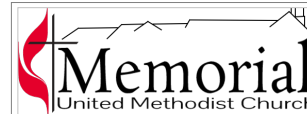


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by scanning this QR code with  
your phone's camera.

**Prayer Requests?**  
Email  
prayers@pmmumc.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



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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Jesus came to do God's will.

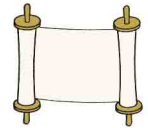
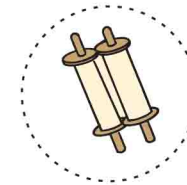
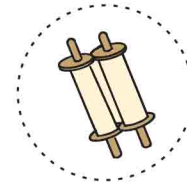
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December 22, 2024 • Hebrews 10:5-10


Jesus Came to Do God's Will

The promise of Jesus' coming was written in a scroll.

Circle the 2 that are alike in each row.



Find these objects.



Jesus came into the world  
as was promised.

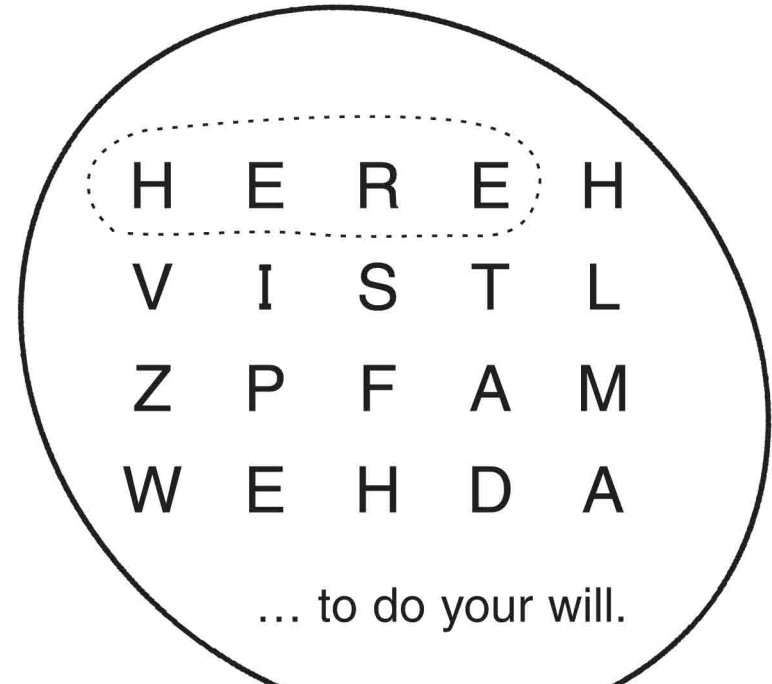
Trace the dashed lines to finish the picture.



Jesus said ...

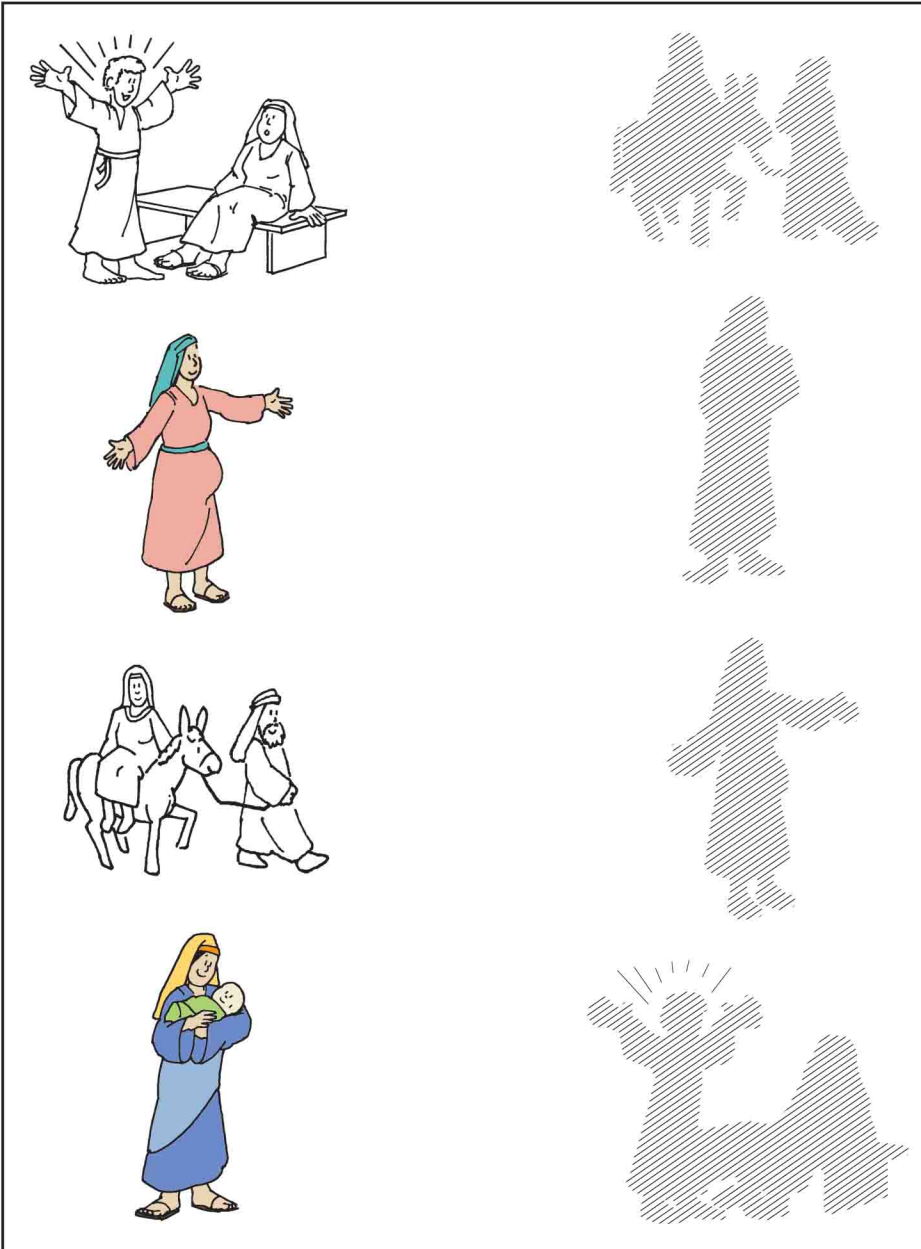
Circle the hidden words in the puzzle.

HERE I AM



Mary was blessed.

Match the shadows.



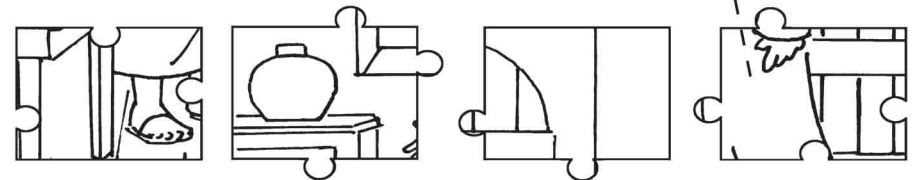
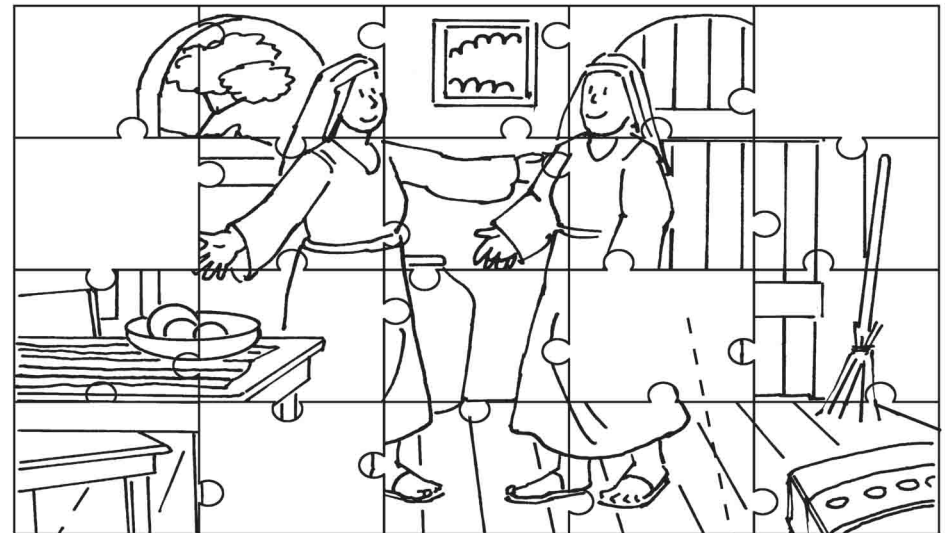
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Mary Visits Elizabeth

Mary went to visit Elizabeth.

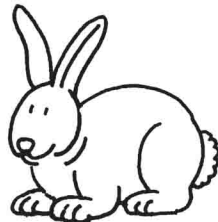
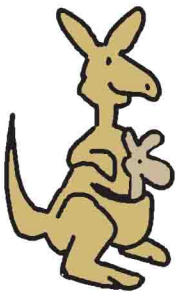
Match the puzzle pieces.



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When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the baby leaped in her womb.

What leaped inside of Elizabeth? Circle it.



Elizabeth said... "Blessed are you among  
women. Blessed is the child you will bear."

Trace the letters.  
Use the picture code to fill in the letters.



b a b y



w o m a n

Blessed



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Blessed



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Jesus' sacrifice was sufficient to cover the sins of all people of all time.

Write the letter that comes alphabetically immediately before the letter that is given.

“ X F I B W F C F F O

N B E F I P M Z

U I S P V H I U I F

T B D S J G J D F P G

U I F C P E Z P G

K F T V T D I S J T U

P O D F G P S B M M ”



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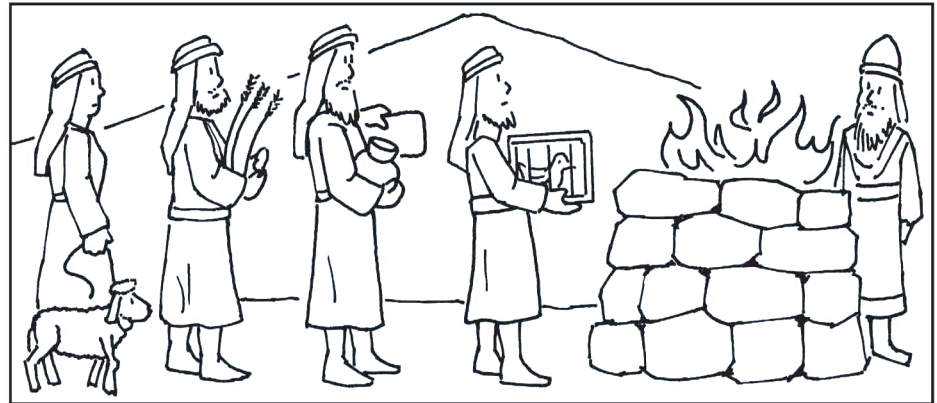
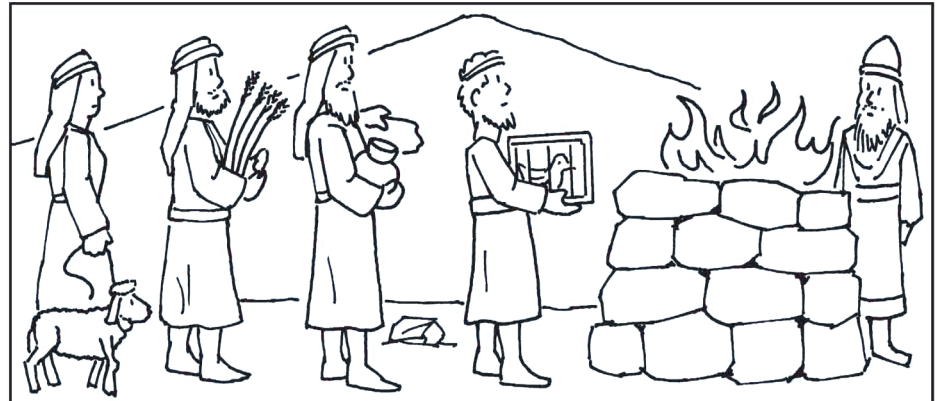
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December 22, 2024 • Hebrews 10:5-10

## Jesus Came to Do God's Will

God did not desire sacrifices and offerings.

Find 6+ things in the 1st picture that are different in the 2nd.



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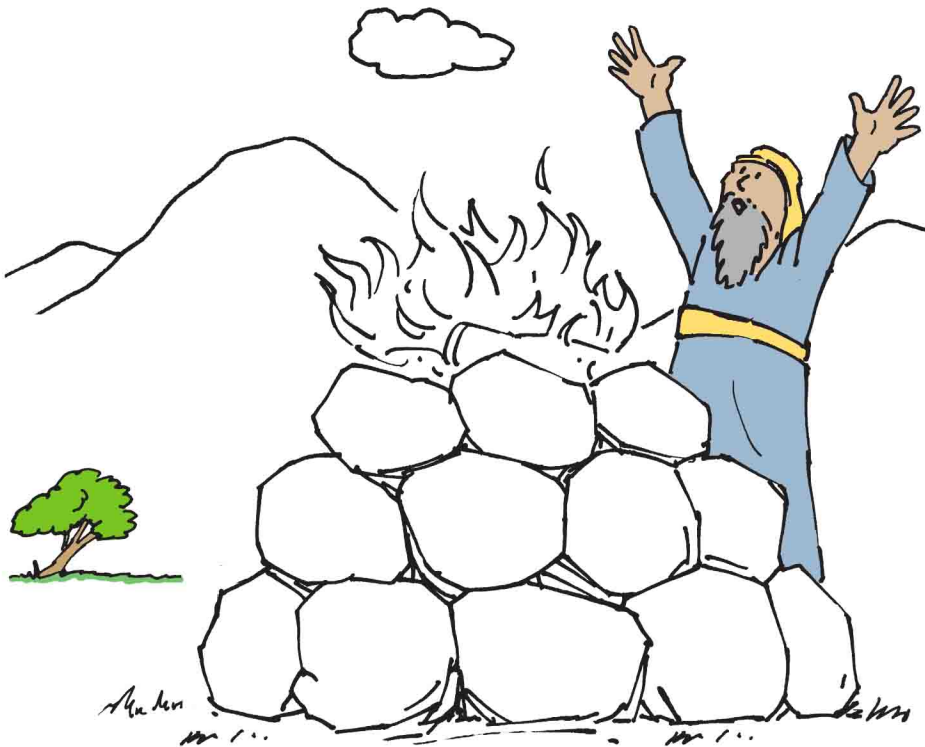
If God did not desire the sacrifices,  
why did people bring them?

Use the underlined letter in each numbered offering to find the answer from Hebrews 10:8.

- |                     |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - GRA <u>I</u> N  | 6 - S <u>H</u> EEP  | 10 - <u>R</u> AM    |
| 2 - <u>B</u> ULL    | 7 - <u>I</u> NCENSE | 11 - <u>G</u> OAT   |
| 3 - <u>D</u> OVE    | 8 - CAL <u>F</u>    | 12 - FLO <u>U</u> R |
| 4 - PIGE <u>O</u> N | 9 - LAM <u>B</u>    | 13 - <u>W</u> AFER  |
| 5 - <u>Q</u> X      |                     |                     |

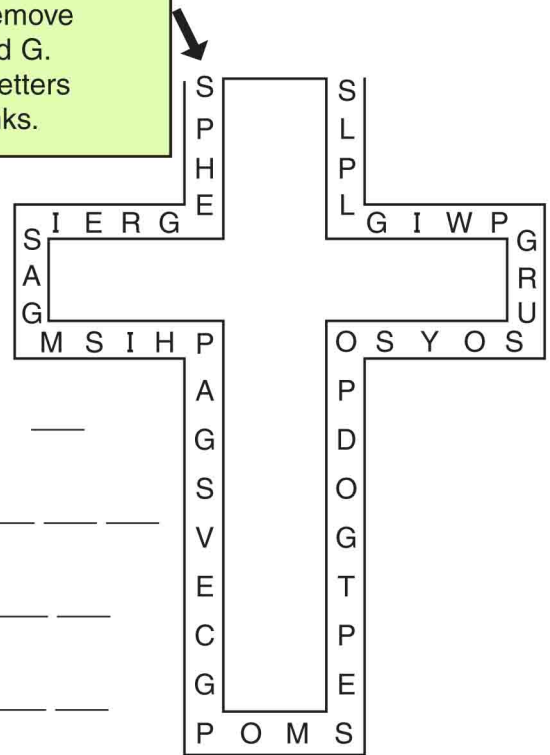
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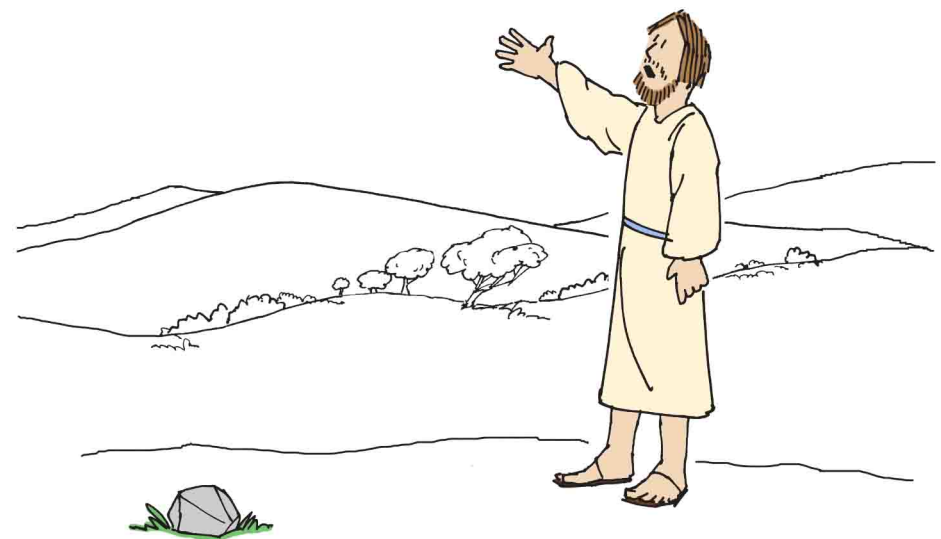


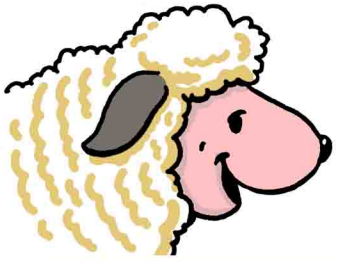
Jesus brought a sacrifice to God. It was His own body!

Following the path, remove every letter S, P and G. Write the remaining letters in order in the blanks.



“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_”





What else did Elizabeth declare to Mary?

Add the numbers from the intersecting row and column to find the letters to fill in the blanks.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	S	B	D	T	A	I	E
2	B	D	T	A	I	E	H
3	D	T	A	I	E	H	M
4	T	A	I	E	H	M	O
5	A	I	E	H	M	O	R
6	I	E	H	M	O	R	F
7	E	H	M	O	R	F	L

“  
 3 14 8 2 2 8 4 7 2  
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 2 9 8 W 9 11 9 6 2  
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 3 8 14 7 8 8 4 5 9 6 5  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 9 8 14 11 12 4  
 W u \_\_\_\_\_ u \_\_\_\_\_  
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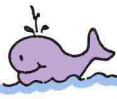







Ages 7+

December 22, 2024 • Luke 1:39-45

## Mary Visits Elizabeth

Mary went to visit Elizabeth. What happened when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting?

Solve the puzzle below to fill in the blanks.

-  - OT +  - O = \_\_\_\_\_
-  - WHA +  - GRS + D = \_\_\_\_\_
-  - GUTAR +  - MOO = \_\_\_\_\_
-  - OUS +  - CA = \_\_\_\_\_
-  - RM +  - CO = \_\_\_\_\_

The 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_  
 5) \_\_\_\_\_ and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

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**ZJQSK6**

## What did Elizabeth say to Mary then?

Fill in each row of the grid with words that match the clues. Then follow the path through the grid to find the answer.

What a skeleton is made of.

First 3 letters of what a fish breathes with.

Boat that travels underwater: \_\_\_marine.

What we do with our eyes.

Clever.

Where we sleep.

Where a fox lives.

Faster than walking. He \_\_\_.

				D	I	L
L	M		S		W	
E	A	W	S			
	U	O		T	O	
	O	M		H		A
E	Y	E				R
			D	C	L	
A				H	I	

In a loud voice she exclaimed:

“ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_!”

## What did Elizabeth ask?

Solve the sudoku puzzle. All numbers must be used only once in each row, column and box. Then use the letter code to fill in the blanks.

1		8	9		6	4		E
H		6		2			3	5
5	4		8		S	1		9
	5		M			2	4	
4	2			3	8		1	
		7		6		D	9	3
	U	5	2	R		9	L	7
2		O	3		7	6		
7	9			8		3		1

Elizabeth asked: “But why am I so

\_\_\_\_\_ favored, that the \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ y  
7 1 9 2 4 7

\_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ to me?”  
8 1 4 5 3 9 1 6 8 5  
1 7 2

