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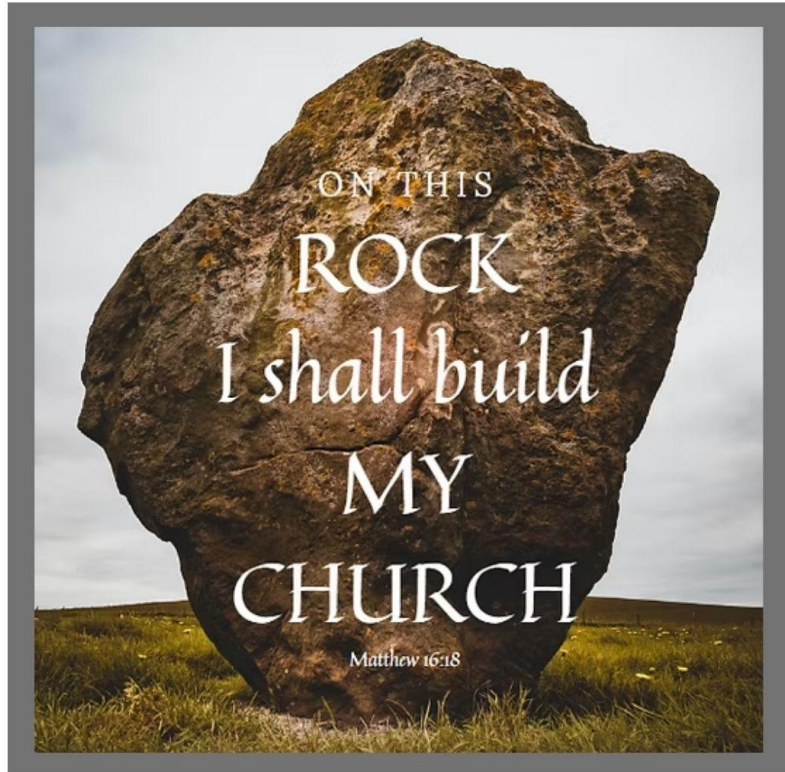
Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 22, 2026
Worship Service—10:30 am



"A Piece of Work"



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.

Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

GREETERS—Cindy McCraith and Steve McCraith

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—*The Old Rugged Cross*

PIANO/TRUMPET DUET

by John Carter

Linda Custer/Walter Moskwa

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Sam L.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—*In the Garden*

PIANO/FLUTE DUET

by C. Austin Miles

Linda Custer/Beth Parker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Scott McGrew

LEADER: Who do you say that Jesus is?

PEOPLE: *Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.*

LEADER: Come, people of God – Let us not exalt ourselves, but humble ourselves before the Lord.

PEOPLE: *For God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*

LEADER: Jesus calls and equips us to follow in the footsteps of Peter; the Rock on which the church is built.

PEOPLE: *We stand firm in our faith, trusting in Christ to restore, strengthen, and establish us as the Body of Christ today.*

LEADER: Come then – confessing Christ, trusting his care, and standing firm in faith.

PEOPLE: *Let us worship the living God!*

*OPENING PRAYER

led by Scott McGrew

Gracious God: As Peter confessed Jesus as the Messiah and served as the rock on which Jesus built his church, help us also to confess Jesus with our hearts and our lives. Teach us to cast all our cares upon you,

***OPENING PRAYER – CONTINUED**

trusting in your love and grace, and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may stand firm in faith and follow Christ with courage and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN—Whom Shall I Send?**

UMH 582

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Betty King

FIRST READING—1 Peter 5:1-11

Erin Smeller

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

CHORAL ANTHEM—Upon This Rock from Cantata

by Pepper Choplin

Upon This Rock (the Passion, the Question, the Call)

Chancel Choir/Tim Melton

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer

SECOND READING—Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

MESSAGE—A Piece of Work

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE—Only Trust Him**

UMH 337

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

OFFERING—(offering plate in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY—Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow**

UMH 95

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN—Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

UMH 584

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC—In the Cross of Christ I Glory

by John Carter

Linda Custer

Church-Family Easter Celebration - Potluck • Craft • Story • Egg Hunt
after worship on Palm Sunday – next Sunday 3/29

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Please bring a main dish (casserole, sandwiches, meatballs, etc.) that would serve 8-10 people to share.

To get a rough head-count for planning purposes, please sign-up at church or call/text 301-252-1555.



**Lyrics to Anthem “Upon This Rock” from the Cantata,
“Upon This Rock: The Passion, The Question, The Call” by Pepper Choplin**

You are the Son, the Son of the living God.
You are the Son, the Son of God, the living God.
Upon this rock, I'll build My church.
Upon this rock, I'll build My kingdom on this earth.
I'll build my church upon this rock, this sold rock.

Upon this rock, I'll build My church.
Upon this rock, I'll build My kingdom on this earth.
I'll build my church upon this rock, this sold rock.

And we say, “You are the Christ, You are the Son of the living God.
You are the Christ, You are the first begotten Son,
Born from the love, the love of heaven.
And we are the church, and we will serve and glorify.
We are the church, to be a living sacrifice, offered to You through all we are.”

And so our love, our love for Christ, will be the cause,
the reason why we live our days to walk in faith, faith in the rock, the sold rock.

Shout it out now! “You are the Christ, You are the Son of the living God.
You are the Christ, You are the first begotten Son,
Born from the love, the love of heaven.
And we are the church, and we will serve and glorify.
We are the church, to be a living sacrifice, offered to You through all we are.”

Upon this rock, I'll build My church.
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I'll build my church upon this rock, this sold rock.
I'll build my church upon this rock, this sold rock.
I'll build my church upon this rock.



FOOD DRIVE – For Easter, Christian Education is sponsoring a food drive for WUMCO! Paper grocery bags are on the table inside the lobby. Please take one of the bags and fill it with non-perishable food items. Bags are to be returned to church, NEXT WEEK on Palm Sunday, March 29. Thank you for helping our “Outreach Ministry.”

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Sun – Mar 22 5th Sunday in Lent	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service w/Children’s Moment-Sanc/YouTube
Mon – Mar 23	5:30 – 6:30 pm 5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Girl Scout Daisy Troop #32238 Meeting– Room 3 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – Mar 24	10:30 - 11:30 am 5:30 – 8:30 pm 7 – 8:30 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall PHS Girls Basketball Banquet – Fellowship Hall Christian Education Meeting– Room 6
Wed – Mar 25	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu – Mar 26	9 am - 5 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/LCSW Therapy-WUMCO- PL N Ark Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall Independent Order of Odd Fellows #97 Meeting– Rm 6
Sat – Mar 28	1 - 4 pm 3 – 6 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite The Frederick Rescue Mission– Onsite
Sun – Mar 29 Palm/Passion Sunday	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30am–12:30pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service-Sanctuary/YouTube Church-Family Easter Celebration-Potluck, Egg Hunt– FH
Mon – Mar 30	9 -11:30 am 5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group Meeting– Noah’ Ark Room Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – Mar 31	10:30 - 11:30 am	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall
Wed – Apr 1	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu – Apr 2 Holy Thursday	9 am - 5 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/LCSW Therapy-WUMCO- PL/N Ark Worship Service w/Communion– Sanctuary/YouTube Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– CANCELLED Zumba– CANCELLED
Sat – Apr 4	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED

Sun – Apr 5 Easter Sunday	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service w/Communion-Sanctuary/YouTube
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SCHEDULE	March 29 Palm Sunday <i>Distribution of Palms</i> <i>Chancel Choir</i>	April 2 – 7 pm Holy Thursday <i>Communion</i> <i>Chancel Choir</i>	April 5 Easter Sunday <i>Communion</i> <i>Chancel Choir</i>	April 12 2nd Sunday of Easter <i>Chancel Choir</i>
Liturgist	Wendy Huff Eleanor Bateman	David Melton Erin Smeller	Beth Parker Pam Flick	Betty Jean Selby Wendy Huff
Acolyte	Nicole L.	Knox H.	Isabel S.	Nicole L.
Greeters	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

Children’s Moment is TODAY



On the fourth Sunday of each month Ms. Betty shares a meaningful message with our children – young and old learn from her heartfelt lessons and how much God loves us!



Review/Preview – Study

Sundays’ scriptures on Thursday evenings at 7pm with Pastor Tim over Zoom. No prep needed! To connect, email PastorTim@pmumc.org.



Problems with money? Debtors Anonymous can help.

DA Meetings are held throughout the DMV and on Zoom. Visit www.debtorsanonymousdc.org for details.



Frederick Rescue Mission –

Food and Servers needed for Sat., March 28. To sign-up visit www.signupgenius.com and then “Search for a Sign Up” by using “office@pmumc.org.” Thank you in advance for your help!



See something that needs attention around the church?

Please see Gary Hartz so it can be placed on our task list.



VBS – Mark your calendars!

Mon., June 22-
 Thu., June 25,
 6-8pm



Each week through Easter, our Chancel Choir will share pieces from the Cantata, “Upon This Rock” – a musical interpretation of Peter’s call and passion.

- March 29 10:30 am—*Palm Sunday*—“Pray with Me at Gethsemane”
11:30 am – Church Family Easter Party—Potluck, Craft, Egg Hunt
- April 2 7:00 pm—*Holy Thursday*—“Didn’t I Deny Him” & “Were You There”
- April 5 10:30 am—*Easter Sunday*—“The Empty Tomb”



Backpack Bites helps feed 35 families in the Poolesville High School Cluster on a weekly basis. Here are ways to help:

- **PACK** – pack and prepare bags each month for delivery to Poolesville Elementary and Monocacy Elementary at Poolesville Presbyterian Church. The next packing dates are **April 11 and May 9 starting at 9am.**
- **DELIVER** – each Thursday the packed bags need to be picked up at Poolesville Presbyterian and delivered to PES and MES. Sign up to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CA5AC2EA2FB6-58859141-backpack>
- **FUND-RAISE** – Support *Empty Bowls 2026* TONIGHT from 4:30-6:30 at Locals. This is the primary fundraiser, if funds are leftover they will go to WUMCO. Last year \$11,000 was raised. For tickets or donate visit www.riverworksart.org/event-details/riverworks-empty-bowls-2026.

Poolesville Seniors! - Open to All (mandatory registration) 301-875-7701



REGULAR EVENTS: Ping Pong, Walking, Seniors at Barre, Pickleball, Tai-Chi, Bridge, Zumba Gold, Knitting & Crocheting Instruction & Support, Trivia Game Night, Mahjong, Country Line Dancing, Chair One Fitness, Trail Hikes, Book Club, Body Sculpting, and much more!

**DAILY
DEVOTIONALS**
from Upper Room
(free copies in lobby)

- Mon., March 23 **Isaiah 40:27-31** *Give Me Strength*
- Tue., March 24 **1 Corinthians 4:9-13** *Never Give Up*
- Wed., March 25 **Ruth 4:1-17** *More to the Story*
- Thu., March 26 **Philippians 4:10-13** *From Worry to Worship*
- Fri., March 27 **Psalms 91:1-16** *Under His Wing*
- Sat., March 28 **Luke 12:27-31** *Trust in a Loving Parent*
- Sun., March 29 **John 13:31-38** *Holy Week*

Poolesville Memorial's



OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 12-3pm, and by appointment

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 emails

EMERGENCIES

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

OFFICE INFO

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

(last 8 weeks)
\$5,914.31

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **ENTERING/EXITING WORSHIP** - Place in Offering Plate in Spurrier Hall
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **SEND ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

GIVING



PURPOSE

PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

CHANCEL CHOIR - Janet Hartz (Director), Linda Custer (Accompanist), Eleanor Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Wendy Huff, Amanda Lyon, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim Melton, Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Roger Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller, Madelon Stone

BELL CHOIR - Becky Smalley (Director), Linda Custer, Jennifer Fielder, Jim Hardter, Janet Hartz, Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

ACOLYTES - Kirsten Lewis (Coord.), Grace H., Knox H., Nicole L. (Head Acolyte), Sam L., Isabel S.

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD - Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (Alt)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Betty King

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Jenny Rivenbark, Janet Spiker,

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton (Coordinator), Nicole Lewis, Kevin Schramm

CHURCH COORDINATOR - Shirley Prasada-Rao

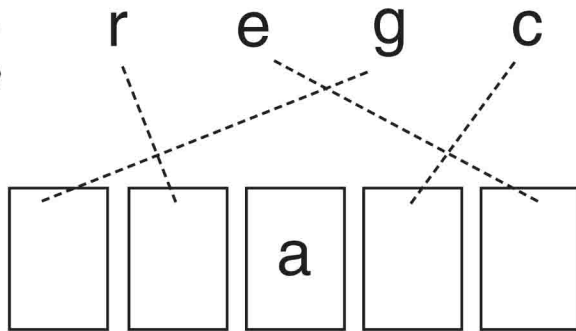
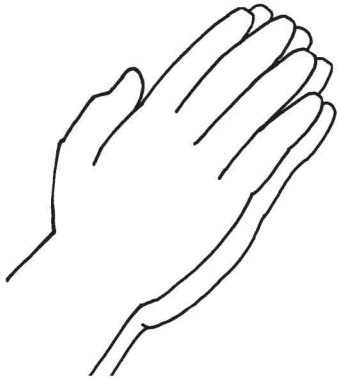
CUSTODIAN - Ximenia "Patricia" Murdock

EVENT MONITOR - Linda Self

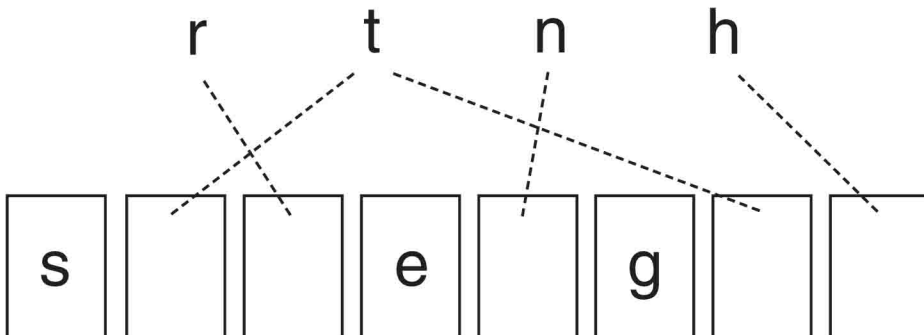
NURSERY - Cynthia Cook, Stephanie Parker, Julie Seger

Stay close to God and by His ...

Follow the lines and write the letters in the boxes.



He will give you



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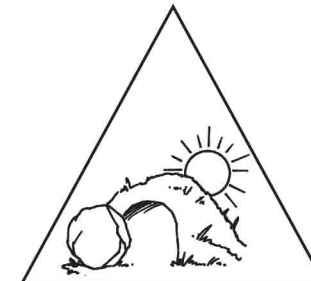
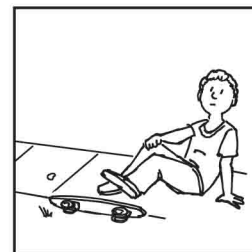
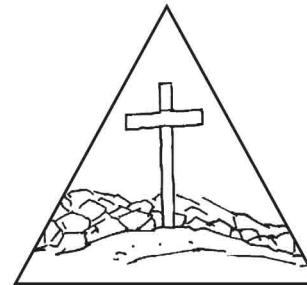
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March 22, 2026 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

The God of All Grace Will Make You Strong

Pain will come; remember how Jesus suffered? Rejoice at God's grace.

Match the shapes.



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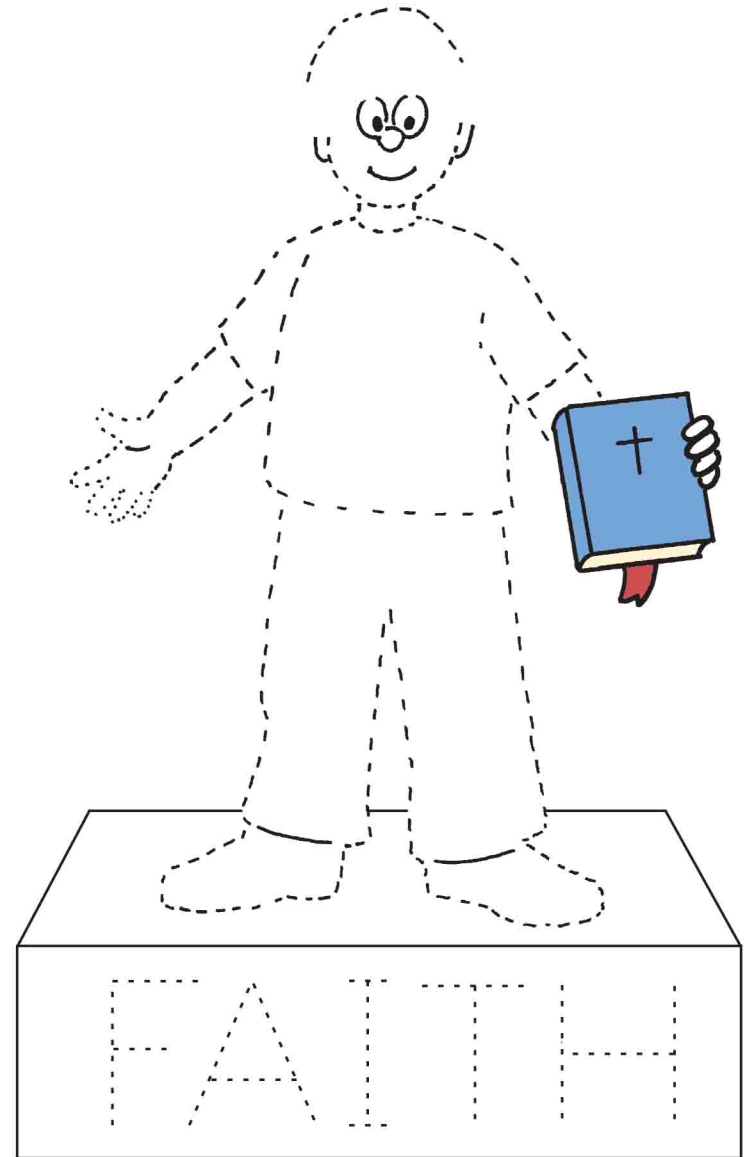
Give all your worries to God
because He cares for you.

Connect the dots.
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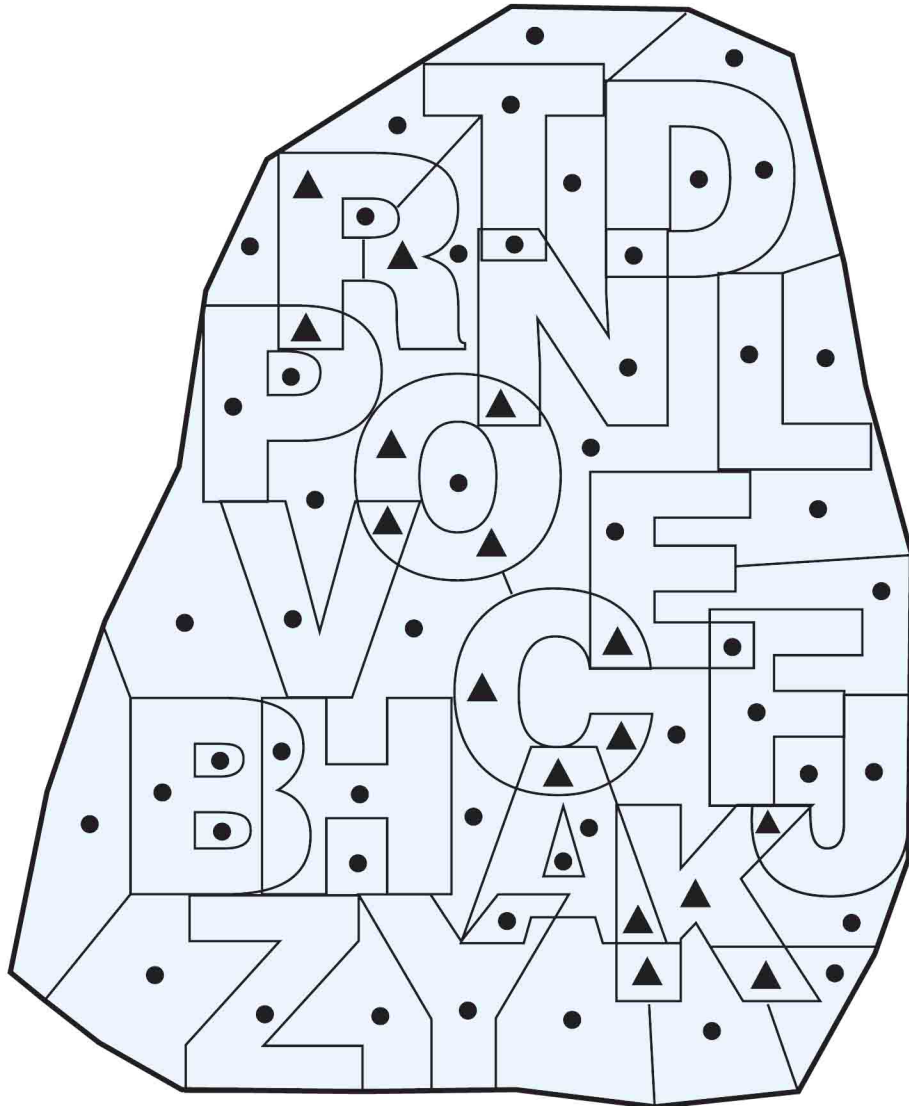
Stand firm in your faith.

Finish the picture. Draw details of yourself.



Jesus blessed Peter.

What does Peter's name mean?
Shade in the shapes with ▲ .



Jesus Is Christ

Jesus asked His disciples,
"Who do people say I am?"

Find and count:



4 or 5



6 or 7



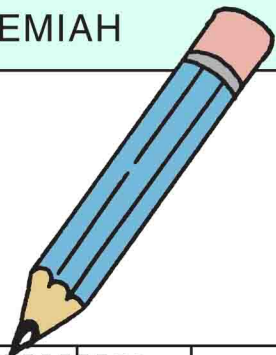
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The disciples replied to Jesus' question.

Find and **circle** these words in the puzzle below.

JOHN ELIJAH JEREMIAH




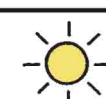

N	B	K	J	O	H	N	L
E	L	I	J	A	H	W	Y
Z	V	R	B	K	D	G	S
J	E	R	E	M	I	A	H



Jesus then asked the disciples who He was. Peter said, "You are the Christ ..."


Use the code below to fill in Peter's answer.

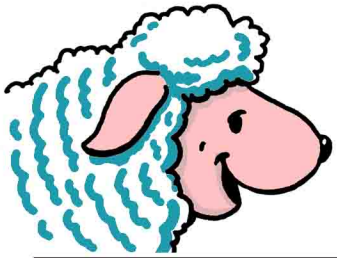
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"... t  e   n

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I  v  ng

G  d."



There may be times of suffering for a little while, but we are promised something better will come.

Fill each blank with the letter F, L, O, R or T to make words.
Read the promise about our glorious future.

A	N	D		H	E	G	D	F	A	
G	A	C	E,	W	H	C	A	E	D	
Y	U			H	I	S	E	E	N	A
G		Y		I	N	C	H	I	S	
A		E		Y	U	H	A	V	E	
S	U		E	E	D	A		I		E
W	H	I	E,	W	I		H	I	M	S
	E	S		E	Y	U	A	N	D	
M	A	K	E	Y	U	S		N	G,	
	I	R	M	A	N	D	S	E	A	D
									A	S



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The God of All Grace Will Make You Strong

People may insult you when you follow Christ, but you can think of it as a good thing! There will be a time when it will all become worthwhile.

Fill each blank with one of the 5 vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to complete the sentence below.

S___ th___t y___
 m___y b___ ___v___rj___y___d
 wh___n H___s gl___ry ___s
 r___v___l___d.



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Peter advises Christians to do several things. Find out what they are.

Write the word that accompanies the answer to each equation.

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|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| 20 = mighty | 23 = self | 26 = lift | 28 = alert |
| 21 = humble | 24 = cares | 27 = time | 29 = hand |
| 22 = anxiety | 25 = cast | | |

_____ yourselves under God's

$10 + 11 =$

_____, that He may

$80 - 60 =$

$14 + 15 =$

_____ you up in due _____.

$20 + 6 =$

$30 - 3 =$



_____ all your _____ on Him

$5 \times 5 =$

$8 + 14 =$

because He _____ for you.

$12 + 12 =$

Be _____ - controlled and _____.

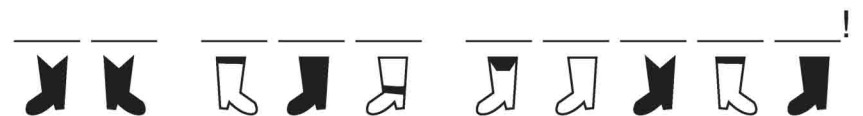
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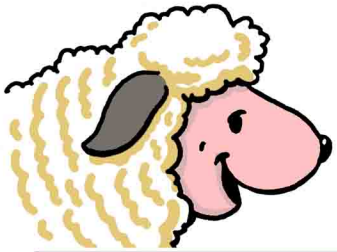
$9 + 19 =$

During times of temptation we are given some very strong commands. What are we instructed to do?

Use the code to find out.

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| = A | = D | = H | = M | = R |
| = B | = E | = I | = N | = S |
| = C | = F | = L | = O | = T |





Jesus said more to Peter.

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks.

12 be 2 Whatever 13 bind 10 heaven

15 earth 21 whatever 20 on 18 you

17 earth 5 on 8 and 7 will 3 you

4 loose 19 in 11 loosed 16 in

9 will 14 heaven 6 be 1 bound

“ _____ 1+1 4-1 9+4 _____

_____ 3+2 19-2 5+4 15-3 _____

_____ 3-2 8+8 15-5 11-3 _____

_____ 18+3 19-1 1+3 _____

_____ 23-3 11+4 5+2 9-3 _____

_____ 14-3 15+4 17-3 _____”

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Peter's Declaration

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do you say I am?” What did Peter say?

Follow the arrows from letter to letter. Begin with (Y).

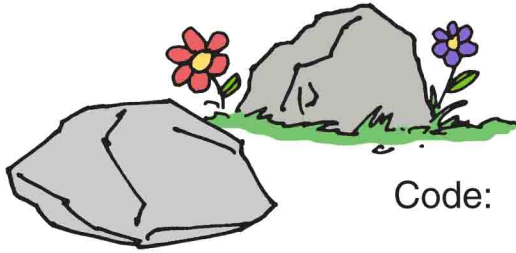
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U	O	E	R	T
(Y)	E	T	H	H
N	H	C	E	V
O	O	S	I	I
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T	D	E	G	G

“ Y _____

_____”

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Jesus called Peter something.
What was it?



Code:

○ ○ ○ A B C	○ ○ ○ D E F	○ ○ ○ G H I
○ ○ ○ J K L	○ ○ ○ M N O	○ ○ ○ P Q R
○ ○ ○ S T U	○ ○ ○ V W X	○ ○ Y Z

□ ○ □ ○ □ ○ □ ○

Jesus said ... "and on this

□ ○ □ ○ □ ○ □ ○

I

□ ○ □ ○ □ ○ □ ○

My

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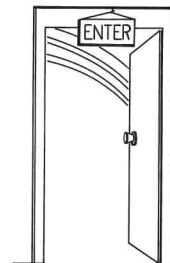
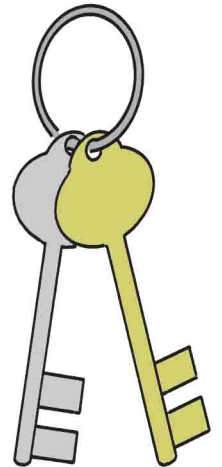
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□ ○ □ ○ □ ○ □ ○ □ ○

Peter opened the way for others to know God.
Read more about Peter.

1. Make a large **X** in each square that has a ● .
2. Shade in each square that has a ☆ .
3. Write the remaining words below.

A●	B.	C☆	D☆	E☆	F.	G●	H●
I.	J☆	K☆	L☆	M	N☆	O☆	P.
☆Q	☆R	K	E	Y	S	T☆	U.
V☆	W☆	X☆	Y☆	Z☆	A☆	B☆	C
D☆	T	O	E☆	T	H	E	R☆
☆G	H☆	I☆	☆J	☆K	L☆	M☆	N
☆A	☆F	☆G	P☆	R☆	O.	G.	F.
☆B	E.	☆H	K	☆Q	P.	H.	E.
C.	I.	J☆	I	☆A	B☆	C☆	D☆
D.	K.	L☆	N☆	Z☆	Y☆	W☆	X
☆O	M.	☆Q	G	U☆	V.	H.	G.
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☆U	T.	S☆	O	R☆	E☆	L☆	☆J
☆X	☆V	A☆	M	D	N.	M.	K●
W.	Y.	Z.	B.	C.	O.	P.	☆Q



He had the
