

WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Third Sunday in Lent—March 8, 2026
Worship Service—10:30 am



“What Is Your Passion? What Is Your Call?”



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—Lillian Winning and Criag Winning

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* by Redman/Myrin/Tomquist
Amanda Lyon

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Grace H.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—*All Creatures of Our God and King* by Larry Shackley
Amanda Lyon

***CALL TO WORSHIP** led by Eleanor Bateman

LEADER: We gather today as a community of faith, called by Jesus to follow Him.

PEOPLE: *Just as He called Peter and Andrew, James and John, He calls each of us to His disciples.*

LEADER: We come, eager to respond to His call, ready to leave behind our old ways and embrace the new life He offers.

PEOPLE: *Let us remember the inexpressible joy we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

LEADER: We rejoice in the promise of our inheritance, kept in heaven for us, and we celebrate the love that sustains us through every trial.

PEOPLE: *Come, let us worship the Lord together, with songs of praise and hearts open to His Word.*

***OPENING PRAYER** led by Eleanor Bateman

Gracious God, We thank You for the call to follow You. As we gather in Your name, help us to open our hearts to Your guidance. Renew our spirits with the hope that comes from knowing You. May our worship today be a testament to our faith, filled with joy and gratitude for the

***OPENING PRAYER – CONTINUED**

gift of salvation. May Your Word inspire and transform us as we seek to live out the calling You have placed on our lives. In the name of Jesus, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN—*The Voice of God Is Calling

UMH 436

FIRST READING—1 Peter 1:3-9

Beth Parker

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

**ANTHEM—*What Is Your Passion?* from the Cantata
*Upon This Rock***

by Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir/Tim Melton
Janet Hartz/Amanda Lyon

SECOND READING—*Matthew 4:18-22*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

MESSAGE—*What Is Your Passion? What Is Your Call?*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

HYMN OF RESPONSE—*Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

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—*Have Thine Own Way, Lord

UMH 382

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC—*Step by Step*

by David Strasser
Amanda Lyon



Next Week's Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesian 5:8-14

John 9:1-41



FOOD DRIVE – For Easter, Christian Education is sponsoring a food drive for WUMCO! Please take a paper grocery bag and fill it with non-perishable food items.

Bags to be returned to church on Palm Sunday, March 29. Thank you for helping our “Outreach Ministry.”

Lyrics to Anthem

“What Is Your Passion” from the Cantata, “Upon This Rock” by Pepper Choplin

(Peter speaks...)

What is your passion?

What is your call?

Who do you live for?

Who do you offer all?

How will you answer

is the answer to life

on this earth and beyond.

What is your passion?

Your passion?

What is the reason

we live our days,

spending our lives

in this time and place?

How we answer

will surely answer

who we shall be.

Who shall we be?

While Jesus is calling,

He's calling,

"Come, follow Me."

Leave your nets for I am calling,

calling down a road you cannot see.

Come, follow Me.

And start the journey of a lifetime,

what a journey it will surely be.

Come, follow Me.

Come, follow Me.

So let us live with a passion,

live the call.

Rise up and follow,

follow the Lord of all.

Come on a journey

that will lead us to life

on this earth and beyond.

Jesus is calling,

He's calling,

"Come and follow Me."

Jesus is calling,

"Come and follow Me.

Come, follow Me."

SCHEDULE	March 15 4 th Sunday in Lent <i>Bell Choir</i>	March 22 5 th Sunday in Lent <i>Chancel Choir/Child Moment</i>	March 29 Palm/Passion Sunday <i>Chancel Choir</i>
Liturgist	Kirsten Lewis Betty Jean Selby	Scott McGrew Erin Smeller	Wendy Huff Eleanor Bateman
Acolyte	Isabel S.	Sam L.	Nicole L.
Greeters	Jenny Rivenbark John Rivenbark	Cindy McCraith Steve McCraith	<i>Available</i>

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Sun – Mar 8 3rd Sunday in Lent	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 3 – 4:30 pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service-Sanctuary/YouTube Senior Girl Scout Troop #32009 – Moved to PES
Mon – Mar 9	5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – Mar 10	10:30 - 11:30 am 1 – 2:30 pm 7 - 9 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Photography Class—Poolesville Seniors – Room 6 Church Council Meeting– Room 6 and via ZOOM
Wed – Mar 11	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu – Mar 12	9:15 - 9:45 am 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Blue Heron Take It with You Tai Chi-PS– Fellow Hall Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall Independent Order of Odd Fellows #97 Meeting– Rm 6
Fri – Mar 13	6 - 8 pm	PHS Cheerleading Banquet– Fellowship Hall
Sat – Mar 14	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun – Mar 15 4th Sunday in Lent	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 1 - 6 pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service-Sanctuary/YouTube Fellowship Time- FH/Kitchen Private Event – Fellowship Hall
Mon – Mar 16	9 -11:30 am 5:30 - 6:30 pm 5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group Meeting– CANCELLED Daisy Girl Scout Groop #32238 Meeting– Room 3 Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – Mar 17	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Men’s Group Meeting– Room 6
Wed – Mar 18	9 - 10 am 7 - 9 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Meet and Greet– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED

Thu – Mar 19	9 am - 5 pm 9:15 - 9:45 am 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/LCSW Therapy-WUMCO- PL/NARK Blue Heron Take It with You Tai Chi-PS- Fellow Hall Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- via ZOOM Zumba- Fellowship Hall
Sat – Mar 21	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop- Onsite
Sun – Mar 22 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	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

Church-Family Easter Celebration

Potluck • Craft • Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited to come together after worship service on Palm Sunday, March 29th to celebrate Easter as a church family. Please bring a main dish to share.



Fellowship Time –

next Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Come grab a snack and spend a bit of time with your church-family

Children’s Moment

Third Sunday Every Month

Don’t miss our next time

with Ms. Betty on Sunday March 22nd



Review/Preview – Study

Sundays’ scriptures on

Thursday evenings at 7pm with Pastor Tim over Zoom. No prep needed! To connect, email

PastorTim@pmumc.org.



Special Lenten Music –

each week through Easter, our Chancel Choir will share a song from the cantata, “Upon

This Rock” by Pepper Choplin. The cantata tells the story of Peter’s call and passion through musical interpretation. You won’t want to miss any parts of the story!



Frederick Rescue Mission –

Food and Servers needed for Sat., March 28. To sign-up visit www.signupgenius.com. From there you can “Search for a Sign Up” by typing “office@pmumc.org.” All of our active Signups will show up. Thank you in advance for your help!

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

Poolesville
Seniors!

REGULAR EVENTS: Ping Pong, Walking, Seniors at Barre, Pickleball, Tai-Chi, Bridge, Zumba Gold, Golf Social at Crossvines, Knitting & Crocheting Instruction & Support, Trivia Game Night, Mahjong, Hip Hop, County Line Dancing, Chair One Fitness, Trail Hikes, Book Club, etc!

Below are just a few events! Check out www.PoolesvilleSeniors.org to view all!

Mar 7 – **Continuing Hike w/Jon Wolz: Tonoloway Creek Aqueduct** – 11 am-2 pm

Mar 10 – **Photography Class** - 1-2:30 pm

Mar 11 – **Darts Social** – 2:30-4:30 pm

Mar 12 - **Low Impact Aerobics** - 1:30-2:30 pm

Mar 12 – **An Invitation to Dine Out for Single Seniors** – 5:30-6:30pm



Problems with money? Debtors Anonymous can help. DA Meetings are held throughout the DMV and on Zoom. Visit www.debtorsanonymousdc.org for details.



- March 15, 10:30 am—4th Sunday in Lent
 - March 22, 10:30 am—5th Sunday in Lent
 - March 29, 10:30 am—Palm Sunday with palms
 - April 2, 7:00 pm—Holy Thursday with communion
 - April 5, 10:30 am—Easter Sunday with communion
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We Can't THANK YOU Enough! *Once again, this incredible church family has provided such overwhelming love and support to our family. We don't know the right way to express our sincere gratitude, but please know that we are extremely grateful. Your prayers for and generosity to our daughter Mietzy, son-in-law Brock, and our new granddaughter Rosie are mind-blowing. We lift each of you up in prayer and praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

We wanted to let you know that although Rosie had some bumps in the road this past week, she is back on track and has been moved from the incubator to a big girl crib in the NICU! They are expecting to be able to leave the hospital around March 19th.

With love and appreciation, Shirley and Sam Prasada-Rao

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

(last 8 weeks)

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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



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), Eleanor Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Wendy Huff, Steve Krasner, 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), 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 - Ximena "Patricia" Murdock

EVENT MONITOR - Linda Self

NURSERY - Cynthia Cook, Stephanie Parker, Julie Seger

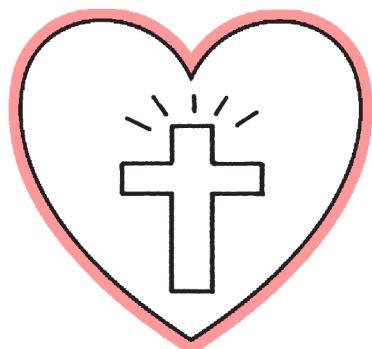
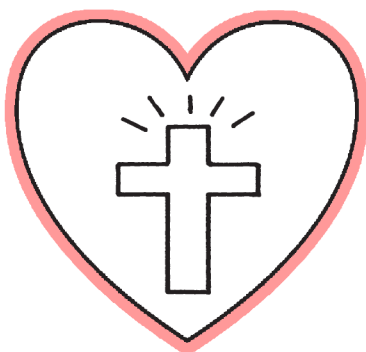
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PURPOSE

Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with joy.

Match the shapes.



A Living Hope

Peter wrote: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Shade in the letters that have a ●.

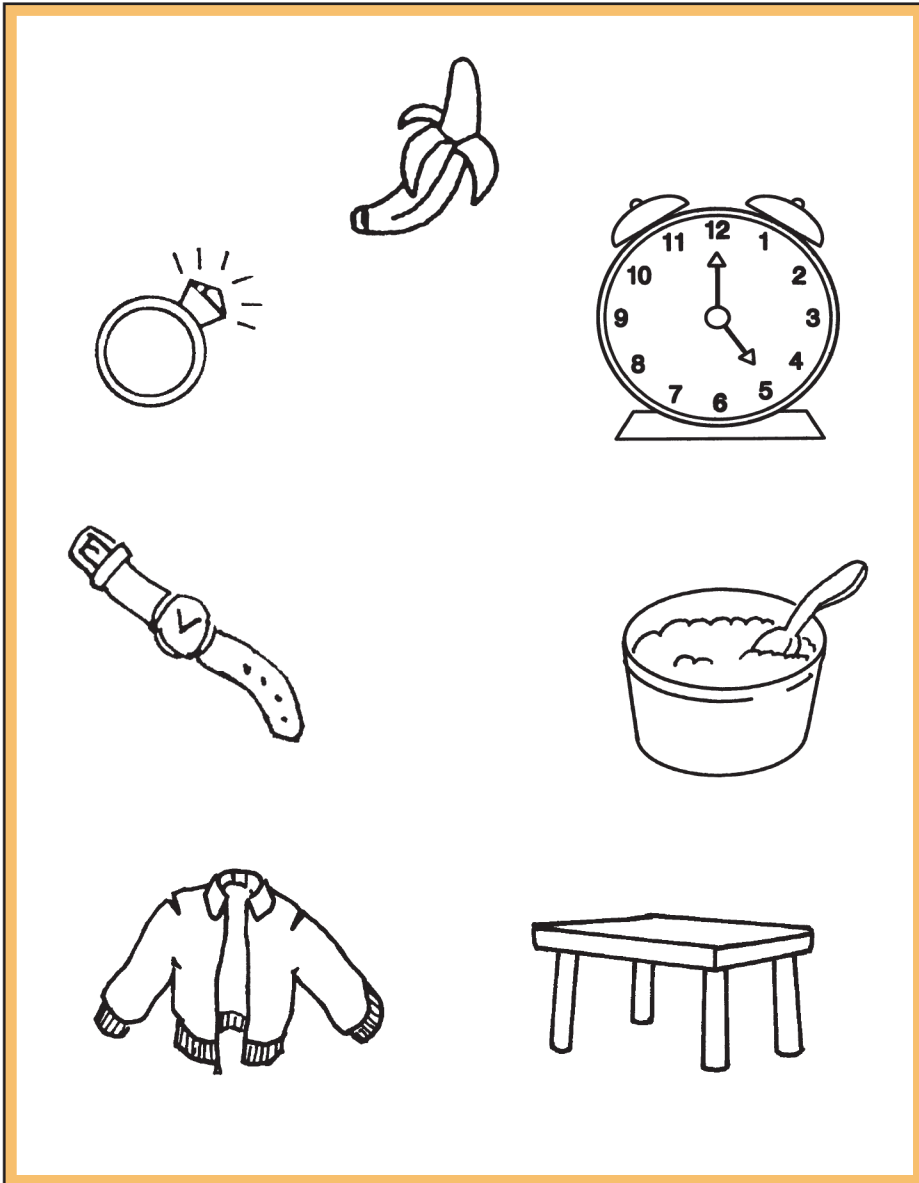
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 Y O J M
 C G P K
 Q I W E



In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Through faith, you are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Circle the 2 things that tell time.



Peter said that a person's true faith is worth more than gold.

Write the letter "h" on the blank.




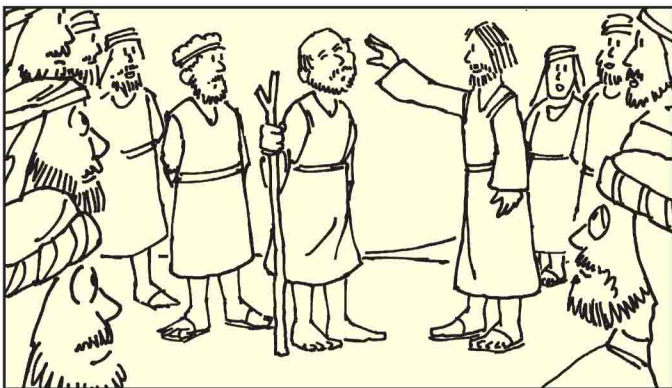
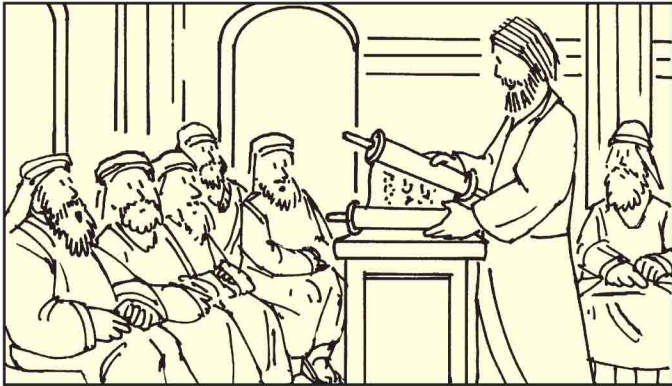
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True faith will result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Jesus went throughout Galilee.
He taught, He preached and He healed.

Find  Jesus in each picture.



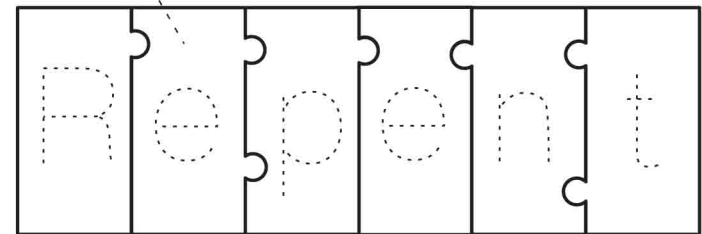
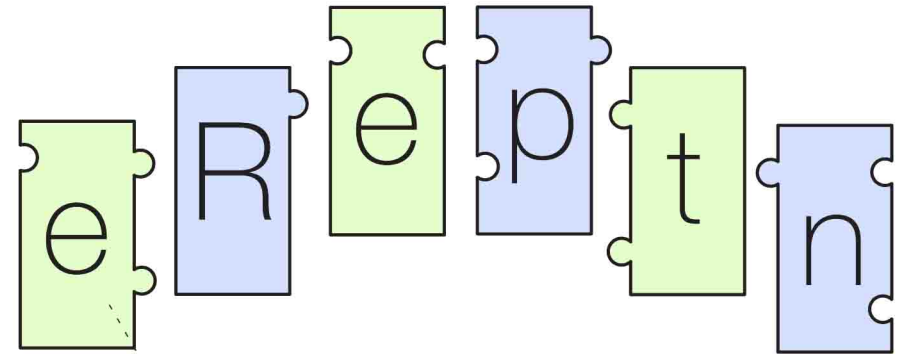
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March 8, 2026 • Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins to Preach and to Call Disciples

Jesus preached. He said, "Repent."

Match the puzzle pieces. Trace the word Repent.



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Jesus called Simon and Andrew to follow Him. They were fishermen.

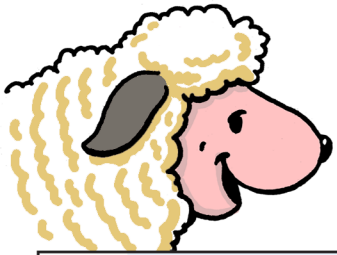
Circle Simon and Andrew.



Jesus also called James and John to follow Him.

Draw lines to finish the pattern.

		
		
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Then what did Peter say about Jesus?

In each heart, write the missing letter from each group of the alphabet. Then use the code to write the letters on the blanks.
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

TUWX V 1	DFGH 2	GHIK 3	NPQR 4	ACDE 5	BCDF 6
LMOP 7	FGHJ 8	QRTU 9	CDFG 10	TUWX 11	MNPQ 12
CDFG 13	IJKM 14	BCDF 15	VWXZ 16	JKMN 17	DFGH 18

Though you have not
 9 2 15 7 Him, you 17 4 1 6 V
 Him; and even though you do not
 see Him now, you
 5 10 14 8 18 11 13 in Him
 and are filled with an inexpressible
 and glorious 3 12 16.



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March 8, 2026 • 1 Peter 1:3-9

A Living Hope

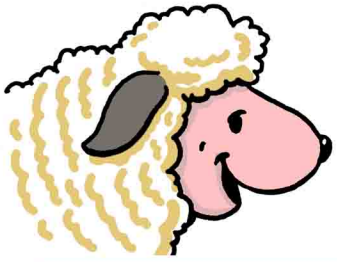
Peter wrote: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy ...

Shade in the boxes listed for each line to reveal a word. Write that word on the blank below to complete the verse.

A: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19
 B: 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 16
 C: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19
 D: 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 16
 E: 1, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19

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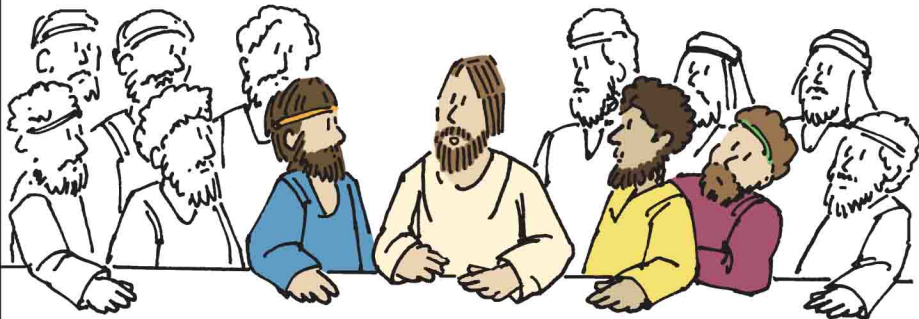
... He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ ... into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or _____.



Then Jesus went out, teaching in synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease among the people. Where did He go?

Put the words in alphabetical order on the lines below. The letters in the boxes spell the answer. Put the answer on the lines.

hide	—	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
cake	—	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
neck	—	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
ages	—	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
lean	—	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
doll	—	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
jowl	—	<input type="checkbox"/>	—



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March 8, 2026 • Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus Begins to Preach and to Call Disciples

Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee. He saw 2 brothers, Peter and Andrew. They were casting a net for they were fishermen. What did Jesus say to them?

Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

“Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

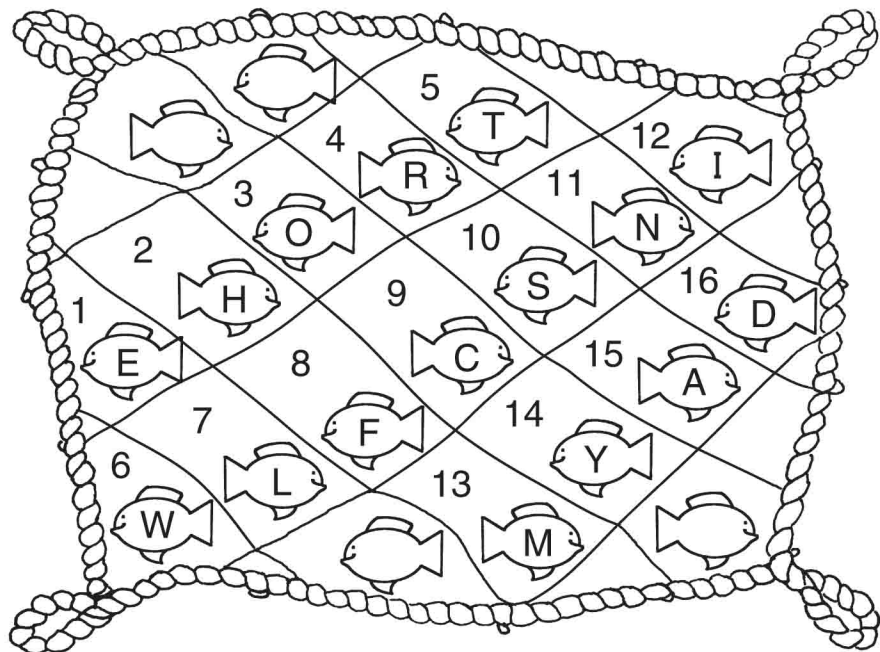


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What happened next?

Solve the math problems and fill in the blanks.



$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 9+6 \quad 2+3 \quad 2+1 \quad 9+2 \quad 6+3 \quad 9-8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 8-3 \quad 1+1 \quad 0+1 \quad 9+5 \quad 4+3 \quad 4-3 \quad 6+2 \quad 6-1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 4+1 \quad 5-3 \quad 7-6 \quad 8+4 \quad 8-4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 15-4 \quad 3-2 \quad 11-6 \quad 7+3 \quad 19-4 \quad 6+5 \quad 12+4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 12-4 \quad 5-2 \quad 12-5 \quad 2+5 \quad 9-6 \quad 11-5 \quad 7-6 \quad 19-3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

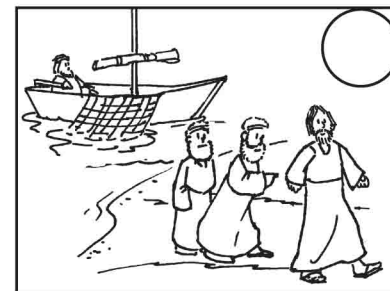
$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 8-6 \quad 15-3 \quad 9+4 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Then what happened?

Fill in the blanks with the words below.
Then match each picture to the statement that matches it.

two John Going called brothers preparing
boat left James father followed Immediately
from nets Jesus Zebedee

1) _____ on _____
there, Jesus saw _____
brothers, _____ son
of Zebedee and his brother
_____.

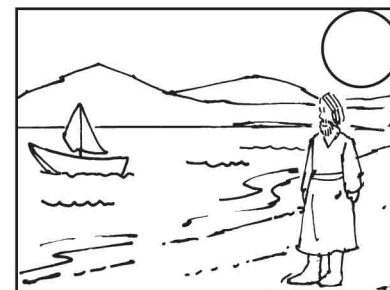


2) The _____
were in a _____ with
their _____
_____,

their _____.



3) _____
_____ them.



4) _____
they _____ the boat
and their father and
_____ Him.

