

## OUR PURPOSE



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

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Sun., Dec 10 - **LUKE 2:1-7** *2nd Sunday of Advent*  
 Mon., Dec 11 - **2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-7** *God the Father*  
 Tue., Dec 12 - **JOHN 2:1-11** *No Shortage*  
 Wed., Dec 13 - **LUKE 1:26-38** *Who Needs Christmas?*  
 Thu., Dec 14 - **PSALM 130:1-8** *God is Faithful*  
 Fri., Dec 15 - **JEREMIAH 16:10-21** *Whatever Tomorrow Brings*  
 Sat., Dec 16 - **MATTHEW 5:43-48** *Loving Our Enemies*

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**AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING** (*last 8 weeks*)  
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*Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2023*

PEACE





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

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**  
*The Father's Rose*

Linda Custer  
 by Mark Hayes

**Worship Service**  
 Sam L., Acolyte

**WELCOME**—Introductions and Prayer

**PRELUDE MUSIC—PIANO DUET**  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz  
 by Joel Raney

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY**—*Christ Be Our Light!* by Farrell/Raney

**INTROIT—CHANCEL CHOIR**—*Christ Be Our Light!* by Bernadette Farrell

**\*RESPONSIVE LITANY**—*Hope for Those Who Are Weary* led by Beth Parker

**LEADER:** The Light shines in the darkness,  
**PEOPLE:** **but the darkness has not overcome it.**  
**LEADER:** During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.  
**PEOPLE:** **The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**  
**LEADER:** We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.  
**PEOPLE:** **The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**  
**LEADER:** We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world around us.  
**PEOPLE:** **The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**  
**LEADER:** For all of us feeling weary this Advent season:  
**PEOPLE:** **Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

**\*CANDLE LIGHTING** Steve & Lori Kocur

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE** see insert

**\*PRAYER** led by Beth Parker  
*God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength and steadfast endurance as we await the coming Savior. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN**—*Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

**FIRST READING**—*Isaiah 40:1-11* David Melton  
 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR** Janet Hartz  
*Comfort, Comfort Now My People* (lyrics on back of insert) by Olearius/Winkworth/Bourgeois/Austin

**SECOND READING**—*Mark 1:1-8* Rev. Timothy Dowell  
 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH 203

**OFFERING** (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall) Rev. Timothy Dowell

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*DOXOLOGY**—*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** UMH 895

**\*CLOSING HYMN**—*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Timothy Dowell

**POSTLUDE MUSIC** Linda Custer  
*Prepare the Way, O Zion* (from the *Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697) by Robert Lau

SCHEDULE	DECEMBER 17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:30 am	DECEMBER 24 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 10:30 am	DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve 7 pm	DECEMBER 31 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas
LITURGIST	Betty Jean Selby Gary Hartz	Erin Smeller Ralph Hitchens	Brenda Boulter Kirsten Lewis	Pam Flick Ray Hoewing
ACOLYTE	Isabel S.	Nicole L.	Addison S.	Aubrey S.

## Comfort, Comfort Now My People

[Genevan Psalter, 1551], Words: Olearius/Winkworth – Music: Bourgeois/Austin

“Tell of peace!” so says our God,  
Reign in peace forever more.  
Comfort, comfort now my people;  
“Tell of peace!” so says our God.

Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.  
To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!  
Tell them that their war is over;  
God will reign in peace forever!

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Straight shall be what long was crooked,  
And the rougher places plain!  
Let our hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign!

For the glory of the Lord  
Now on earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That God’s word is never broken.

“Tell of peace!” so says our God,  
Reign in peace forever more,  
Evermore!

## Christ, Be Our Light!

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
BERNADETTE FARRELL

**Congregation:**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our  
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
Church gath - ered to - day.

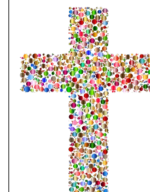
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### Up-Coming Week’s Scripture Readings




Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28



Send prayer  
request to  
[prayers@PMUMC.org](mailto:prayers@PMUMC.org)




 **Thank you** to all that helped! We shared a meal over 200 neighbors!


 **Sunday School**  
9:15 am - 10:15 am  
Kid's start in Room 1  
Adults in Room 6


 **We will assist 8 local families with their Christmas celebration**  
Sign-Up after worship today for both gifts and/or food items. Please bring all gifts (please wrap) and food donations to church by NEXT Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.


 ALL ARE INVITED—TODAY right after church  
**Sunday School Christmas Program & Potluck**  
Please bring a main dish to share. Dessert will be provided!


**Nursery**(6mo-4yr)  
10:15-11:45 am  
Room 5

 **To Help Pack or Deliver to PES or MES visit:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094AA8A82CA75-44957977-backpack>  
**Food Donations Needed:** Plain instant oatmeal, Canned vegetables, Single serve fruit cups, Treats (granola bars, cheese crackers), 8 oz shelf stable low-fat milk, Rice (1 lb bag), Pasta (1 lb), Mac & Cheese (box), Peanut Butter (16 oz), Dry Beans (1 lb), Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken. Questions reach out to Catherine Beliveau at [crbeliveau@gmail.com](mailto:crbeliveau@gmail.com).

 **Need a Ride**  
to church? Email [Scott.McGrew@aol.com](mailto:Scott.McGrew@aol.com) or [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org)

 **Review/Preview**  
Study Sundays' scriptures with Pastor Tim, Thursdays @7pm on Zoom.  
For link email [pastortim@pmumc.org](mailto:pastortim@pmumc.org).  
**NO prep required!**

 **Bring Joy - Join the Choir**  
Wed. Rehearsals, 7:30-9pm  
Contact Janet Hartz with questions at [gjalaska@verizon.net](mailto:gjalaska@verizon.net).

 **Men's Group**  
Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in Rm 6 at 7pm. We are reading "Play the Man: Becoming the Man God Created You to Be," by Mark Batterson. If you need a copy of the book, contact the office.

**Friendly Thrift Shop**  
**DONATE. SHOP. HELP.**  
Wednesdays & Fridays, 2-8pm  
Thursdays & Saturdays, 10am-4pm  
PMUMC receives generous monetary donations from sales generated at the Thrift Shop which go to help fund our ministries.

**Live Nativity—Sat., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm**

Want to be a part of it? Sign up after church today.

Help with food or be part of the cast. We still need:



- SOUP in a crockpot
- Fresh CORNBREAD
- SIDE DISHES
- DRINKS

- SHEPHERD (6-6:30pm—arrive by 5:30pm)
- WISEMAN (6:30-7pm—arrive by 6pm)
- MARY (7-7:30pm—arrive by 6:30pm)
- JOSEPH (7-7:30pm—arrive by 6:30pm)
- ANGEL—Up (7-7:30pm—arrive by 6:30pm)

Questions? Email Ellie at [EleanorGBateman@gmail.com](mailto:EleanorGBateman@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU** to all that helped set up the stable yesterday!

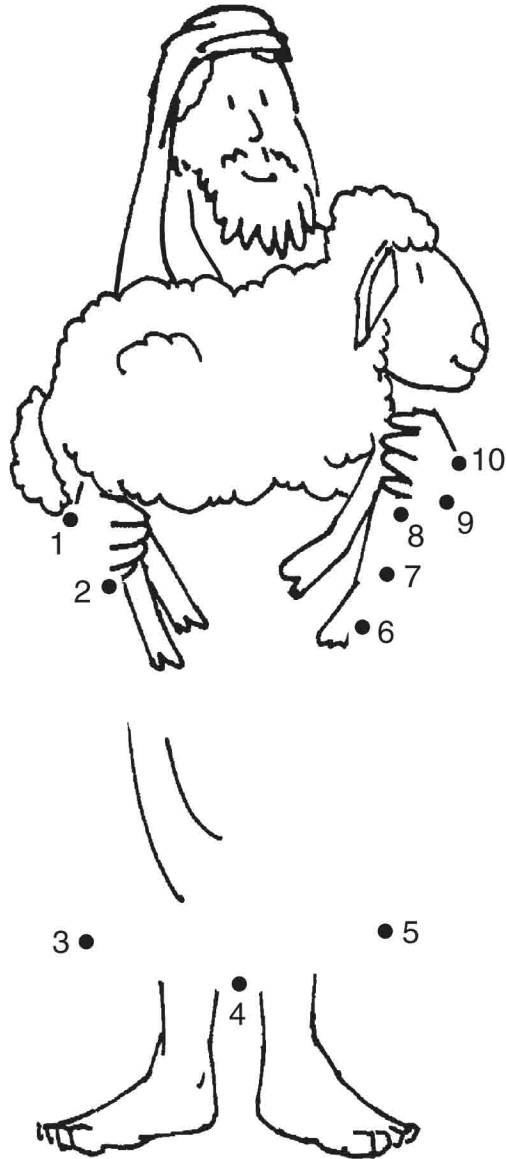
**UPCOMING HAPPENINGS**

<b>SUN - DEC. 10</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Sunday School - <i>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 &amp; Zoom for Adults)</i> Nursery - <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service - <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i> Christmas Program & Potluck - ALL INVITED- <i>FH/Kit</i>
<b>MON - DEC 11</b>	10 am - 12 pm 4:30 - 6 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-up - <i>Kitchen</i> Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting - <i>Room 1</i> Bell Choir Rehearsal - <i>Spurrier Hall</i>
<b>TUE - DEC 12</b>	6 - 7 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <i>Room 1</i>
<b>WED - DEC 13</b>	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <i>Room 8</i>
<b>THU - DEC 14</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 9 pm	Review/Preview - <i>Via Zoom</i> Zumba - <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Odd Fellow's #97 Meeting - <i>Room 6</i>
<b>SAT - DEC. 16</b>	9:30 am - 3 pm 1 - 4 pm 4 pm - 6 pm 6 pm - 7:30 pm	PENDING - Viewing, Memorial, Repast - <i>S, FH, K</i> Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - <i>On Location</i> Set-Up for Live Nativity - <i>Fellowship Hall/Kit</i> Live Nativity—OPEN TO ALL - <i>Outside/FH/Kit</i>
<b>SUN - DEC. 17</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30pm 6 - 8 pm	Sunday School - <i>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 &amp; Zoom for Adults)</i> Nursery - <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service - <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i> Finance Committee Meetings - <i>CANCELED</i> PENDING—PHS Football Banquet - <i>FH</i>
<b>MON - DEC 18</b>	10 am - 12 pm 4:30 - 6 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-up - <i>Kitchen</i> Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting - <i>Room 1</i> Girl Scout Troop #32095 Meeting - <i>Room 1</i> Bell Choir Rehearsal - <i>Spurrier Hall</i>
<b>TUE - DEC 19</b>	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <i>Room 1</i> Men's Group - <i>Room 6 &amp; Zoom</i>
<b>WED - DEC 20</b>	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <i>Room 8</i>
<b>THU - DEC 21</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- <i>Via Zoom</i> Zumba - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
<b>SAT - DEC. 23</b>	1 - 4 pm 4 pm - 6 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - <i>On Location</i> Frederick Rescue Mission - <i>Off-Site</i>
<b>SUN - DEC. 24</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Sunday School - <i>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 &amp; Zoom for Adults)</i> Nursery - <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service - <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i> Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service - <i>S/YT</i>



God tends us like a shepherd.

Connect the dots.  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



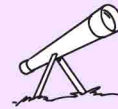
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December 10, 2023 • Isaiah 40:1-11

Isaiah Proclaims Hope

Isaiah said,  
"All people will see the glory of God."

Find and circle the hidden objects in the picture.

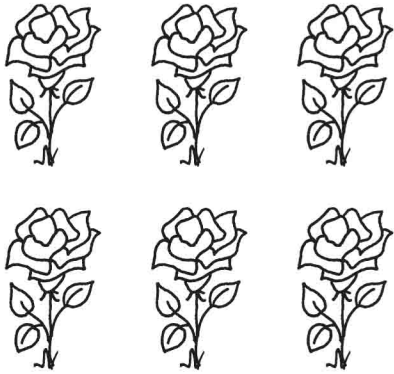


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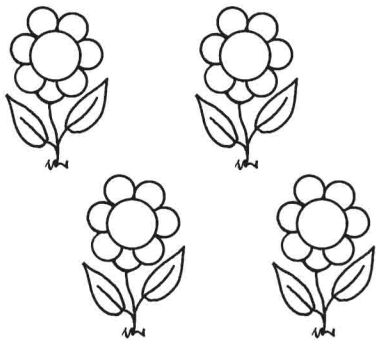
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“The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God stands forever.”

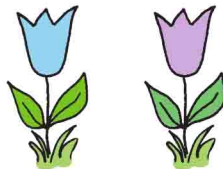
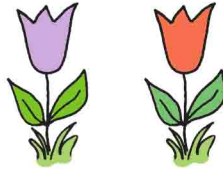
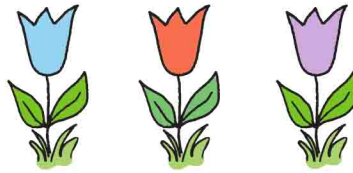
Count the flowers in each group.  
Trace the correct number.



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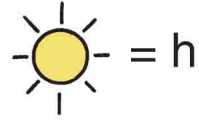
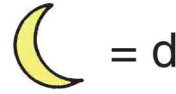
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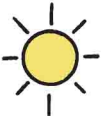




10 or 11



“You who bring good news  
should not be afraid.”

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.



“Be                   |         ,”  
  

y          u           
 

G                  !”  
 

Confessing their sins,  
the people were baptized.

Circle the 5 differences in the 2nd picture.



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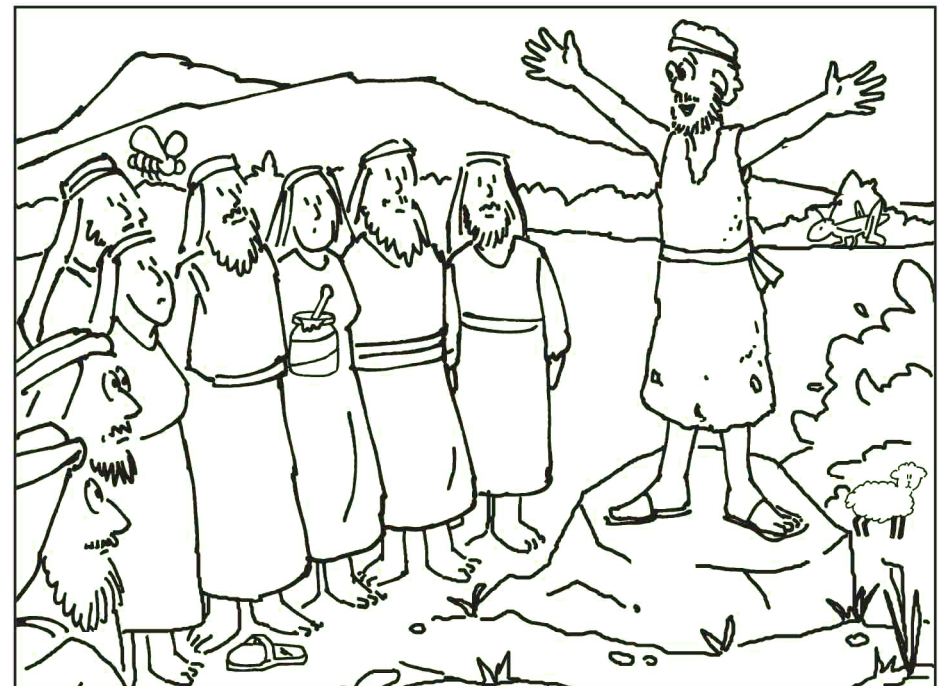
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December 10, 2023 • Mark 1:1-8

## Preparing the Way for Jesus

God sent John to  
prepare the way for Jesus.

Find and circle these hidden objects in the picture.



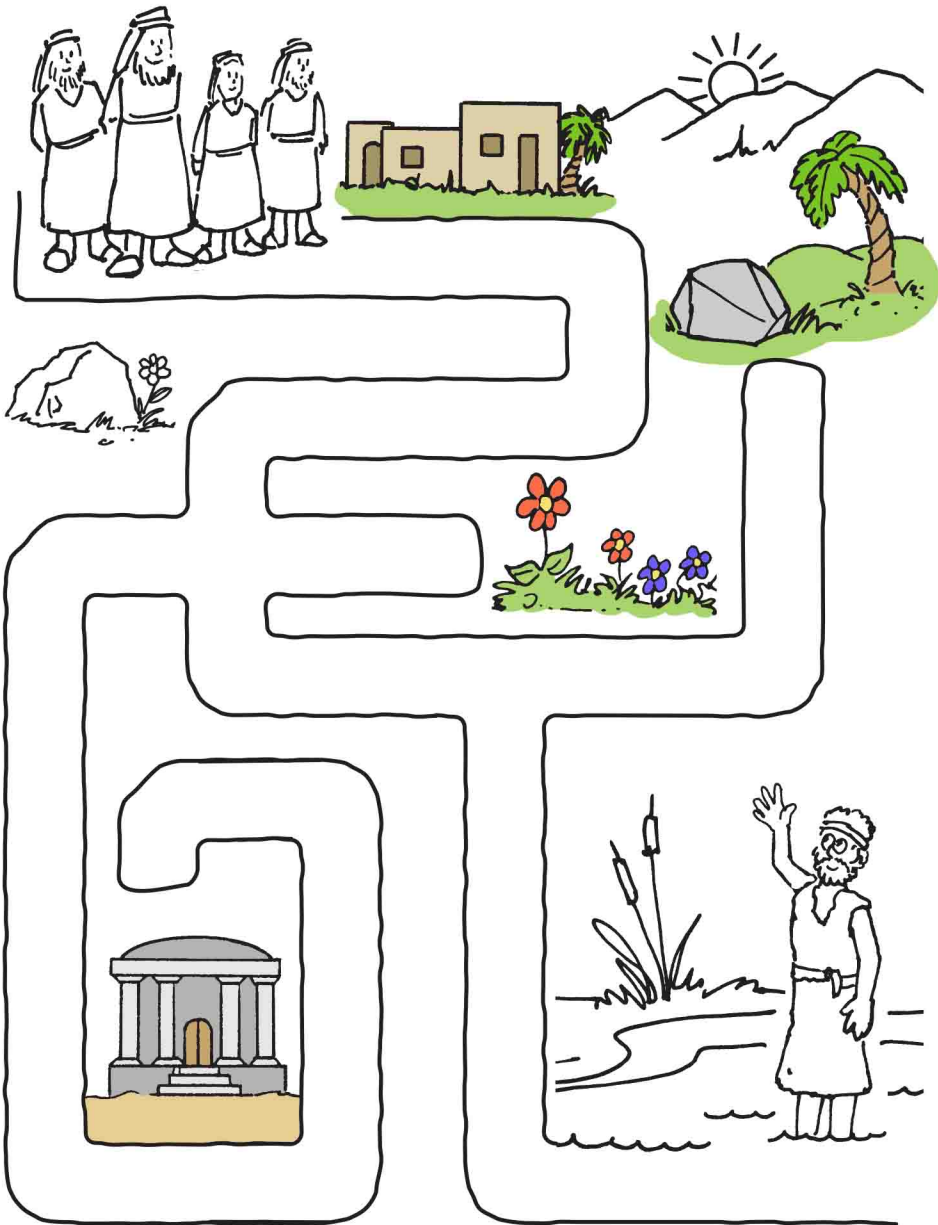
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All the people of Jerusalem  
went out to hear him.

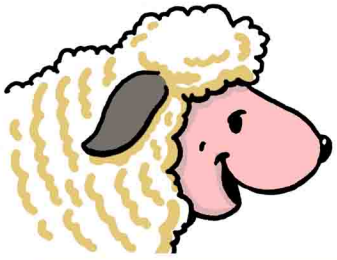
Follow the maze to John.



John preached of baptism  
for forgiveness of sins.

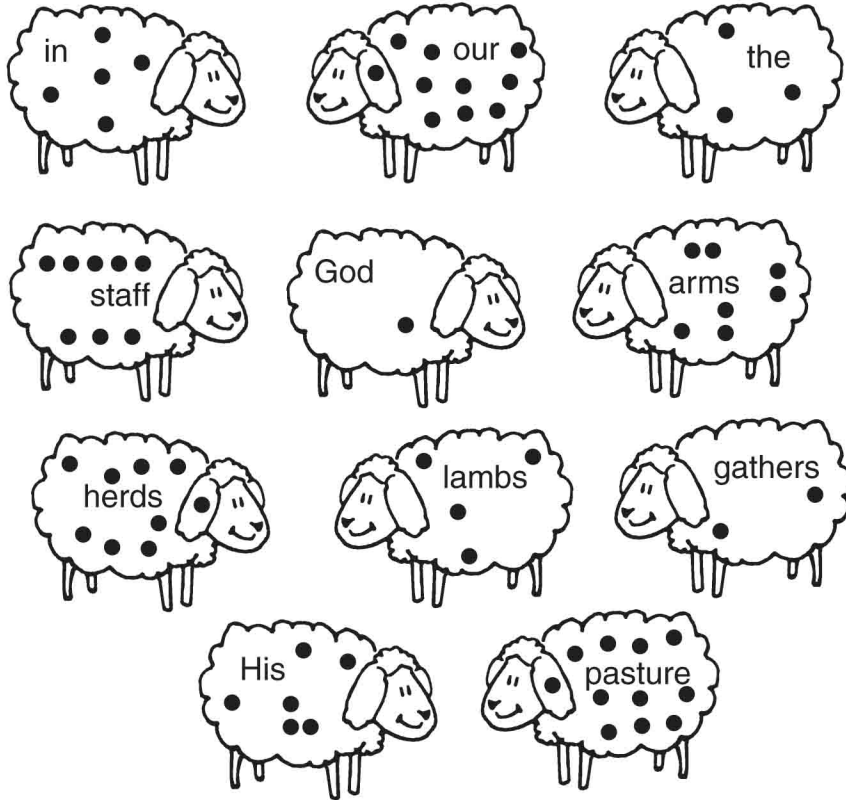
Connect the dots.  
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“God tends His flock like a shepherd,” Isaiah says.

What comes next?  
Count the dots in each sheep to match the numbers below.



“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”  
 1                      2                      3  
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 4                      5                      6                      7

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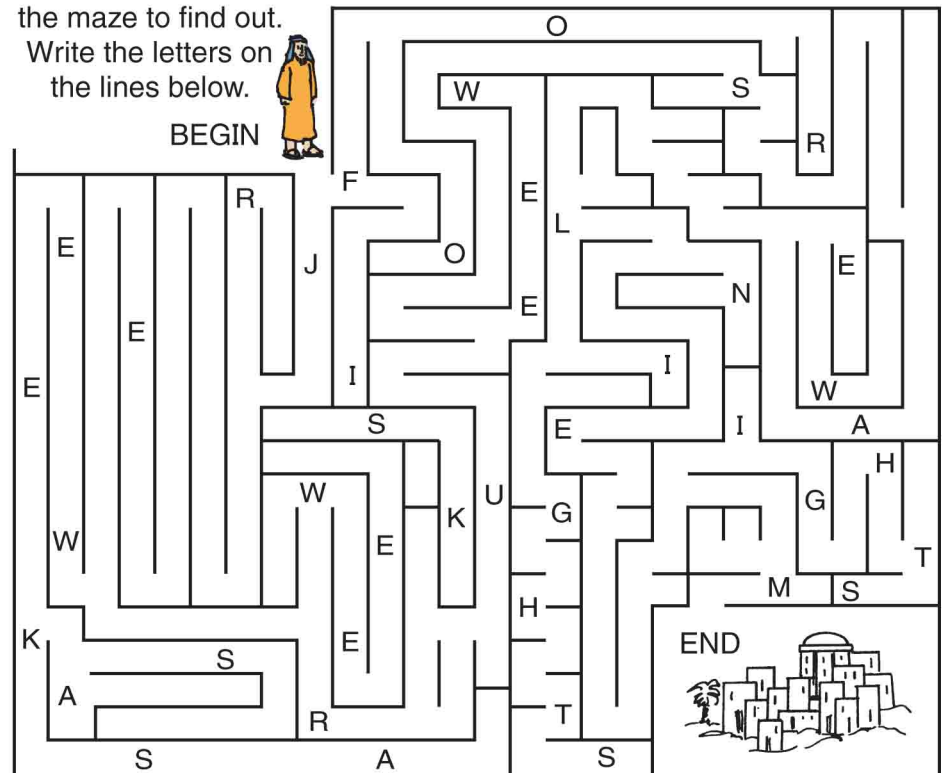
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December 10, 2023 • Isaiah 40:1-11

## Isaiah Proclaims Hope

“Comfort My people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to ...”

To whom? Follow the maze to find out. Write the letters on the lines below.



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**SECRET CODE!**  
**QHYN88**

“Prepare the way for the Lord,” Isaiah says.  
How will this happen?

Solve the code by using the verse below.

For each blank,

- the first number tells which line of the verse to use.
- the second number tells which word in the line to use.
- the last number tells which letter of the word to put in the blank.

The first one has been done for you as an example.



“Every valley shall be raised up,  
every mountain and hill made low;  
the rough ground shall become level,  
the rugged places a plain.

And the g \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
3-3-1 1-2-4 2-6-2 3-2-1 1-2-6

\_\_\_\_\_ will be  
3-4-4 2-2-2 4-2-1 1-5-6

\_\_\_\_\_”  
1-5-1 1-1-1 1-2-1 4-3-5 1-2-2 2-4-4 3-6-2 3-3-6

What does Isaiah say about God?

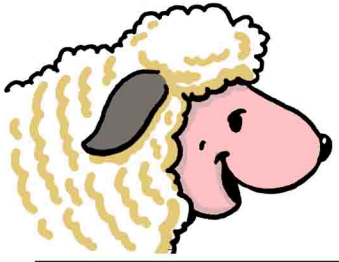
Follow the directions to find a message in the grid below.

1. Cross out all the “C”s in the grid.
2. Cross out all the “M”s in the grid.
3. Cross out the entire last column (not row).
4. Cross out all the “Y”s in the grid.
5. Transfer the remaining letters to the blanks below.

M	T	C	H	E	G	R	A	Y	S	S	T
W	C	I	M	T	Y	H	E	C	R	S	E
A	Y	N	D	M	T	Y	C	H	E	M	S
C	F	Y	L	O	M	W	C	E	R	S	A
F	A	L	Y	L	B	U	T	T	H	E	M
W	O	Y	R	D	O	C	F	O	U	R	S
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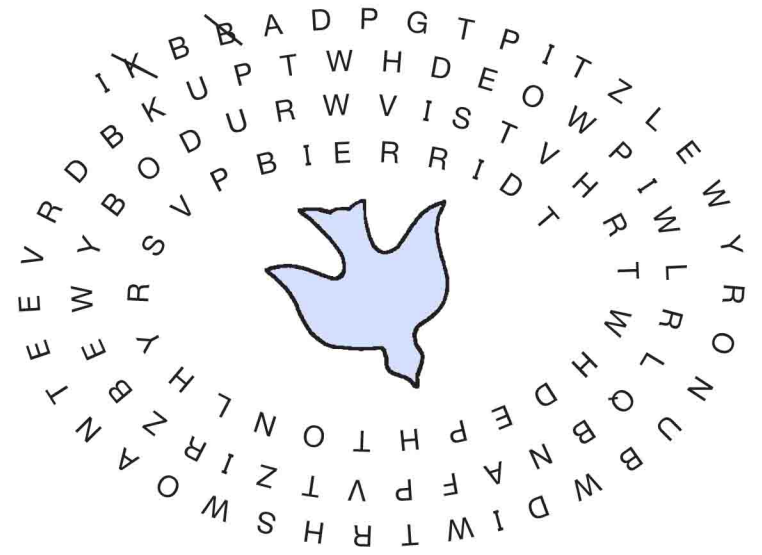
“ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_”





John said that One who was more powerful than he would come after him.

Cross out every other letter and write the remaining letters on the lines below. The puzzle has been started for you.



“ l b \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”



## Preparing the Way for Jesus

It was written in the book of Isaiah that someone would prepare the way for Jesus.

Cross out every letter that appears four or more times. Unscramble the remaining letters to fill in the blanks.



A	V	H	T	H	N	O	K
O	K	E	K	O	V	E	D
S	A	B	D	A	B	V	A
H	B	V	T	M	K	O	T
T	H	K	E	V	D	A	G
D	S	O	B	H	R	T	B

A \_\_\_\_\_

John baptized in the desert region and preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Find 15 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



How is John described?

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

★	♥	▲	●
A N	L D	S O	E H
M R	I U	T W	C Y

John wore clothing made of

,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 ●□ ★□ ★□ ●□ ♥□ ▲□  
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with a leather belt around his waist,  
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