

OUR PURPOSE



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

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Sun., Dec 24 - **LUKE 2:15-20** *4th Sunday of Advent*
Mon., Dec 25 - **MATTHEW 23:1-12** *Christmas Day*
Tue., Dec 26 - **2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-15** *The Warmth of Christmas*
Wed., Dec 27 - **LUKE 10:25-37** *Stewardship*
Thu., Dec 28 - **PSALM 67:1-7** *The Rose*
Fri., Dec 29 - **JOHN 3:16-21** *Stepping Up*
Sat., Dec 30 - **1 CORINTHIANS 3:5-9** *Worth the Effort*
Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

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CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (*last 8 weeks*)
\$9,474.83

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 entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

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*Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023-10:30 am*

LOVE



Here Am I



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

Ding Dong! Merrily on High (Traditional French Carol)

Linda Custer
 by Mary McDonald

Worship Service—Nicole L., Acolyte

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE MUSIC—PIANO DUET

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came [Gabriel's Message] (Basque melody) by Larry Shackley

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz

CHORAL OPENING—MEN OF THE CHOIR

Calypso Lullaby (based on *Mary's Little Boy Child*)

Janet Hartz
 by Hairston/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 Wounded**

led by Erin Smeller

LEADER: Advent is a time to bind up the broken heart.

PEOPLE: **Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

LEADER: For past wrongs that prevent us from moving forward:

PEOPLE: **Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

LEADER: For any bitterness that scratches our soul:

PEOPLE: **Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

LEADER: For relationships left in decay and neglect:

PEOPLE: **Come, Lord, and make all things new.**

LEADER: For any action that has wounded us or by which we have wounded others:

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**

Eleanor Bateman, Everly,
 Adaline, and Hayden

***CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE**

see insert

***PRAYER**

led by Erin Smeller

Merciful God, Advent reminds us that you left heaven's majesty to walk among wounded people in a broken world. We thank you that your love knows no boundaries or limitations. No wound of this earth is greater than the wounds you came to heal. For all who suffer this day, light the way, O Lord, towards the promise of healing and wholeness made known in you. Amen.

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

UMH 234

FIRST READING—*Luke 1:46b-55*

Ralph Hitchens

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

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

Janet Hartz

Heaven Came Down Tonight with *Jesu Bambino*

by Baertschu/Schram

SECOND READING—*Luke 1:26-38*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

SERMON—*Here Am I*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

UMH 216

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

UMH 221, verse 4

COMMUNION WITH SUNG RESPONSE

A Service of Word & Table II w/Musical Setting C

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

COMMUNION HYMNS

Away In A Manger

UMH 217

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

UMH 218

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH 238

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

UMH 229

Love Came Down at Christmas

UMH 242

***CLOSING HYMN**—*Joy to the World*

UMH 246

***BENEDICTION**

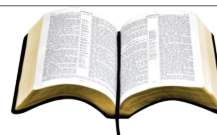
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POSTLUDE MUSIC

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Linda Custer

by Mendelssohn/McDonald



Up-Coming Week's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 • Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7 • Luke 2:22-40



Send prayer request to

prayers@PMUMC.org

SCHEDULE	DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve, 7 pm	DECEMBER 31 1 st Sunday after Christmas	JANUARY 7 2 nd Sunday after Christmas
LITURGIST	Brenda Boulter Kirsten Lewis	Pam Flick Ray Hoewing	TBD
ACOLYTE	Addison S.	Aubrey S.	Chloe D.

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 darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered to-day.

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Helping Neighbors—Thank you to all those that were able to help serve 8 families with gifts/food! Each family asked for their gratitude to be shared with all.

Thank you to those that helped with food/serving last night! Each month there is the opportunity to provide food and/or serve the men.



Review/Preview—Study Sundays' scriptures w/Pastor Tim, Thursdays@7pm on Zoom. For link, email: pastortim@pmumc.org. **NO prep required!**



Sunday School
9:15 am - 10:15 am

Christmas Eve WORSHIP
Candlelight Service
7 pm

Calypso Lullaby

(Based on *Mary's Little Boy Child*)

By Hairston/Raney

On a clear and starry night,
on a hillside far away,
Shepherds saw a golden light,
and they heard the angels say:

Alleluia, shout for joy,
sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing
a Christmas lullaby.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one,
rest your head.

Dream of peace on earth
in your manger bed.

Angels filled the ev'ning sky
and with joy began to sing:
Glory be to God on High!
Let the bells of heaven ring!

Alleluia, shout for joy,
sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing
a Christmas lullaby.

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold.

Alleluia, shout for joy,
sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing
a Christmas lullaby.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, little one,
rest your head.

Dream of peace on earth
in your manger bed.

Alleluia, shout for joy,
sweet music fills the sky.
The heavens ring while angels sing
a Christmas lullaby.

A Christmas lullaby.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - DEC. 24 <i>4th 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 & Zoom for Adults)</i> Nursery - <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service - <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i> Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service - <i>S/YT</i>
MON - DEC 25		<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
TUE - DEC 26	6 - 7 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <i>Room 1</i>
THU - DEC 28	7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- <i>Via Zoom</i>
SAT - DEC. 30	1 - 4 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - <i>On Location</i>
SUN - DEC. 31 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - <i>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults)</i> Nursery - <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service - <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i>
MON - JAN 1	10 am - 12 pm	Food Pick-Up - <i>Kitchen</i>
TUE - JAN 2	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <i>Room 1</i> Men's Group Meeting - <i>Room 6</i>
WED - JAN 3	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <i>Room 8</i>
THU - JAN 4	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- <i>Via Zoom</i> ZUMBA- <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
SAT - JAN 6	1 - 4 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - <i>On Location</i>
SUN - JAN 7 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - <i>Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults)</i> Nursery - <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service - <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i>

Heaven Came Down Tonight (with *Gesu Bambino*)

By Baertschi /Schram

Look past the stars into heaven tonight;
See an empty throne, a crown cast aside;
But here in a manger, Love's holy Light!
Heaven came down to earth tonight;
Heaven came down tonight.
Pure angel voices float through the sky,
Praising the Lord, Who reigns on high.
They sing to the shepherds
who quake at the sight,
Heaven came down to earth tonight;
Heaven came down tonight!

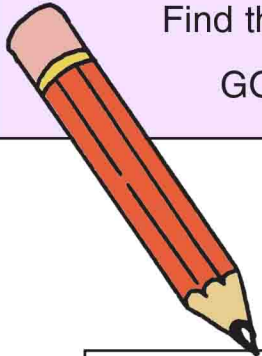
Treasure of heaven, sent down to earth,
given to us by miraculous birth;
The myst'ry, the wonder, the promise fulfilled.
We could not touch God's grace
until Heaven came down,
until Heaven came down.
Morning will come, the angels will be gone;
Stars that brightly shone will go out one by one.
But down through the ages the song echoes on;
Heaven came down. Heaven came down.
O come, let us adore Him,
Heaven came down tonight.



Mary said,
"I am the Lord's servant."

Find the words hidden in the puzzle below.

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The Birth of Jesus Foretold

An angel appeared to Mary.
He said, "The Lord is with you."

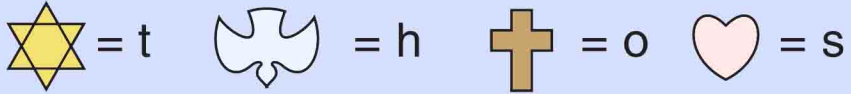
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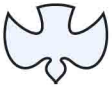






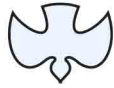
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The angel said to Mary,
"You will have a son."

Use the code below to fill in the missing letters.



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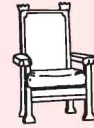
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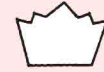
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God will give Jesus
the throne of David forever.

Find and count the hidden objects in the picture.



5 or 6 ?



6 or 7 ?





What a wonderful miracle!
But how could this happen?
The angel soon explained.



Change the letters as indicated to find the angel's words.

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

“ X G K ”

F G C Z B F Y

B J

B E H G J J B Q D V

A B C Z

Y G U ”

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

December 24, 2023 • Luke 1:26-38

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a young woman named Mary, who was engaged to Joseph.

Connect the dots.

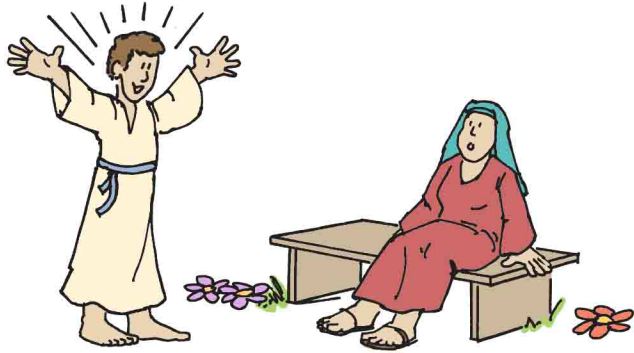
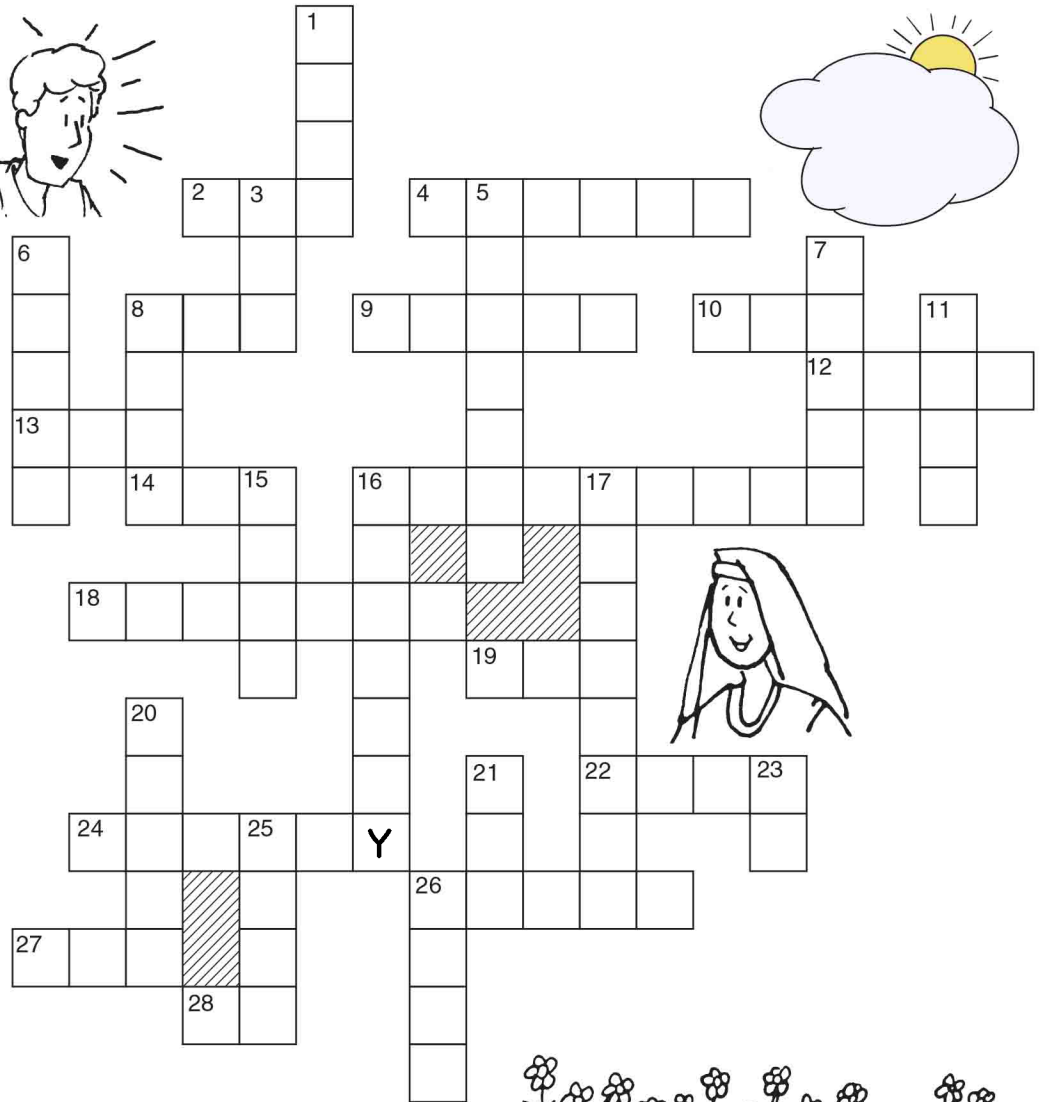


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GACDH4

The angel spoke with Mary.

Fit the words in the puzzle. (HINT: Start with the longest word.)
Transfer the words to the lines. Read the angel's words.

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| BE | HIS | HAVE | AFRAID |
| NOT | WHO | WILL | FAVORED |
| GOD | LORD | WORDS | GABRIEL |
| YOU | WITH | FOUND | GREATLY |
| WAS | MARY | FAVOR | TROUBLED |
| HIM | GIVE | CHILD | GREETINGS |
| ARE | NAME | JESUS | |



18) _____ 12) _____, "16A) _____, 19) _____

21) _____ 10) _____ 24) _____ 5) _____! 2) _____

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