

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*

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OFFICE INFORMATION

GENERAL QUESTIONS & 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 designated email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

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

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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*Christmas Eve
December 24, 2023—7pm*



Christmas Chaos



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 Wexford Carol

Linda Custer
by Hayes/Wagner

Worship Service—Addison S., Acolyte

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE MUSIC—PIANO DUET

Reflections on "O Holy Night"

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz
by Adam/Raney

CHORAL OPENING—CHANCEL CHOIR, SOLO-TIM MELTON

For To Us A Child Is Born

Janet Hartz
by John Purifoy

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 Willing**

led by Brenda Boulter

LEADER: Our Savior's birth is celebrated with bold faith.

PEOPLE: **May our hearts be willing.**

LEADER: Like Mary, who showed humble surrender:

PEOPLE: **May our hearts be willing.**

LEADER: Like Joseph, who exhibited unconditional trust:

PEOPLE: **May our hearts be willing.**

LEADER: Like the shepherds, who displayed awestruck wonder:

PEOPLE: **May our hearts be willing.**

LEADER: Like the angels, who sang glorious praise:

PEOPLE: **May our hearts be willing.**

LEADER: For all who are willing to receive the gift of the Savior Born in Bethlehem:

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**

Brenda and Steve Boulter

***CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE**

see insert

***PRAYER**

led Brenda Boulter

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, you are the hope for our hurting and broken world. We thank you, O God, for guiding us through this season of Advent, shining your light in the midst of our darkness. As your birth lit up the Bethlehem sky,

***PRAYER, CONTINUED**

continue to shine in our world of dispelling darkness, binding up the broken, and calling forth the faithful. On this holiest of nights, make us willing to welcome you as our Savior and Lord. We pray this in the name of our newborn king. Amen

***OPENING HYMN—O Little Town of Bethlehem**

UMH 230

FIRST READING—Isaiah 9:2-7

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

Kirsten Lewis

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

Emmanuel! God With Us!

Janet Hartz
by Mary McDonald

SECOND READING—Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

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

Rev. Timothy Dowell

SERMON—Christmas Chaos

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ANTHEM—FLUTE/PIANO DUET—I Wonder As I Wander

by Jack Schrader

***HYMN—The First Noel**

UMH 245

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY—In the Bleak Midwinter**

UMH 221, verse 4

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN—Silent Night**

UMH 239

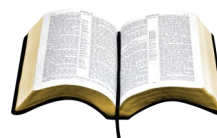
***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Joy To The World

Linda Custer
by Handel/Mason/Bish



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 31 Epiphany Sunday	JANUARY 7 Baptism of the Lord	JANUARY 14 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany
LITURGIST	Pam Flick Ray Hoewing	TBD	TBD
ACOLYTE	Aubrey S.	Chloe D.	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 dark - ness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 Church gath - ered to - day.

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Emmanuel! God With Us! - By Mary McDonald

Unto us a Son is giv'n, the gift of God to us from heav'n;
 Born a child and yet a King, a Savior to redeem.
 Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us. Emmanuel.
 Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, the Son of God with us to dwell;
 Light of life to all he brings; Alleluia, we sing!
 Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us. Emmanuel!
 God will reign on earth forever and his kingdom shall never end.
 Alleluia to our Savior, till he comes again!
 Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
 God with us, God with us, Emmanuel!
 Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
 God with us, God with us, Emmanuel! Emmanuel!
 God with us! God with us! Emmanuel!

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. Info on Jan 27th dinner coming soon.



Medical Equipment

Loaner Program is our ministry to assist those in our community with temporary medical equipment needs. To donate or request equipment, contact Eleanor-301.461.7898.

Review/Preview—

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



Sunday School
9:15 am - 10:15 am



Nursery(6mo-4yr)
10:15-11:45 am—Rm 5



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

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

For to Us a Child Is Born

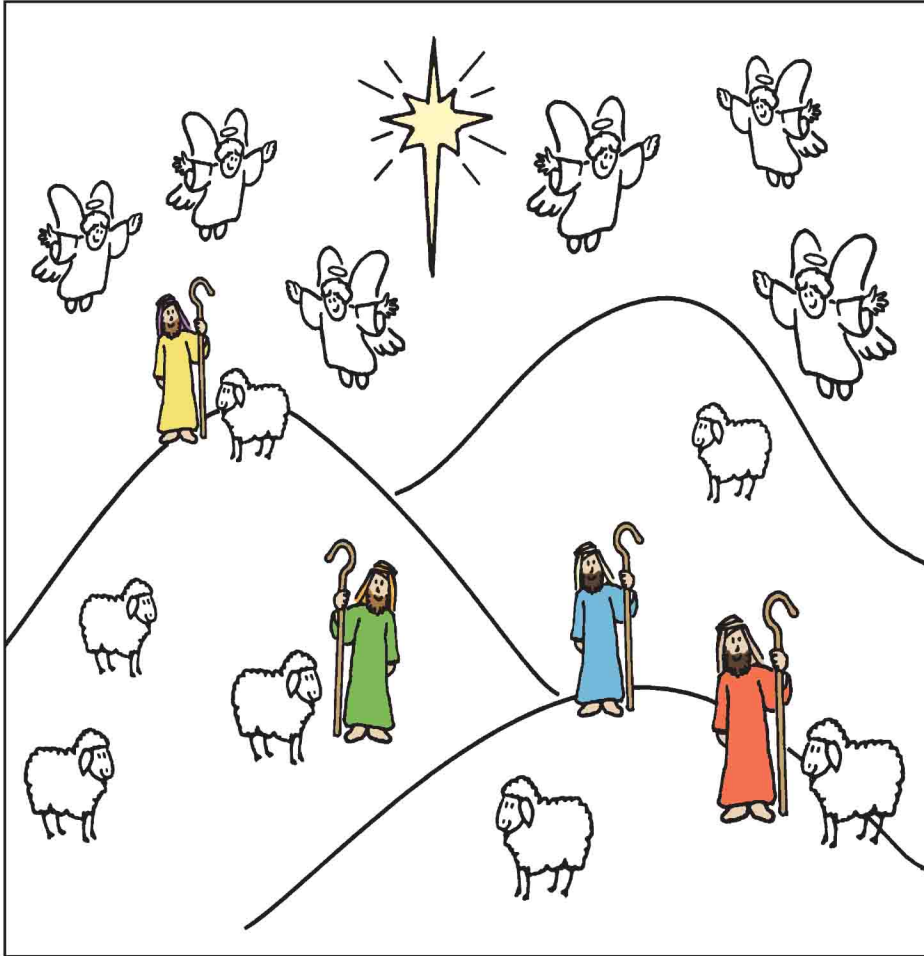
By John Purifoy

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
 On those living in the land a light has dawned.
 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful, the Mighty God, the Everlasting
 Father, and the Prince of Peace.
 To us a child is born, to us a son is given,
 and his name shall be called
 Wonderful, the Mighty God, the Everlasting
 Father, and the Prince of Peace.
 And the government will be upon his shoulder.
 Of his kingdom there will be no end.
 With mercy and justice, peace and forgiveness,
 he will uphold us forevermore!

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 For to us a child is born!

Suddenly, many angels appeared with the first angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest!"

Count the angels. Trace the correct number below.



Ages 3+

December 24, 2023 • Luke 2:1-14

Jesus Is Born!

Joseph and Mary traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census.

Follow the path to Bethlehem.



While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, Jesus was born. Why did Mary place Jesus in a manger?

Trace the letters to complete the answer.

There was
no room
for them
in the inn.



An angel appeared to shepherds. The angel told them the good news that a Savior had been born for them!

In each row, circle the picture that is different.

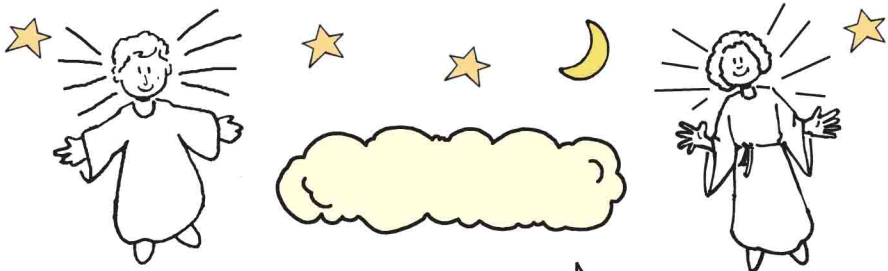




Suddenly, the sky was filled with angels, praising God and saying ...

Use this code to find out what the angels said.

— = A d = G o = N ♪ = S ♫ = C ♬ = H ♭ = O ♮ = T
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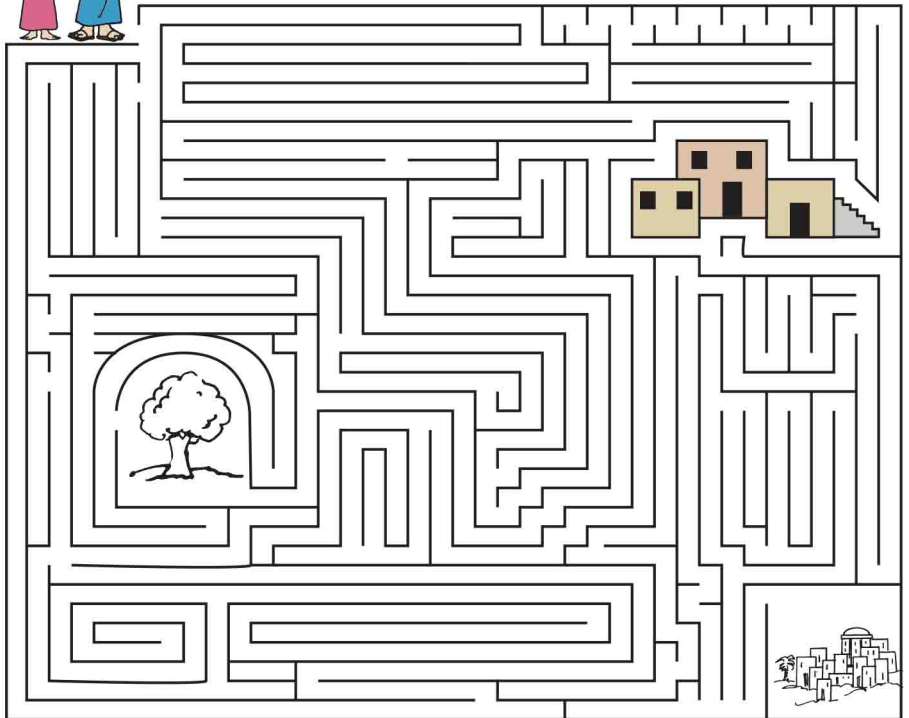
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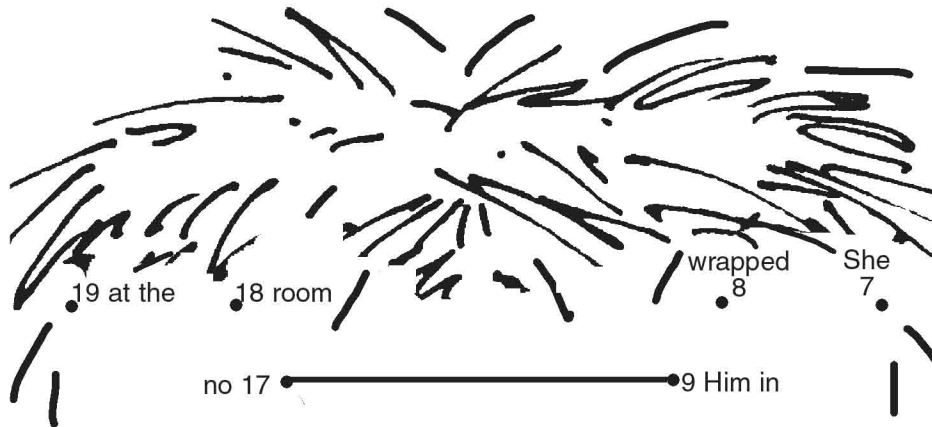
Caesar ordered that a census be taken. Everyone had to go to the city of their ancestors to be counted. So Joseph, along with Mary, who was expecting a child, went to the town of Bethlehem.

Help Joseph and Mary go from Nazareth to Bethlehem.



While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem,
something happened!

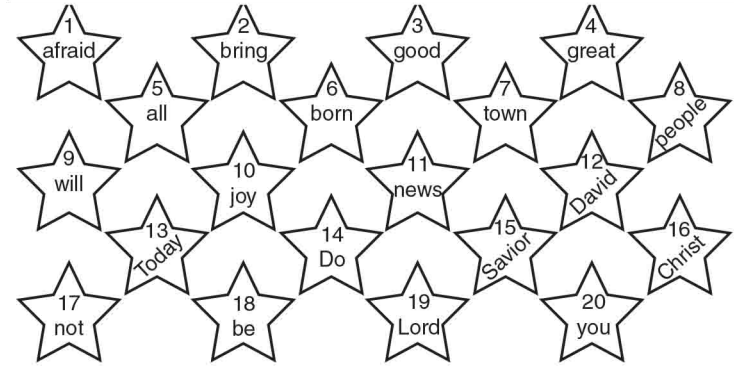
Connect the dots and read the story.



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no 17 9 Him in
was 16 10 cloths
there 15 11 and laid
because 14 12 Him in
13 a manger
inn. 20 6 son.
3 birth
1 Mary 2 gave 4 to her 5 firstborn

Shepherds were living out in the fields,
keeping watch over their flocks at night.
An angel appeared to them and said ...

Write the words from the stars on the lines.



“ _____
14 17 18 1
I _____ of
2 20 3 11
_____ that _____ for
4 10 9 18
_____ in the _____
5 8 13 7
of _____ a _____ has been
12 15
_____ to _____; He is _____
6 20 16
the _____!”
19