

OUR PURPOSE



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

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Sun., Mar 17 - **LUKE 6:27-36** *The Power of Words*
 Mon., Mar 18 - **PSALM 31:1-5** *Our Rock*
 Tue., Mar 19 - **JOHN 15:5-8** *Precious Opportunity*
 Wed., Mar 20 - **MATTHEW 5:13-16** *Guiding Light*
 Thu., Mar 21 - **PSALM 66:16-20** *The Power of Prayer*
 Fri., Mar 22 - **ECCLESIASTES 9:7-12** *Opportunities to Serve*
 Sat., Mar. 23 - **PSALM 139:1-12** *Our Source of Power*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

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)*

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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

CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

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*Fifth Sunday in Lent
 March 17, 2024*



C'est l'Heure



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

Lamb of God

Linda Custer
 by Paris/Larson

Worship Service

Isabel S., Acolyte

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—FLUTE DUET

Were You There/Balm in Gilead

Beth Parker/Linda Custer
 by Brant Adams

CALL TO WORSHIP—LENTEN MEDITATION

Betty Jean Selby

When we arrived this morning, we entered into the normal bustle of a church on a Sunday morning: friends greeting each other, choir members getting their robes, children bringing their energy and enthusiasm. Now that we are sitting together in the pews, I invite you to close your eyes . . . and consider the word, “sanctuary.” A sanctuary is a place set aside for sacred things. It is a place of refuge and protection. This room is a sanctuary. The season of Lent is a kind of sanctuary, extended in time. And one of the things Lent teaches is that you, too, are a sanctuary. There is inside you a place for sacred things, a place where God abides.

(Silent time)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of war and oppression in the world..

OPENING PRAYER

led by Betty Jean Selby

Loving God, we open our hearts to you. We invite you into our inmost being, only to find you already there. Strengthen us in our quiet places and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN—Sanctuary**

TFWS 2164

FIRST READING—Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

Pam Flick

ANTHEM—BELL CHOIR

Reflection on Holy Manna

Becky Smalley
 by Sandra Eithun

SECOND READING—John 12:20-33

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

Rev. Timothy Dowell

SERMON—C'est l'Heure

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE—I Surrender All**

UMH 354

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY—What Wondrous Love Is This**

UMH 292, verse 1

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN—Where He Leads Me**

UMH 338

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC—TRUMPET DUET

Prayer of St. Gregory

Walter Moskwa/Linda Custer
 by Alan Hovhaness



Up-Coming Week's Scriptures

Liturgy of the Palms — Mark 11:1-11 • Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16 • Philippians 2:5-11 • Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39



**Palm/Passion
 Sunday
 March 24th
 10:30am**



Sunday School invites you to join in their "Easter Celebration"

after worship on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

All are invited!

There will be kids crafts & games, stories, lunch, and a special Easter egg hunt. Please RSVP to Dianna at mdmccgrews@aol.com.

Tenebrae Service...a service of the shadows

**Holy Thursday
 March 28th at 7pm**

Come experience this moving service that helps us to remember Christ's holy sacrifice.



**Easter Sunday
 March 31st, 10:30am**

Poolesville Seniors is open to all and has virtual and in-person activities that stretch your mind, renew your body, and lift your spirits? For more information or to register (required for all events) for any event, call 301-875-7701 or visit www.PoolesvilleSeniors.org.



FYI: Speer Hall is located at the Poolesville Presbyterian Church, 17800 Elgin Rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- March 18th** • **March PS! Book Club—*The Lost Bookshop*** by Evie Woods—**Virtual**. 7pm
- March 21st** • **Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes—Virtual**. 7pm
- March 22nd** • **Movie Matinee: *The Butler*—In person**. Speer Hall. 1:30pm
- March 22nd** • **Line Dancing** (for newbies and experienced)—**In person**. Speer Hall. 7pm
- Wednesdays April 3rd-May 22nd** • **Digital Media Class** (improve or learn how to use your cell phone, iPad, or laptop. Poolesville location provided with registration)—**In person**. 2pm

REGULAR WEEKLY HAPPENINGS:

- Mondays** • **Ping Pong**. In-person. Speer Hall. 1-4pm
- M/W/F** • **Pickleball**. In-person. Poolesville Baptist Church. 8:30am-12:30pm
- Tuesdays** • **Tai-Chi w/Maureen Ivusic**. Virtual & In-person. Speer Hall. 10:30-11:15am
- **Bridge**. Registration required. In-person. Speer Hall. 1-4pm
- Wednesdays** • **Zumba Gold with Karen McPhatter**. In-person. Speer Hall. 1-2pm
- **Trivia Game Night**. First Wednesday of the month. Virtual. 7pm
- Thursdays** • **Mahjong**. Beginners & seasoned. In-person. Speer Hall. 10am-12:30pm



We need one more server to help serve dinner on March 23rd at the Frederick Rescue Mission. To help please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dacab28aaf8c70-frederick#/>



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



Sunday School
Adult & Child/Youth
9:15 - 10:15 am

Columbarium & Memorial

Garden For info visit our website or talk to Ellie Bateman, Steve McCraith, or Jan Schmidt.



Memorial's Small Groups - To connect with a group, please email...

- **Adult Sunday School** (hybrid)- Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School** (in-person)- Dianna at mdmcgrews@aol.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim** (zoom)- PastorTim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group** (hybrid)- Ray at RLHoewing@gmail.com
- **Youth Group** (in-person)- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Have a calling to start a new small group?** Contact Pastor Tim or call the church office.



Need a Ride to church?

Email Scott.McGrew@aol.com.



Meet 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in
Room 6 at 7pm.

Although last week was designated **UMCOR SUNDAY** it is still okay to make a donation.

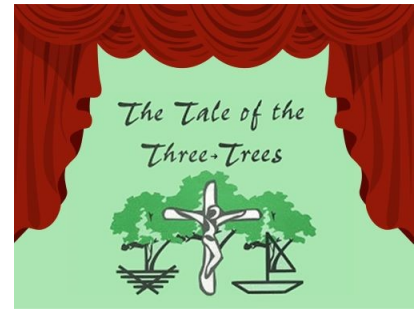


Send prayer request to prayers@pmumc.org

Celebrating Our Blessings

We've had a number of big blessings over the last 5 years. As a way of celebrating them we will have a multi-generational performance of "The Tale of the Three Trees." Rehearsals are in full swing.

The performance will be during worship Sun., April 21st



Upper Room
Daily Devotionals are available outside on the bench & inside on the table under Church Office window.

Greeters Needed!

Signup at the base of steps or visit www.SignUpGenius.com and search using office@pmumc.org

Like to Sing?



Join the Choir!
Wed. Choir Rehearsals, 7:30-9pm
Contact Janet Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net.

Christian Education would like your help in collecting "canned goods" over the next few weeks for our Lenten Mission Project. We will be using them for a special hunt at our Easter Celebration Palm Sunday, March 24. Please pick up a bag to fill with as many "canned goods" as you would like and **return to church**

Sunday morning March 24. Canned goods will be donated to WUMCO following our celebration. Thank you in advance for your support in our Mission Project.

Friendly Thrift Shop

DONATE. SHOP. HELP.

Wed & Fri, 2-8pm / Thu & Sat, 10am-4pm
Revenue from the Thrift Shop support many local organizations



Review/Preview-No prep needed!

Study Sundays' scriptures w/Pastor Tim, Thursdays @ 7pm on Zoom. For link, email: pastortim@pmumc.org.

Medical Equipment Loan Program

—our ministry providing community members with temporary medical equipment needs. To donate or request equipment, contact Eleanor-301.461.7898.



SCHEDULE	MARCH 24 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	MARCH 28 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	MARCH 31 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	APRIL 7 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>
LITURGIST	Erin Smeller David Melton	Ralph Hitchens Gary Hartz	Nicole Lewis Brenda Boulter	Ralph Hitchens Kirsten Lewis
ACOLYTE	Sam L.		Chloe D.	Evie S.

Want to help those in our community that need assistance with housing, utilities, medicine, medical procedures, medical transportation, food, automobile maintenance, gas? Become a WUMCO Member! Not only will you feel good, you will receive a membership card that you can use at many local businesses to get discounts (most 10% off).



Visit www.wumcohelp.org/membership to see all the ways you can join.

FROM the BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE...

- **Summer Job Opportunities**— BWC's Camp Manidokan and West River Center are hiring: gain job & communication skills, make friends, grow your faith, and have fun! Visit <https://www.bwcampsandretreats.com/get-involved/summer-jobs/>
- **Be a Camper at Camp Manidokan or West River this summer!** Get more information and register at www.bwccampsandretreats.com.
- **Living Like Christ: A Banquet of Spiritual Experiences**—The Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences and their Center for Vial Leadership offers you a banquet of spiritual exercises based on the ground-breaking work of Positive Intelligence, which we've connected with the wisdom of Wesleyan spiritual disciplines. For details visit: <https://www.bwcumc.org/living-like-christ-a-banquet-of-spiritual-exercises//>
- **Applications for the next class of Certified Lay Ministers** of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Class of 2024-2026, are being accepted. The next class will start in September and is a two-year commitment. Questions can be directed to Linda Flanagan, Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries, at waldorfangel@gmail.com.

Backpack BITES Food Donations Needed: Oatmeal (plain/instant), Fruit Cups (single serve), Vegetables (canned), Granola Bars, Cheese Crackers), Milk (8oz, shelf stable), Pasta (1 lb), Mac & Cheese (box), Rice (1 lb), Peanut Butter (16 oz), Beans (dry/1 lb), Chicken (canned), Tuna (canned). Questions, email Catherine at crbeliveau@gmail.com. **To Help Pack or Deliver to PES or MES visit:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094AA8A82CA75-44957977-backpack>

Free tax preparation assistance will be available by APPOINTMENT ONLY for Montgomery County taxpayers through April 15th. Assistance in Poolesville will be available on Fridays only at the Maggie Nightingale Library with the last day being April 12th. There are no age or income restrictions for this program, but efforts are focused on Seniors and/or low-to-moderate-income residents. Trained and certified volunteers through the AARP Foundation Tax- Aide Program will provide services. Scheduling for tax appointments can be made online at www.taxaidemc.info or by calling 240-777-2577 (phone lines open Mon – Fri from 9am-4pm).



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - MAR 17 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 2 pm 1 pm - 8 pm	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall Finance Committee Meeting—Open to All - Room 6 Rehearsal “The Tale of Three Trees” - Sanctuary PHS Basketball Banquets (Girls 2pm, Boys 5pm) - FH
MON - MAR 18	10 am - 12 pm 4:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - Kitchen Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting - Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Grief Group - Room 6
TUE - MAR 19	7 - 8 pm	Men’s Group Meeting - Room 6 & ZOOM
WED - MAR 20	9 am - 4 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	WUMCO Dental Van Clinic - Parking Lot Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 21	9:30 am - 1 pm 10 am - 6 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Piano Tuning - Sanctuary & Room 8 WUMCO Mobile Heath Clinic - Parking Lot Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - ZOOM ZUMBA - Fellowship Hall
FRI - MAR 22	5 - 6 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1
SAT - MAR 23	9 am - 1:30 pm 1 - 4 pm 2 - 9 pm 3 - 6:30 pm	WUMCO - ESOL Class - Parking Lot The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location Set-Up for Easter Celebration - Fellowship Hall Frederick Rescue Mission - On Location
SUN - MAR 24 <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 2 pm 11:30 am - 2 pm	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Family Easter Celebration - Fellowship Hall Rehearsal “The Tale of Three Trees” - Sanctuary
MON - MAR 25	10 am - 12 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - Kitchen Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Grief Group - Room 6
TUE - MAR 26	7 - 8:30 pm	Christian Education Meeting - Room 6
WED - MAR 27	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 28 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	10 am - 6 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	WUMCO Mobile Heath Clinic - Parking Lot Tenebrae Service w/Communion - Sanctuary ZUMBA - Canceled
FRI - MAR 29 <i>Good Friday</i>	5 - 6 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1
SAT - MAR 30 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - MAR 31 <i>Easter 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

God will forgive His people.

Connect the dots.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U



A New Covenant

Jeremiah told the people of God's new covenant with Israel and Judah.

Find and **circle** the hidden letters in the picture.

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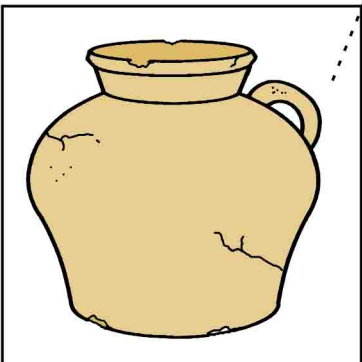
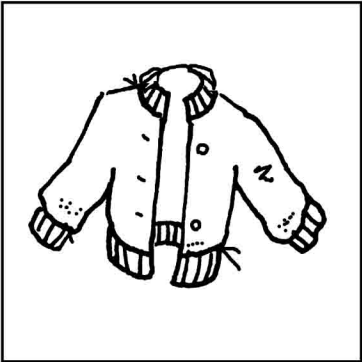
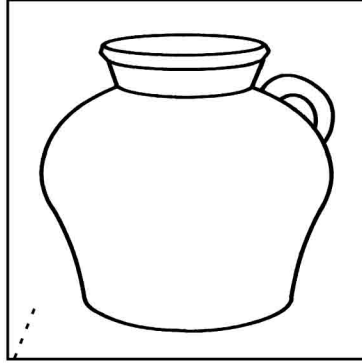


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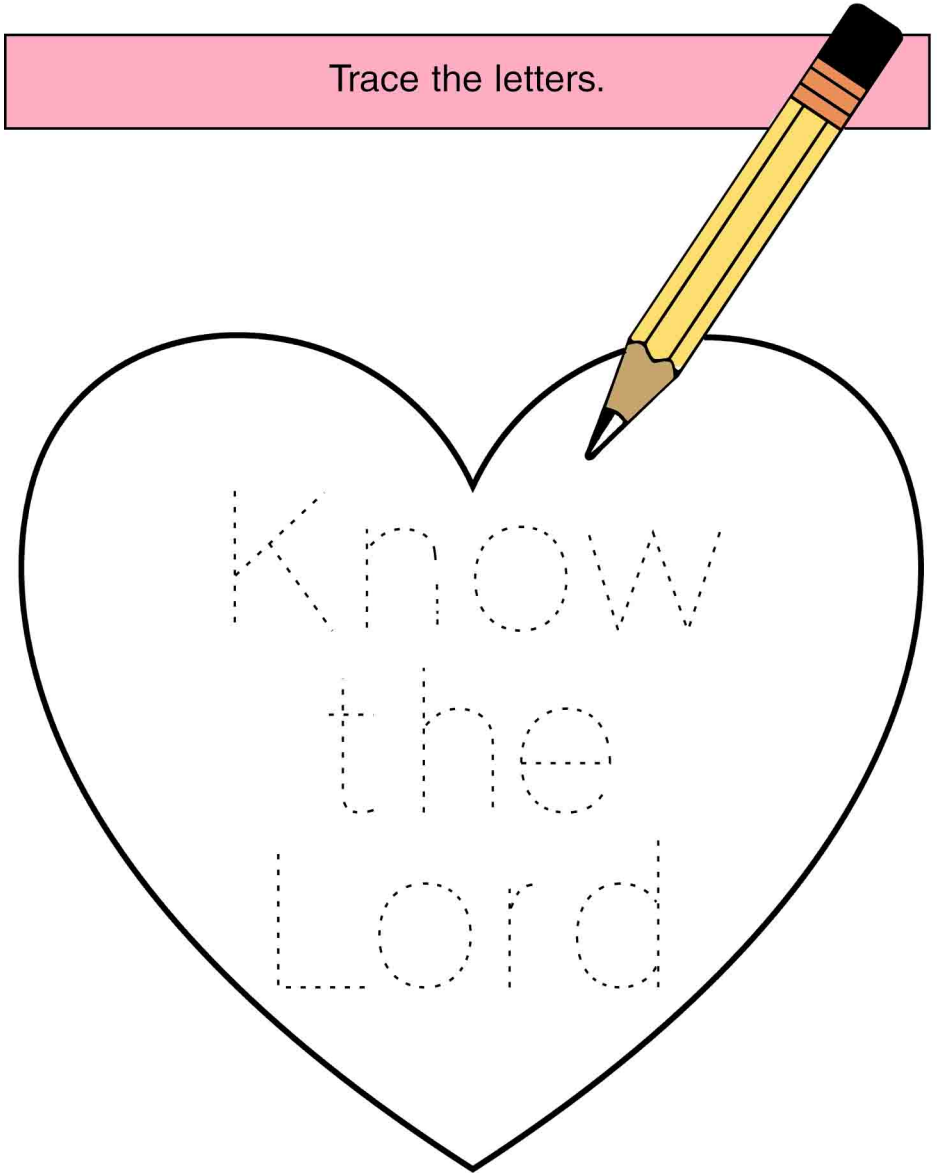
The new covenant will be different from the old one.

Match the old objects with the new objects.

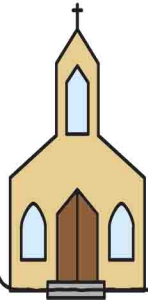


God said, "I will write on their hearts."

Trace the letters.



Help these children serve and follow Jesus.
Follow the path.



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Jesus Tells What Will Come

Jesus showed God's glory.

Circle these letters in the picture. G - L - O - R - Y




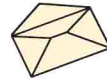




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Finish the puzzle with the beginning letters of each picture.

Count and circle how many people are Jesus' followers. 8 or 9 ?






“Whoever Me




must Me ...

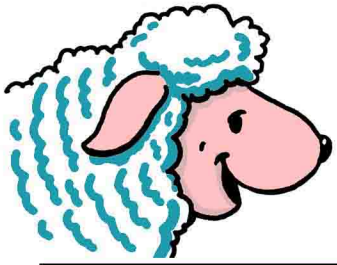
My Father will

the who serves Me.”

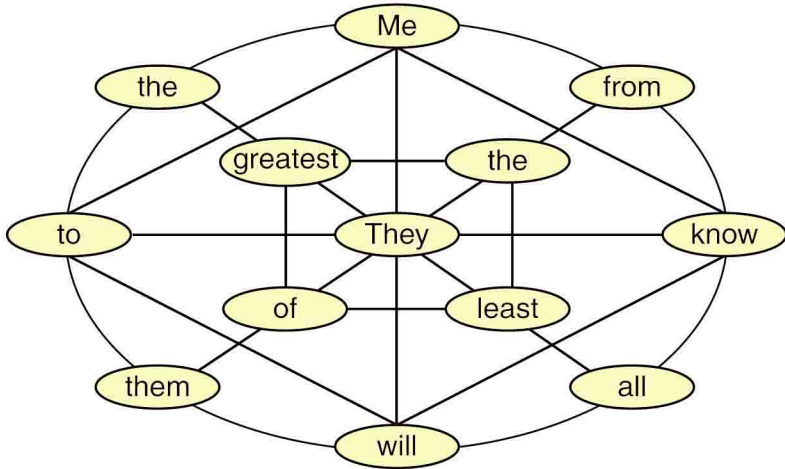
  





What did God say would be the result of this covenant?

Start at the center and follow the arrows, writing the words on the lines below.



“ _____

 _____”

A New Covenant

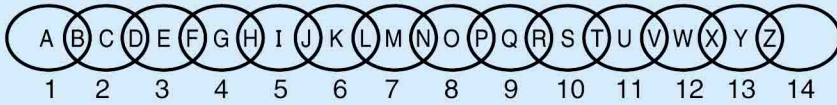
God said He would make a new covenant with the nation of Israel and the nation of Judah. What is another word for covenant?

Write the name of each picture on the lines, then transfer the letters in the boxes to the lines below.

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God said this would be a new kind of covenant.
What else did God say about it?

Use the code to find out.



“
 5 10,11 12 5 6,7 6,7 7,8 8 10,11 1,2 3
 6,7 5 6 3 10,11 4,5 3
 2 8 11,12 3 7,8 1 7,8 10,11 5
 7 1 2,3 3 12 5 10,11 4,5 10,11 4,5 3 5 9,10
 3,4 8 9,10 3 3,4 1 10,11 4,5 3 9,10 10
 12 4,5 3 7,8 5 10,11 8 8 6
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 4,5 1 7,8 2,3 10,11 8 6,7 3 1 2,3
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 8 3,4 3 4 13 8,9 10,11”

Where did God say this promise would be recorded?

Unscramble the missing words.

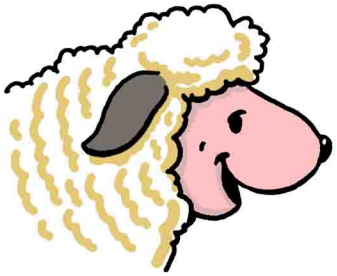
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and _____ it on their _____.
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I will be their _____, and _____
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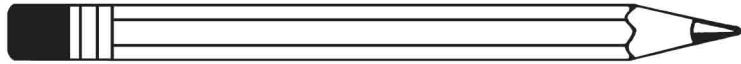
will be My _____.”
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Jesus talked to the crowd about His work and death to come. What did He say?

Use this code to fill in 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
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26



“
 _____ , _____
 2 21 20 9 23 8 5 14 9

 1 13 12 9 6 20 5 4 21 16

 6 18 15 13 20 8 5
 _____ , _____
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 4 18 1 23 1 12 12

 16 5 15 16 12 5 20 15
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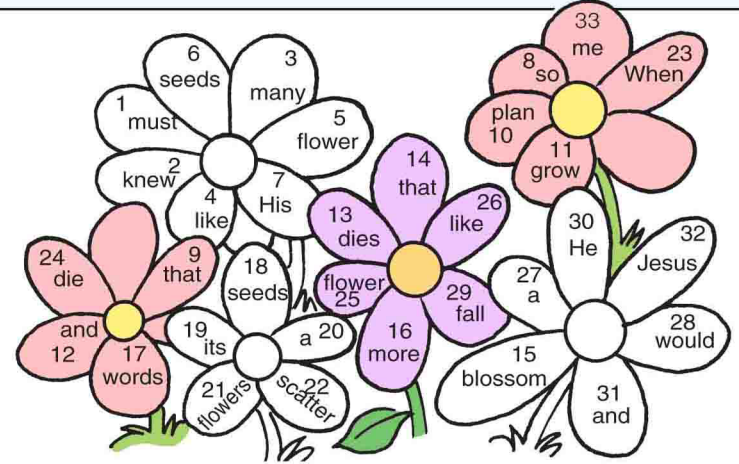
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Jesus Tells What Will Come

Complete the math problems. Use the answers to write words from the flower petals on the lines.



_____ , _____
 19+4 21+6 9-4 17-4 11+8

 11-5 30-8 20+11 12-9 8+8

 13+8 15-4 29+3 7-5
 _____ , _____ , _____
 16-2 10-6 12+8 18+7 15+15

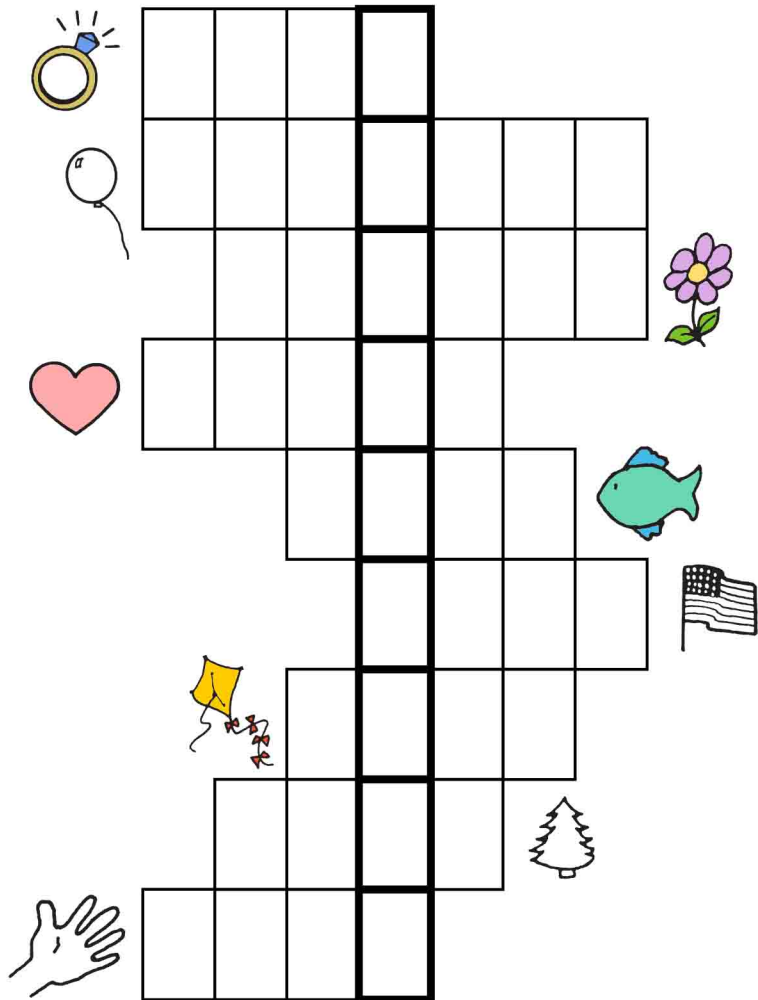
 12-11 18+6 17-9 11-2 9-2
 _____ , _____ , _____
 13+4 13+13 9+9 32-4

 15+7 17-5 10+5

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Jesus said that the hour had come for God's Son to be given great honor – be exalted! What word is used in the verses?

Write the name of each picture.
The letters in the darker boxes spell the answer top to bottom.



What did Jesus tell the people?

Unscramble the circled words to find out.

“But I, hwen _____ I am fdelit _____

up from the treah _____, will

wrda _____ all eppoel _____

to esfyIM _____.”

By this, Jesus meant that He wlodu _____ die

on a scsor _____.

