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—ISABEL SMALLEY, PIANO

Carol of the Bells

by Peter J. Wilhousky

—LINDA CUSTER, PIANO

Mary Did You Know?

by Lowry/Greene/Schrader

Worship Service

Sam L., Acolyte

WELCOME Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE—BETH PARKER, FLUTE AND LINDA CUSTER, PIANO

Birthday of a King/He Is Born

by John F. Wilson

CHORAL INTROIT—CHANCEL CHOIR

He Is Born, Sing Noel

arr by Lloyd Larsen

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Glory to God in the highest!

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PEOPLE: ***And joy to every downcast spirit.***

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PEOPLE: ***And love to everyone.***

LEADER: Let us sing praises to our God.

PEOPLE: ***Let us offer this light against the darkness***

*OPENING PRAYER

led by Erin Smeller

Holy God of Love: The abundance of your steadfast love has brought light to our lives. Love so vast, so deep, so real, that you willingly became one of us in Jesus. Help us to embrace the transforming power of your love, and lead us to share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH 246

ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Christmas Eve

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sam Lewis, Nicole Lewis
 UMH 211, verse 5

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

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

Kirsten Lewis

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

Christmas Sanctus

by Dengler/Dengler

SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-20

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Rev. Timothy Dowell

SERMON

When Is Christmas Over?

Rev. Timothy Dowell

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

UMH 240

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

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*DOXOLOGY

In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221, verse 4

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*CLOSING HYMN

Silent Night

UMH 239

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POSTLUDE *Joy to the World*

by Mason/Forrest/Wagner



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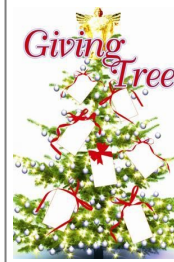
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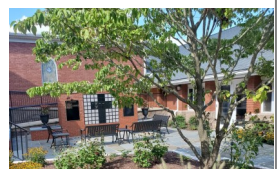
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For Unto Us a Child is Born by Handel/Bennett

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Aubrey S., Acolyte

WELCOME Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE—PIANO/TRUMPET DUET, LINDA CUSTER AND WALTER MOSKWA
A Host of Carols by Lani Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP** led by Bob Bachman

LEADER: We who dwelled in shadows have seen a great light:

PEOPLE: ***Glory from heaven embraces the earth, like a mother's arms around a newborn child,***

LEADER: Tucking the earth in folds of peace, like a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes,

PEOPLE: ***Laying the earth in the cradle of truth, like a baby entrusted to a manger.***

LEADER: As the cry of a baby splits the air, uniting the songs of shepherds and angels,

PEOPLE: ***Let us give thanks for the birth of a child, through whose young life salvation shines!***

***OPENING PRAYER** led by Bob Bachman

Loving God. We gather this morning to celebrate your gift of love for humanity. The love demonstrated by creating us in your own image; the love you taught through the prophets; the love you showed by humbly coming in the Christ-child; and the love you demonstrated through the life of Jesus. As we celebrate this Christmas Day, help us commit all the more to loving others as you do, and sharing the good news of your love to all we meet. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen

CAROL *O Come, All Ye Faithful* UMH 234, verses 1-3

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19*

—God announces Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion

CAROL *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196, verses 1-2

SECOND LESSON *Genesis 22:15-18*

—God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth shall obtain blessing

CAROL *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* UMH 218, verses 1-4

THIRD LESSON *Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

—The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness

CAROL *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming* UMH 216, verses 1, 2

FOURTH LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9*

—The King is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all of God's creation

CAROL *O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230, all verses

FIFTH LESSON *Luke 1:26-35, 38*

—The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to God's promised son

CAROL *To A Maid Engaged to Joseph* UMH 215, all verses

SIXTH LESSON *Luke 2:1-7*

—Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born

ANTHEM—VOCAL SOLOIST, LINK HOEWING
O Holy Night by Adam/Sinshack

SEVENTH LESSON *Luke 2:8-16*

—The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger

CAROL *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* UMH 229, all verses

EIGHTH LESSON *Matthew 2:1-11*

—The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus

CAROL *We Three Kings* UMH 254, verses 1, 5

NINTH LESSON *John 1:1-14*

—John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation

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***DOXOLOGY** *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221, verse 4

***COMMUNION** *A Service of Word & Table II w/Musical Setting C* UMH page 12-15, 20-22
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895
 Selections from *A Christmas Carol Sequence for Organ* by Jerry van der Pol

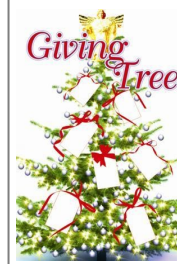
***CLOSING HYMN** *Joy to the World* UMH 246, all verses

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POSTLUDE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!* by Holst/Wagner

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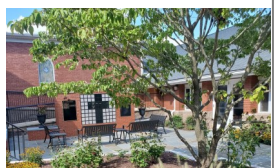
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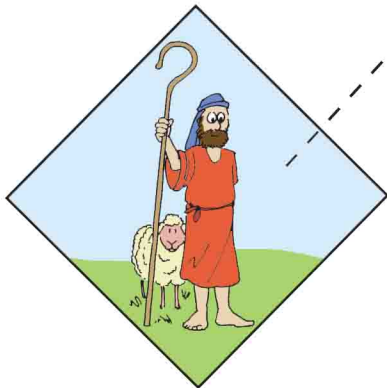
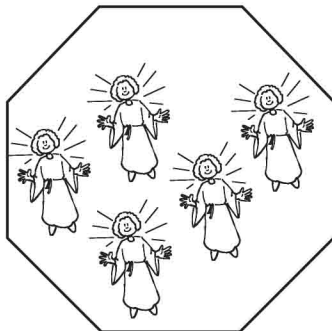
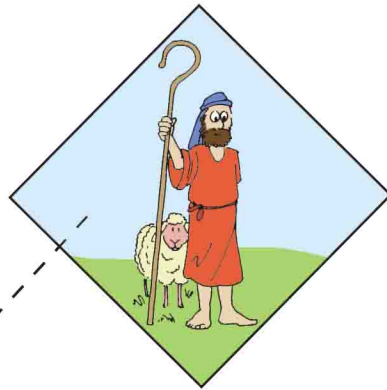
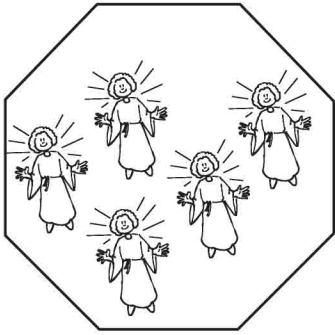
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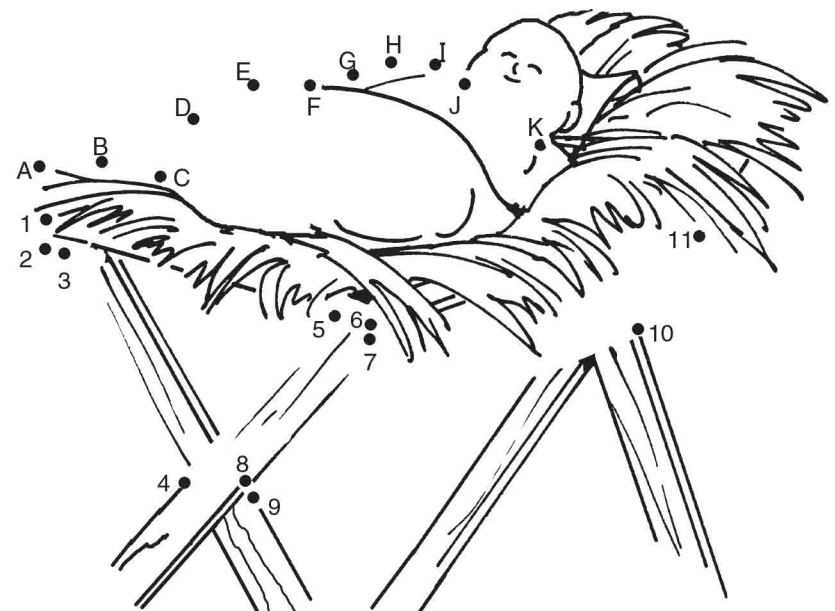


Jesus Is Born!

Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to register for the census. While they were there, Jesus was born.

Connect the dots.

A B C D E F G H I J K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11



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Shepherds in the fields were watching their flocks at night. An angel came, and they were scared! But the angel had good news: "A Savior is born!" Then many more angels appeared, praising God.

Circle the smallest angel in the sky.

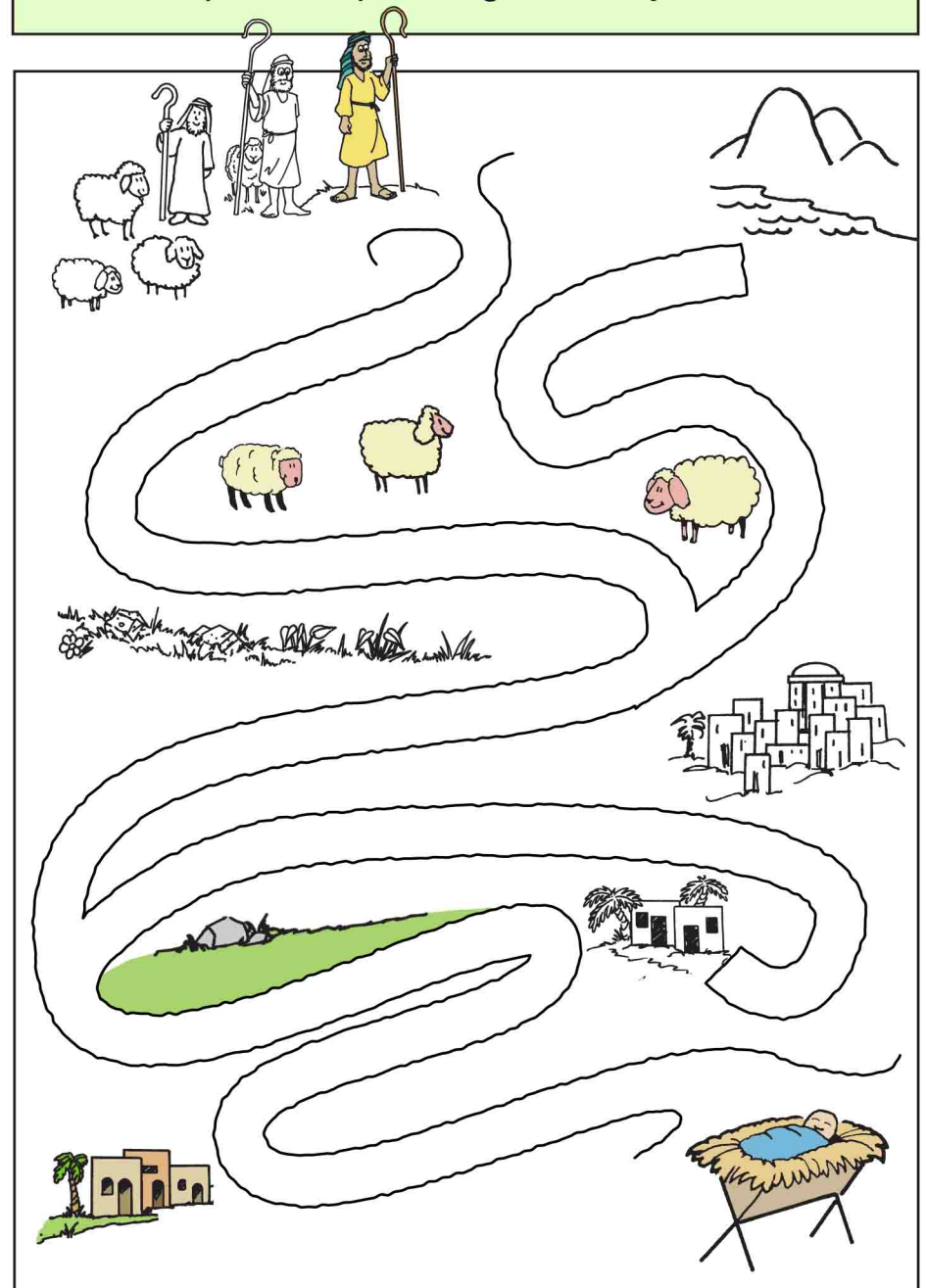


Trace the word.

S A V I O R

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to find the newborn Savior.

Help the shepherds get to Baby Jesus.





The shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."



Add the two numbers found under each line to find the correct word to write on the blank.

So 7 baby 6 13 was in 4

3 Joseph 2 they 1 Mary 5 manger

9 the 12 lying

8 hurried 15 and 11 who 10 found

off 14

- $3 + 4 =$ $1 + 1 =$ $6 + 2 =$ $5 + 9 =$ $8 + 7 =$
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Use the compass code to fill in the blanks.

“ _____ N _____ SSE _____

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While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary's baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

Unscramble the letters to fill in the missing words.

She _____ Him in _____
 P P E R A W D T H L O C S

and _____ Him in a _____,
 C E D A L P E R G M N A

_____ there was no
 C U A S E E B

_____ for _____
 M O R O E H T M

in the _____.
 N I N



There were shepherds in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Copy the words from the puzzle pieces to find out what else he said.

