

## OUR PURPOSE



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

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun., Dec 18 - **LUKE 1:26-38** *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
Mon., Dec 19 - **EPHESIANS 1:3-10** *A God Who Forgives*  
Tue., Dec 20 - **LUKE 10:38-42** *At the Feet of Christ*  
Wed., Dec 21 - **MARK 14:32-42** *The Power of Presence*  
Thu., Dec 22 - **2 CORINTHIANS 9:5-10** *Cheerful Giver*  
Fri., Dec 23 - **GENESIS 1:1-5** *The Light of God*  
Sat., Dec 24 - **MATTHEW 1:18-25** *God Is With Us*

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## OFFICE INFORMATION

### COORDINATOR HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

### PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, [office@pmumc.org](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or visit [www.pmumc.org](http://www.pmumc.org)

### PHONE MESSAGES

Messages sent to designated email accounts.

### EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email Pastor Tim at [PastorTim@PMUMC.org](mailto:PastorTim@PMUMC.org)

## CHURCH GIVING

### 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](http://PMUMC.org)

## CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

**PASTOR** - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

**MUSIC DIRECTOR** - Janet Hartz

**ORGANIST** - Linda Custer

**BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR** - Becky Smalley

**HEAD USHER** - Dr. Robert Spiker

**ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD**-Janet Spiker

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT** - Sandy Parnell-Dowell

**WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR** - Priscilla Lyon

**VISUAL ARTS** - Dianna McGrew, Janet Spiker

**ACOLYTE COORDINATOR** - Roy Melton

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*Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 18, 2022*  
**Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am**



# THE PLAN



Thank you for coming together in worship this morning.  
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—PIANO DUET, LINDA CUSTER AND JANET HARTZ**

*Lo, How a Rose* [Es Ist Ein Ros] by Joel Raney

**Worship Service**

Addison S., Acolyte

**WELCOME** Introductions and Prayer

**PRELUDE**

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* by Hayes/Wagner  
[Traditional African-American Spiritual]

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Betty Jean Selby

LEADER: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.  
PEOPLE: ***That sign is in the One to come—the One that God is sending.***  
LEADER: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.  
PEOPLE: ***And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.***  
LEADER: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!  
PEOPLE: ***Let us be ready to receive and share the blessed gift of the Savior. AMEN.***

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

led by Betty Jean Selby

***Lord of all life and all seasons, help us open our hearts to hear the words of promise and love that you send to us. Like Mary and Joseph, may we trust in your abiding love and power. Prepare us to receive and to share your gift of hope, and grace and peace. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.***

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*All Earth Is Waiting* UMH 210

**ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

*Give You A Sign* Steve & Cindy McCraith  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211 verse 4

**FIRST READING**

*Romans 1:1-7* Ray Hoewing  
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**ANTHEM—BELL CHOIR**

*Lullaby Carols* by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

**SECOND READING**

*Matthew 1:18-25* Rev. Timothy Dowell  
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**

*The Plan* Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

*The King of Glory* TFWS 2091

**OFFERING** (Offering Plate 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**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* UMH 230

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**POSTLUDE**

*I Saw Three Ships* [Traditional English Carol] by Anna Laura Page



TODAY after Worship Service  
**Fellowship Time**  
EVERYONE is invited!

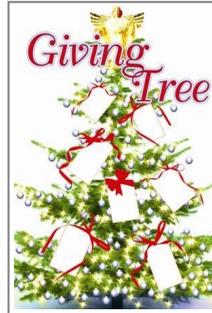


**Decorate Christmas Cookies!**  
TODAY (Dec 18) before church (9-10:30 am) ALL are invited to decorate cookies that will be enjoyed after worship.

SCHEDULE	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25	JANUARY 1	JANUARY 8
LITURGIST	Erin Smeller Kirsten Lewis	Bob Bachman Nicole Lewis	TBD	TBD
ACOLYTE	Sam L.	Aubrey S.	TBD	TBD

## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

<b>SUN - DEC 18</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9 - 10:30 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30am-12:30pm 3 - 4 pm	<p><b>Christmas Cookie Decorating - ALL INVITED - FH</b></p> <p><b>Adult Sunday School - Room 6 &amp; Zoom</b></p> <p><b>Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 4</b></p> <p><b>Nursery - Room 5</b></p> <p><b>Worship Service - Sanctuary &amp; YouTube</b></p> <p><b>Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall</b></p> <p><b>Girl Scout Troop #32191 - Room 1</b></p>
<b>MON - DEC 19</b>	4:30 - 6 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	<p>Girl Scout Troop #32009 - <b>Room 6</b></p> <p>Girl Scout Troop #32093 - <b>Fellowship Hall</b></p> <p>Bell Choir Rehearsal - <b>Sanctuary/Spurrier</b></p>
<b>TUE - DEC 20</b>	9 - 11 am 5:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8 pm	<p>Quarterly Sprinkler Inspection - <b>entire building</b></p> <p>Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <b>Room 6</b></p> <p>Men's Group - <b>In-Person and via Zoom</b></p>
<b>WED - DEC 21</b>	7:30 pm - 9 pm	<p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>Room 8</b></p>
<b>THU - DEC 22</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	<p>Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim - <b>Zoom</b></p> <p>Zumba Class - <b>Fellowship Hall</b></p>
<b>FRI - DEC 23</b>	11 am - 12 pm	<p>Girl Scout Troop #32066 Christmas Party - <b>Room 6</b></p>
<b>SAT - DEC 24</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	1 - 4 pm 3 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8 pm	<p><b>The Friendly Thrift Shop - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>The Frederick Rescue Mission - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Worship Service - Sanctuary</b></p>
<b>SUN - DEC 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	<p><b>Adult Sunday School - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>Child and Youth Sunday School - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>Nursery - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>Worship Service - Sanctuary &amp; YouTube</b></p>
<b>MON - DEC 26</b>	7 - 8:30 pm	<p>Bell Choir Rehearsal - <b>CANCELED</b></p>
<b>TUE - DEC 27</b>	5:15 - 6:15 pm	<p>Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - <b>Room 6</b></p>
<b>WED - DEC 28</b>	7:30 pm - 9 pm	<p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>CANCELED</b></p>
<b>THU - DEC 29</b>	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	<p>Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim - <b>Zoom</b></p> <p>Zumba Class - <b>Fellowship Hall</b></p>
<b>SAT - DEC 31</b> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	10:30 am - 1:30 pm 1 - 4 pm	<p>Girl Scout Troop #32009 New Year's Eve Party - <b>FH</b></p> <p>Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - <b>On Site</b></p>
<b>SUN - JAN 1</b> <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	<p><b>Adult Sunday School - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>Child and Youth Sunday School - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>Nursery - CANCELED</b></p> <p><b>Worship Service w/Communion- Sanctuary &amp; YouTube</b></p>



### Christmas Meals & Gifts

We will be providing gifts and a meal to 5 local families this Christmas! **If you pledged an item, they are due today.** A table will be set-up for you to place your wrapped gifts/unwrapped food at the bottom of the sanctuary steps where you can place a sticky note on your gift indicating what it is/who it's for. If you are providing perishable food, please place it in the refrigerator in the kitchen. Any questions, please reach out to Dianna McGrew at MDMcGrews@aol.com or contact the church office at 301-349-2010 or office@pmumc.org



**Christmas Eve Service**  
Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



### Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**Service of Lessons and Carols**

### Memorial's Small Groups - some online only, some in-person, some hybrid.

To connect with a group, please email...

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



### PRAYER REQUESTS



Send prayer requests to  
[Prayers@PMUMC.org](mailto:Prayers@PMUMC.org).



**THANK YOU** to all those that helped make our Live Nativity happen last night!



### Nursery is Open!

6mo-4yr olds  
Sundays during Worship

**Do you have medical equipment to donate?** We have neighbors in need of Walkers, Canes, Crutches, Knee Scooters and more! Memorial's new **Medical Equipment Loan Program's** goal is to be loaning equipment to those in the local area by early 2023!



### Does Singing Bring you Joy?

Reach out to Janet Hartz, Choir Director at gjas-ka@verizon.net or 301-349-5935



Come join in the fun as we continue to learn how much God loves us and how we can share His love to others.

**Sunday School, 9:30-10:15am**

Children can join anytime of the year!

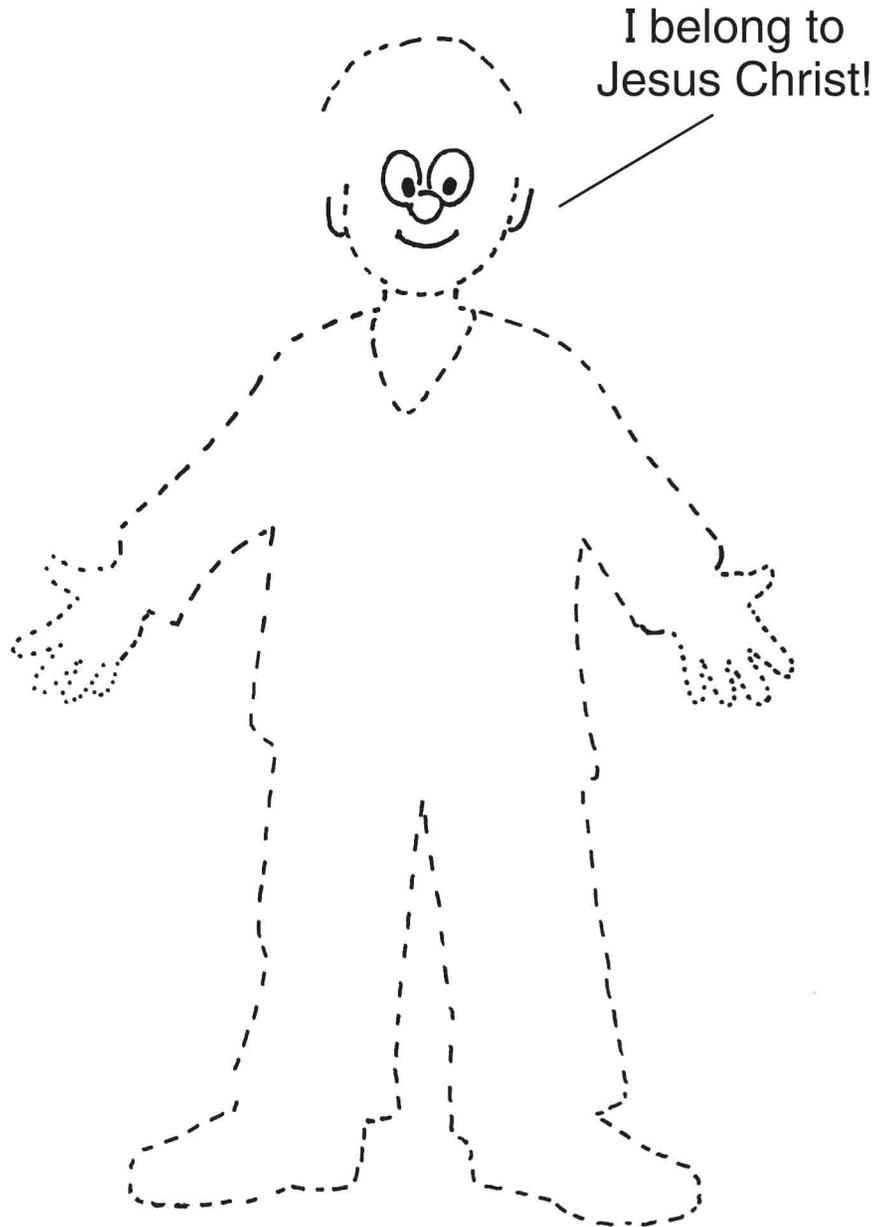
### Inurnment in our Memorial Garden's Columbarium

Information packets are in foyer and at [PMUMC.org/columbarium](http://PMUMC.org/columbarium). Reach out to Eleanor Bateman, Steve McCraith, or Jan Schmidt with questions.



We belong to Jesus Christ.

Finish the picture of yourself.



Jesus Christ Our Lord

Jesus was promised through the prophets in the Holy Scriptures.



Trace the names of some of the prophets.



Isaiah



Jeremiah



Micah

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Jesus is the Son of God.  
Jesus Christ is our Lord.

Match the words to the shapes.  
Then write the letters inside the matching shapes.

Jesus

Lord

Son of

God

Lord

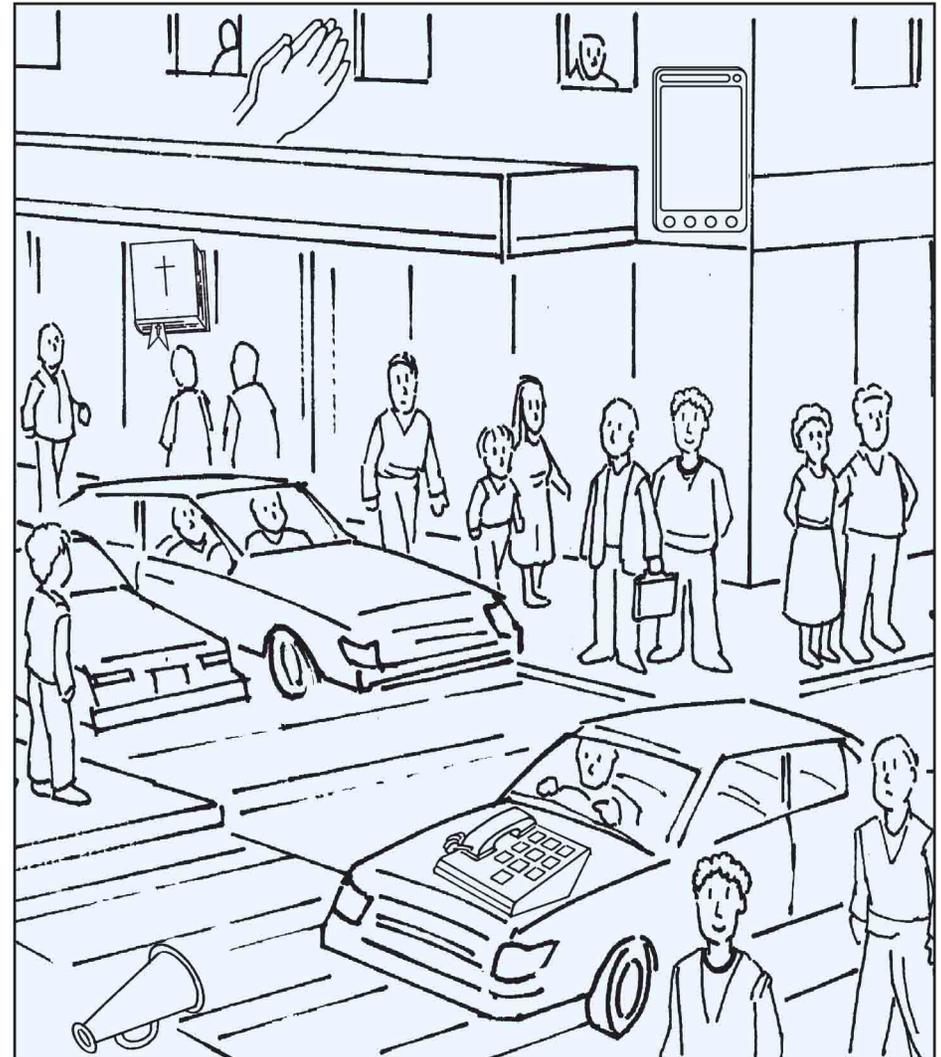
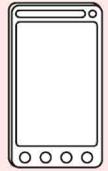
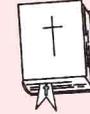
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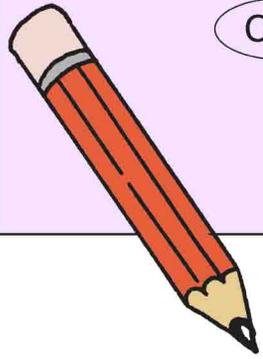
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We are called to be obedient  
and to have faith.

Find these hidden objects.



Joseph did all that the angel had said.



Circle the hidden words.

JESUS SON  
ANGEL MARY

J	E	S	U	S	A
B	A	N	G	E	L
C	S	O	N	D	E
M	A	R	Y	F	G



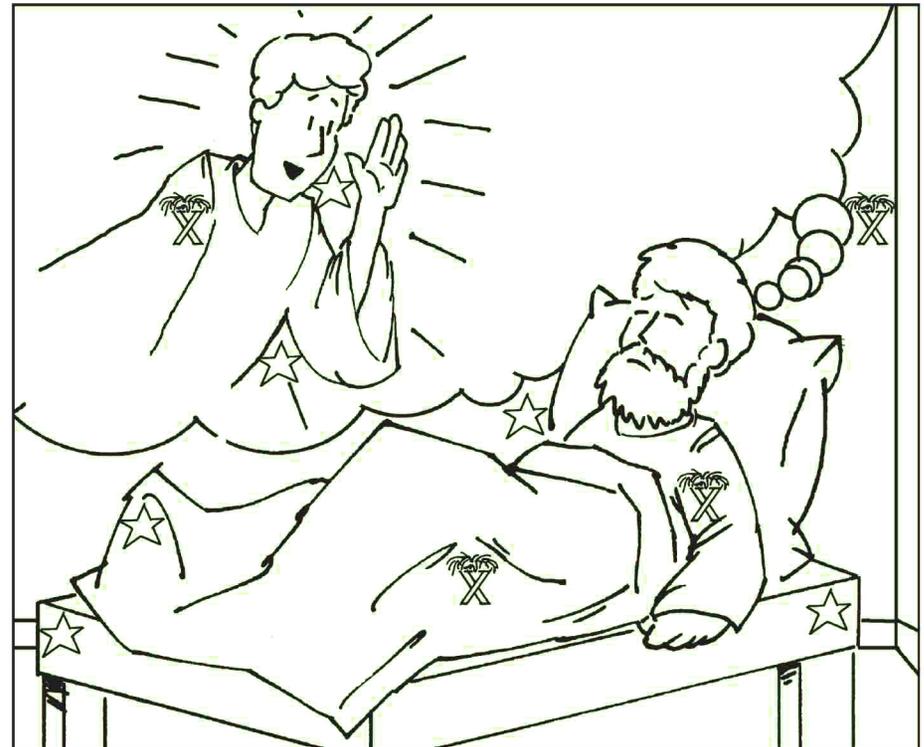
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## The Birth of Jesus

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream.

Count how many.  
✂ 4 or 5? ☆ 5 or 6?

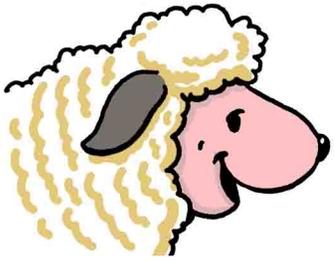


The angel said, "Take Mary as your wife. She will give birth to a son. Call her son's name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Find these letters in the picture. J E S U S



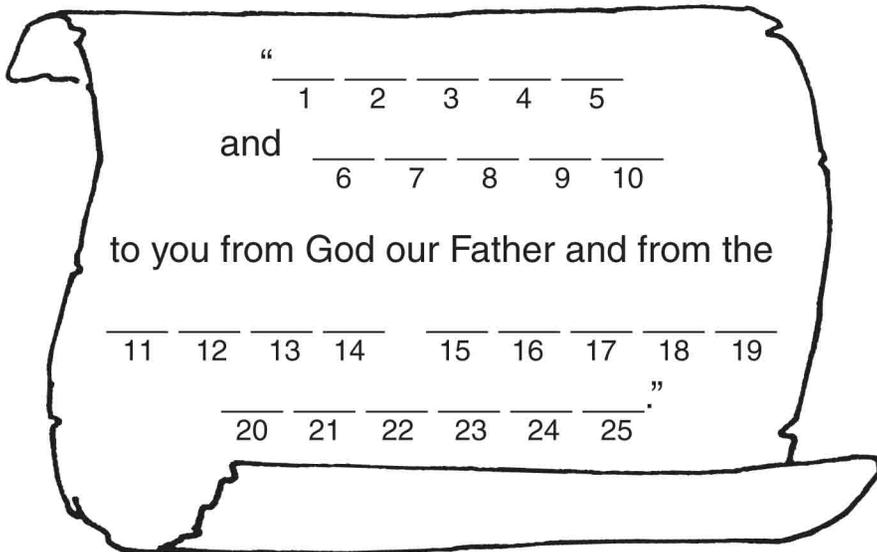


What did Paul write to all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be His holy people?

Fill in the missing letters from the pattern below.  
Then complete the blanks.

**NJQSMTRLFXDHOPDNCRGAEYNCURIN**

- |               |                |                |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. CRA = ___  | 10. AYN = ___  | 18. YNCR = ___ |
| 2. NCGA = ___ | 11. TRFX = ___ | 19. JQMT = ___ |
| 3. GEY = ___  | 12. DHPD = ___ | 20. DNRG = ___ |
| 4. DNRG = ___ | 13. TLF = ___  | 21. XDOP = ___ |
| 5. GAYN = ___ | 14. FXHO = ___ | 22. MTLF = ___ |
| 6. HODN = ___ | 15. NQS = ___  | 23. URN = ___  |
| 7. GAYN = ___ | 16. GAYN = ___ | 24. QMT = ___  |
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| 9. DNRG = ___ |                |                |



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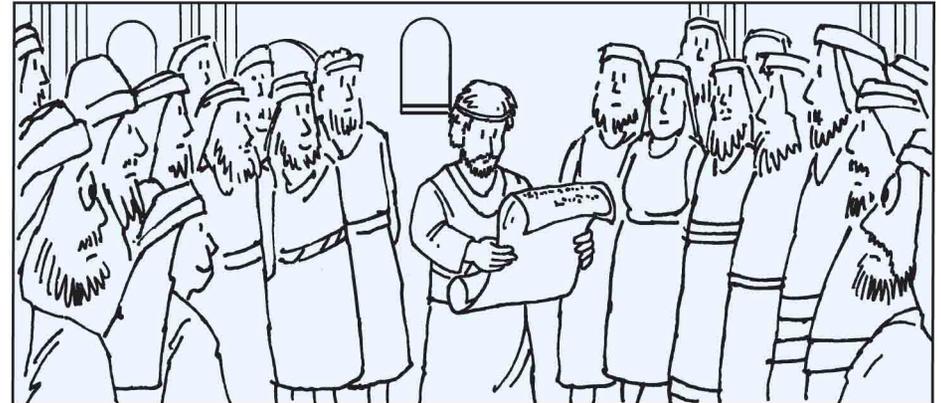
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**Jesus Christ Our Lord**

Paul wrote a letter to the Romans about Jesus.

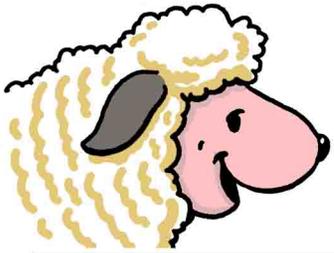
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Find words from this story.

Find the words hidden in the puzzle below.  
 Circle them → ← ↓ ↑ ↘ ↗ .

- GOD
- MARY
- DAVID
- JOSEPH
- PLEDGED
- SON
- NAME
- DREAM
- MOTHER
- PROPHET
- CALL
- SAVE
- JESUS
- PEOPLE
- APPEARED
- GIVE
- WOKE
- CHRIST
- MARRIED
- IMMANUEL
- HOLY
- ANGEL
- COMMANDED
- HOME
- BIRTH
- RIGHTEOUS

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

# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

December 18, 2022 • Matthew 1:18-25

## The Birth of Jesus

Mary was a young woman. God chose her for a special honor. What was it?

Write the word to fit each definition.  
 Transfer the letters to the boxes below by matching their numbers.



- they twinkle in the sky \_ \_ \_ \_  
19 10 13 26
- opposite of false \_ \_ \_ \_  
5 25 4
- glow, sparkle \_ \_ \_ \_  
24 16 21
- it lights the night sky \_ \_ \_ \_  
8 14 20
- Mary's husband \_ \_ \_ \_  
22 2 12 6
- pure, sacred, sinless \_ \_ L \_ Y \_  
11 9
- female spouse \_ \_ \_ \_  
17 15 23
- a barn for animals \_ \_ \_ \_  
18 1 3 7

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

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An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.  
What did the angel say?

Use this code to find the answer.



♡ = A	☆ = H	○ = O	□ = U
♥ = B	★ = I	● = P	■ = V
♡ = C	☆ = J	◐ = Q	▢ = W
♥ = D	★ = K	◑ = R	▣ = X
♡ = E	☆ = L	◒ = S	▤ = Y
♥ = F	☆ = M	◓ = T	▥ = Z
♡ = G	☆ = N		

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Another name for Jesus is Immanuel.  
which means “God with us.”

Find the letters in the picture below.  
IMMANUEL GOD WITH US

