

Embodying Jesus' All-Encompassing Hospitality

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*Please stand as you are able

December 8, 2024 11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come" BWV 659 J. S. Bach

INTROIT "A Child Will Come" Mark Patterson

(Cuyler Fitzpatrick)

GREETING (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, Sun of justice: Come, shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O Ruler of the nations, Monarch for whom the people long, You are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity: Come, save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O Immanuel, our Sovereign and Lawgiver, desire of the nations and Savior of all: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Come, Lord Jesus.

*HYMN NO. 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 6 & 7) VENI EMMANUEL (words and music on next page)

*THE PEACE (responsive)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

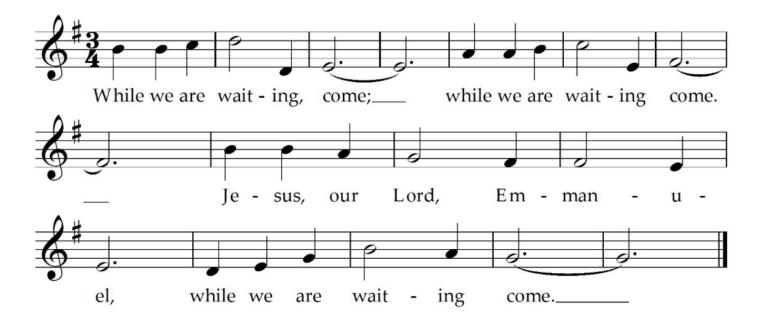
And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.



CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

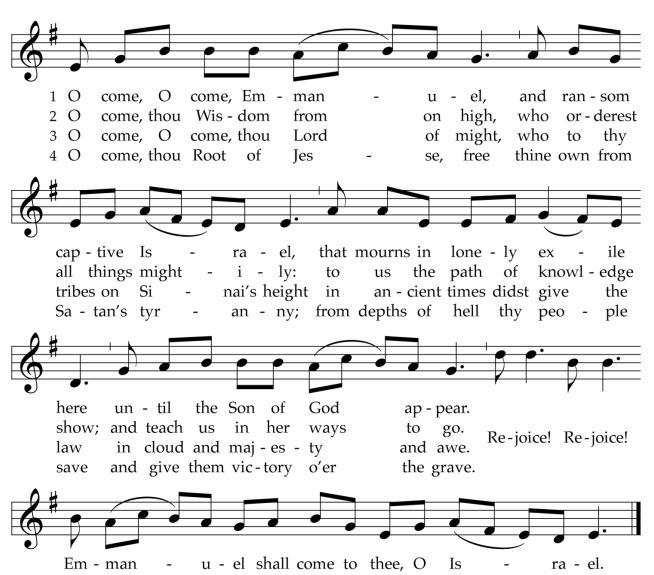
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 O.T. pg. 841

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:1-6 N.T. pg. 52

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "Getting Ready" Dr. Camp

Silent meditation on sermon

*HYMN NO. 96 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" WINCHESTER NEW (words and music on next page)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI



96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please use this time to reflect on how we might offer ourselves, and our resources, to God

Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256

OFFERTORY

"How Beautiful Upon the Mountains"

John Stainer

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of them that bringeth good tidings,

That publisheth peace

That saith unto Zion, "Thy God Reigneth"

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKGSGIVING (responsive)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise You, God, for You are gracious. You have loved us from the beginning of time and remember us when we are in trouble. We praise You, God, for You came to us in Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world. We praise You, God, for You send us Your Holy Spirit, to make us holy and to lead us into all truth.

Your mercy endures forever. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 69

"I the Lord of the Sea and Sky" (words and music on next page)

HERE I AM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amen"

Jester Hairston

*POSTLUDE "Chorale Prelude on "Savior of the Nations, Come" BWV 599 J. S. Bach

*Please stand as you are able

Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags in the pews at the conclusion of the service

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

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I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord



WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: Greeting, Call to Worship, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: The Peace, Gospel Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Offering, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Advent Wreath Candle Lighters: Judith and Rev. Dr. Douglas Ganyo

Children's Moment: Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children and Young Family Ministry

Lector: Adam Broos

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

December 8, 2024 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: "A Storm"

- Preschool: Room 204 with Lindsey Nix
- K 1st: Room 224 with Judy Robb
- 2nd 4th: Room 209 with Beth Upchurch

Youth Sunday School:

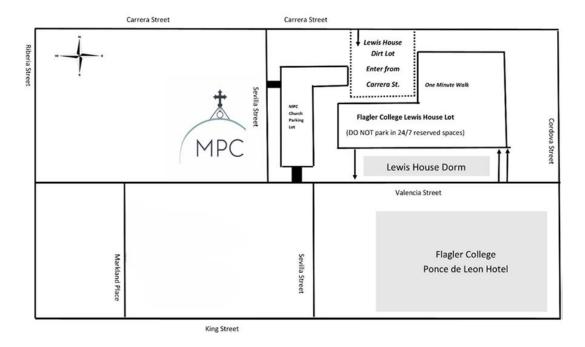
- 5th/6th: Room 207, "Jesus and the Storm" with Robin Pyles
- 7th 12th: Meet in loft then walk over to St. Francis House to decorate the front of their office, and put up a Christmas tree

Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: "What Are We Waiting For?" with Adam Broos, Room 218
- Spiritual Formation: "Behold! (Advent Study)", Lewis Fellowship Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "Hidden Christmas by Thomas Keller" with Parrish Jones, Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at <u>marccraddock@mac.com</u>. Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRWV5UT09</u>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



Dear MPC Friends,

The time has come for me to fully retire after 62 years in active ministry. It is with mixed emotions that I will be leaving my position as Parish Associate at MPC as of December 31, 2024. It has been an unexpected blessing these past seven years to have worked with such a wonderful staff and serve in this growing and vibrant church community. A special thank you to all of you for your love and support in so many ways.

Louise and I will continue to be a part of this worshipping community, but we are looking forward to having more time to spend with family and friends and enjoy our favorite leisure time activities.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Dr. Roger Dunnavan

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 12-8-24

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Susan Connor to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Robert Wimer.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, Dec 8 - 14: Judy Albright, Blanche Andrews, James Bies, Larry Bradley, Hunter Camp, Kay Garbe, Gene Garrett, Benjamin Giles, Zack Gonsalves, Bob Heffner, Shandra Koler, Will Lloyd, Louise Osborn, Curt Pease, Kelli Schwebel, Charon Whitesell

Christmas 4 Kids: Filled bags are due back today. Please bring bags to Lewis Fellowship Hall before or after church services. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Pop-Up Class: Today at 9:30 a.m., the Adult Christian Education Committee is hosting its final popup for the year with Beloved Christmas Memories at Memorial Presbyterian! We look forward to seeing you!

Reception for Rev. Dr. Roger Dunnavan: There will be a reception following the 11:00 service on December 22nd for Rev. Dr. Roger Dunnavan celebrating his retirement. Please come to Lewis Fellowship Hall to honor Pastor Roger!

Poinsettias: We have our poinsettias for sale again this year! You may order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one for \$15 each. Your name and the person the poinsettia is dedicated to will be listed in a separate flyer at the December 15th and December 22nd services. Please indicate who they are for and who they are from. They will remain in the sanctuary from December 15 through Christmas Eve services for all to enjoy. **Deadline for orders is this Tuesday, December 10th.** You may order and pay for the poinsettias here: https://bit.ly/PoinsettiasDec2024. Please be sure to press the blue "Register" button after completing your order. You can also order poinsettias using the form at the end of the announcements and placing it in the offertory plate with your payment. Thank you!

FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program: Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

This Wednesday, December 11, 2024:

- Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pizza (including GF) and Salad. Cost is \$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child.
- **Grab 'N Go Meals:** If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Fellowship Hall.
- Program at 6:00 p.m.: "Gingerbread House Decorating Fellowship", Judy Robb, Dorothy Dornblaser, Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children and Young Family Ministry, Lewis Fellowship Hall. Houses must be reserved in advance. Today is the last day to make a reservation. To reserve a house, signup sheets are available today in Lewis Fellowship Hall or you can email Dorothy Dornblaser (sunrisespv@gmail.com) to sign up.

Gentle Outdoor Yoga: Wanting more peace during the holidays? Gentle Outdoor Yoga on December 11 and 18 at 10:00 a.m. Bring water and mat. No class Dec 25 & Jan 1.

MPC Gingerbread House Fellowship Event: Wednesday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m. Following the regular FEAST dinner at 5:15 p.m., folks are invited to decorate gingerbread houses lovingly made by Ms. Judy Robb. Please bring candy to decorate your creation (homemade icing will be provided). Houses must be reserved in advance. Today is the last day to make a reservation. To reserve a house, signup sheets are available today in Lewis Fellowship Hall or you can email Dorothy Dornblaser (sunrisespv@gmail.com) to sign up. There is no fee but donations are appreciated to cover the costs.

You're Invited to a Painting Party! Volunteers are needed to get three Habitat St. Augustine houses in the Volusia Woods neighborhood ready for families to call home. All that's needed are volunteers to paint them. All painting skill levels are needed, and if you'll sign up to help on December 14, Anne and Tom Eyerly will provide lunch for 10 volunteers. To volunteer, please register with Habitat for Humanity: https://habitatstaugustine.volunteerhub.com/vv2/

Santa Suits On The Loose: Running For a Good Cause! Here's a great way to get into the spirit of the season – join MPC's team of Santa Suits On The Loose, which benefits St. Augustine Youth Services (SAYS). SAYS is an Outreach ministry of our church that provides at-risk kids with coaching, counseling and care in family style therapeutic group homes and outpatient community services. The event on Saturday, December 14 is held in St. Augustine Beach. To join MPC's team, go to runsignup.com, then click on "Community/Corporate Teams" and select Memorial Presbyterian Church.

College-Age Christmas Dinner: Monday, December 16 - 6:30 p.m. at the Mowrey's Home. Join together for a fun time and dinner! Feel free to bring a friend. RSVP to Mary Scine - mary.memorialpcusa@gmail.com.

FEAST Charcuterie and Christmas Carols: On December 18th this event starts at the normal time of FEAST, 5:15 pm followed by Christmas carols in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Joy Offering: The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years. On Sunday, December 22, you will have the opportunity to give to the Christmas Joy Offering. Please consider supporting this important work of our denomination. Four ways to give: Please drop a check (Christmas Joy in the memo line) in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256. Click Give Online, click fund, click other contribution and enter Christmas Joy in the Memo space provided. https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/

Meet One of Our Elders: Barbara McNees, Chair, Administration and Finance Committee. The Administration and Finance Committee prepares the annual budget with input from all committees. It supervises the church books, accounts and investments and informs the congregation of financial needs. Barbara served as President of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and retired in 2013 after serving for 15 years. Prior to joining the Chamber, she served as the first woman to serve as Regional Manager of the Governors' Action Team in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1989-1996. The Action Team provided a direct link to the Governor for business, industry and economic development. Barbara holds a B.A. in Independent Studies from Geneva College and certificates from Tobe Coburn School in New York, The U S Chamber of Commerce



Institutes for Organizational Management, and the National Development Council in Washington, DC. Barbara and husband Bill, joined Memorial in May of 2014. She has volunteered for Vacation Bible School for eight years, continues to serve as an usher, worked with the Outreach Committee in cleaning and refurbishing homes for the Homeless Coalition, volunteers at the annual Presbyterian Day School fundraiser as well as other projects when needed. Barbara can be reached at bamcnees@yahoo.com.

Café will be closed December 29th.

Just Coffee for Christmas: One thing you can be sure of, coffee drinkers always need coffee. What better gift than one that gives and gives like shade grown, organic Just Coffee which helps Mexican coffee growers do what they love, grow coffee for you and your loved ones. This year we have a gift idea for you, purchase a pound or two of the one of our coffee varieties. \$13.00 per pound, specially wrapped and ready to give! Stop by the Lewis Fellowship Hall to purchase.

Dine with Nine: A rotational dinner program... Let's share a meal, meet new people and grow in God's love. Dine with Nine is a simple gathering with nine (or so) people--some couples, some singles, some new to the church, some life-long members, some older and some younger. Each group determines when, how, and where monthly dinners take place. Four dinners will be held, one each month, starting in January and ending in April. Why not step out of your comfort zone for an opportunity to make lasting friendships? We will grow deeper in our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ and with God. You can sign up here https://bit.ly/MPCDineNineJanApril2025 or contact Judy A. Thomas, judyaathomas@gmail.com, (770) 906-7619 for more details. Groups are forming now. Registration ends on December 31, 2024. We hope you will join us! Please note, you will need to re-register every time new groups form, i.e. three times a year.

Christmas Ornaments: For sale in the Lewis Fellowship Hall. Price is \$25 per ornament.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone. Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email amycamp@memorialpcusa.org for private prayer or krissings@yahoo.com for MPC's public prayer chain.

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation: For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee <u>jreffel@valdosta.edu</u> or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: <u>tom@eyerly.org</u>. Visit this website for more information: https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:

Bayview: Bill and Verna Bacon; Moultrie Creek: Barbara Michael; Riverside Cottages: Carolyn Smith; Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN: Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:

Vickie Gard, Betsy Haynes, Bob Mullen

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:

Private 1st Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit





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CHURCH CALENDAR		
Sun. 12-8-24	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 3:15 pm 5:30 pm	Christmas 4 Kids Drop Off – Lewis Fellowship Hall Worship Service Sunday School (Dr. Proctor's Class starts at 9:40) Pop-Up Class: "Beloved MPC Christmas Memories"- Sanctuary Youth Decorate St. Augustine Francis House – Meet in Loft Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website) MS Youth Group – Youth Loft Sanctuary Open for Tours HS Homeless Coalition Christmas Party – Drop Off at Church Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 12-9-24	11:00 – 3:30 11:00 am 3:30 – 8:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sanctuary Open for Tours Mary Circle PW Meeting – LFH Parlor Sacred Music Academy – Rooms 204, 205, 207, 215, 218, Nursery, Choir Room Outreach Committee Meeting – Zoom & LFH Parlor Trustees Meeting – Zoom Homeless Coalition Dining with Dignity – 62 Chapin Street Admin/Finance – Zoom Youth Committee – Youth Loft
Tues. 12-10-24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Al-Anon Meeting – Room 205 St. Augustine Community Chorus Rehearsal – LFH
Wed. 12-11-24	10:00 am 3:45 pm 4:00 pm 5:15 – 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gentle Easy Outdoor Yoga – Courtyard Handbell Choir – Room 211 Children's Choir Run Through – LFH Feast Dinner and Program - LFH Gingerbread House Decorating (pre-registration required) – LFH Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thurs. 12-12-24	12:00 pm 2:00 pm 6:30 pm	Deborah Circle – Flagler Kenan History Room Stephen Minister Meeting – LFH Parlor Laurel Circle – Meets in Homes (email Kris Kelly for address, krissings@yahoo.com)
Fri. 12-13-24	11:00 – 3:30 3:15 pm	Sanctuary Open for Tours Home Again St. Augustine Johns Dining with Dignity – 285 S Holmes Blvd
Sat. 12-14-24	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

You can order poinsettias on-line here: https://bit.ly/PoinsettiasDec2024 or use this form. The poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary (12/15 through Christmas Eve services) in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

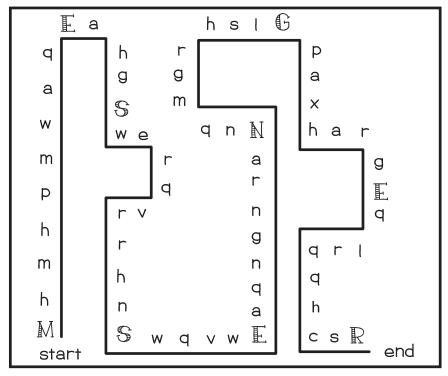
- Deadline: please return payment and order form no later than Tuesday, December 10th
- Make checks payable to Memorial Presbyterian Church and indicate in the memoline "Poinsettias".
- Please place payment and order form in a pew envelope

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Your Name:			
Phone:	Email:		
Number of Poinsettias:_	x \$15 each = Total Enclosed:		
Is the poinsettia in MEMORY of someone? Please list who they are for (answer separately for each poinsettia ordered). PLEASE PRINT.			
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Who is/are the poinsettia(s) from?	This is how the names will be listed. PLEASE PRINT.		

FOLLOW the PATH

In the book of Malachi, who does God say will prepare the way before God? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what is spelled out!



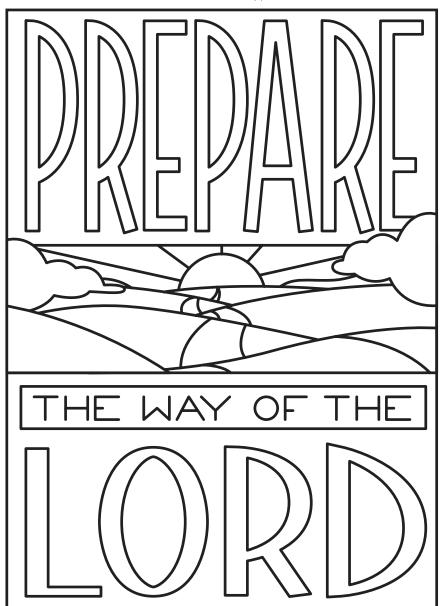


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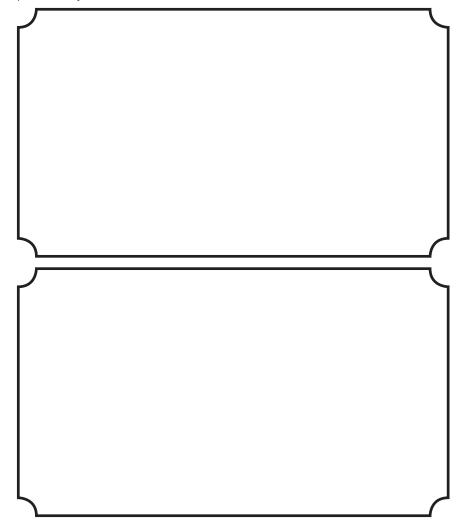
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Malachi 3: I-4, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3: I-6.





Luke 3 tells us about John the Baptist. He lived out in the desert and talked about how Jesus would come and bring peace, justice, and love to the world. In the first box, draw a picture of what you imagine John the Baptist looked like. In the second box, draw a picture of a situation in the world needing Jesus' peace, justice, and love.



(WORD) SEARCH

Try to find the words from Philippians I in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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THANK GOD REMEMBER PRAYER JOY SHARE LOVE OVERFLOW KNOWLEDGE GOSPEL

GOSPEL CONFIDENT WORK COMPLETION JESUS HEART

GRACE WITNESS COMPASSION