

**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022**



Today Isaiah prophesies that a young woman will bear a son and name him Emmanuel. The gospel is Matthew's account of the annunciation and birth of the one named Emmanuel, God-with-us. During these final days of Advent we pray, "O come, O come, Emmanuel," a beloved hymn based on the O Antiphons, ancient prayers appointed for the seven days preceding Christmas. On this final Sunday of Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of the one born to save us from the power of sin and death.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org,
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Piano Prelude *Duet Fantasy on Joy to the World*

G. F. Handel arr. by Robert D. Vandall
Vivian Specca and Patricia Nyce, pianists

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Welcome

Dedication of Bells

Dear friends: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart these handbells for the glory and praise of God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory. You alone do great wonders, and by your wisdom you made the heavens and the earth. You have breathed your breath of mercy into your children, to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints. Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song. Send your blessing upon us and upon these handbells, which we dedicate to your praise and glory. Enrich the lives of your people through it, and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it. By your Holy Spirit, let these bells, enliven the proclamation of your word to the building up of your church, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us pray.

Lord God, before whose throne trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: accept these handbells, for the worship of your church, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Prelude *In Dulci Jubilo*

arr. Jason Krug
Handbell Choir

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
(verse 4) ELW #257

Gathering Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High*
ELW #289

With Handbell Accompaniment

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Children’s Message Pastor Scott

Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

The Reading Romans 1:1-7

A reading from the book of Romans

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here ends the reading.

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling

to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of Our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Song of the Day *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW #279
Diana and John Hazel, Josh Young and Emily Gates

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession
Hear us, O God.,
Your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory

Anthem *The People Who Walked in Darkness*
arr. Jayne Southwock Cool
Chancel Choir and Handbell Trio

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Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Hymn *The King Shall Come* ELW #260

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

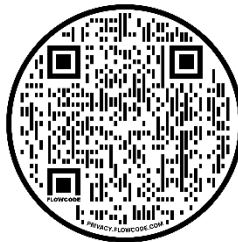
Postlude

The Lord Reigneth

Lani Smith

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Announcements



Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact the Church Office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church.

Susan Gutshall, Office Manager, will be on personal leave from Oct 3rd until further notice. Please send messages as usual to her email and voice mail. Volunteers and staff are monitoring correspondence at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org, and 610 326-1335.

Office hours will be modified to a Monday through Friday mornings from 9 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 PM, and Thursday Afternoon from 1 to 4 PM.

Announcements for the bulletin are due Mondays by noon.

Appointments for facility access and meeting with staff are strongly recommended.

Peace and keep Susan in your prayers.

Today

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Sharon and Jeff Wise.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Ron Fegley; Lector: Leslie Gates; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Ron Fegley; Video: Mike Artim

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Faye Weidner; Lectors: Faye Weidner, Barb Noecker, and Lee Wesner; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

Altar Guild Serving this Month Barbara Eisenhart, Debbie Solazzo, Marsha Staub

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

Christmas Pageant – Sunday, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 1
Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:00 PM sanctuary, room 1
AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1
Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1
Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1
Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, portico
12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Children’s Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15
Cub Pack Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33
Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33
Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Christmas Eve Services – Saturday, 4:00PM and 7:00 PM
sanctuary and online
Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary and online

Upcoming Events

Constant Contact is a weekly email offering events and worship news. Did you get an email from Constant Contact this week? If not, don’t miss out! Sign up by calling the church at (610) 326 1335 or emailing cc-admin@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Politics and Religion Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. Now that I got your attention. Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions. Classes during the holidays will be postponed and will begin January 8th at 10:15 AM on continue each Sunday. The Readings and discussions will be posted on our website, and printed copies will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM.

Choir Rehearsals: **Chancel Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the choir room (room 15). **Children’s Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. Interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Children’s Choir? Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce for more information. **Handbell**

Choir rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the Handbell Choir program, contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursdays at Ten, our midweek adult faith formation gathering, meets each Thursday from 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. This informal discussion/study group will explore “**Fierce Women of the Bible.**” There were some sassy women back then! Both women and men are invited to journey back to biblical times to learn more about these “lasses” and how some things haven’t changed. Look for more course details in the newsletter. And feel free to bring a friend! Newcomers always welcome! **Please note:** there will be no class on December 29. Class will meet on December 22, and resume on January 5th.

Handbell Dedication

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

~ Psalm 100: 1-2 (NIV)

Today with great joy we dedicate new handbells! They were acquired with contributions to the Memorial Fund given in memory of Charles and Catharine Renninger. The five bells purchased are small bells in the upper fifth octave. They serve to add high sounds to counterbalance the sound of the very low bells already in use by the choir. We thank Jayne McHugh and Deb Haas for designating their parents’ memorial gifts to be used to purchase these handbells. It is a fitting memorial as their mother, Catharine, was a member of the Handbell Choir when the New Hanover Lutheran congregation first purchased handbells in the late 1970s-early 1980s. These and all handbells and handchimes will be used to ring praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Also being dedicated today are two handbell cases. The new cases will be used to store the very large bells in the lower fifth octave. They have rollers which will make transporting these heavy bells easier and safer. A portion of the Memorial Fund contributions given in memory of Nancy Moser were designated for the cases. In addition, a charitable donation earmarked for Handbell Choir

use was given to New Hanover Lutheran Church by Merck in response to Ben Fowler volunteering 80 hours of service to the church.

Growth in the Handbell Choir necessitated the need for the additional bells and cases. It is with appreciation to the families of Charles and Catharine Renninger and Nancy Moser, and to Merck and Ben Fowler that these monies could be used to support the music ministry at New Hanover Lutheran Church.

Barbara Eisenhart
Handbell Choir Director

You Can Help

Opportunity to participate in Christmas Eve Nativity Worship and Bring the Story to Life! There will be a live nativity at the 7pm Christmas Eve service. There is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center. If you would like to participate in the live nativity please sign up in the welcome center. It is a fun way to experience the Christmas Eve story and help people enjoy the story in a fun fresh way.

Christmas Flea Market 2023 Harvesting Hope Fair preparation begins now!! During December and January your Christmas treasures you no longer need can be placed in the red and green tubs located in the Fellowship Hall and the Sunday School wing. Your treasures will be sure to make others happy and turn into donations for our garden and food ministry! Your Mission Service Committee folks are thankful for you and your willingness to share. Any questions call Vicki 484-363-0639

NHELK will be collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of December, January, and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and the fellowship hall for the donations. During the winter months there is an increased need for soup and crackers. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

Please consider **donating 2023 calendars** to be distributed to the inmates at the Phoenix (formerly Graterford) Prison. Please drop off your calendars in the box provided in the Welcome Center. These calendars are a much-appreciated gift enjoyed by the inmates.

Sponsors needed for 2023. You may now sign up to sponsor flowers, bulletins, communion, and the *Word in Season* online using <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship> The link is also on the NHELC website on the Get Involved menu. If you prefer, you may also sign up by contacting the church at (610) 326-1335. The suggested donation for the flowers and the *Word in Season* will be increasing to \$40. The bulletins and communion will remain the same at \$20. Thank you for your support!

Looking for volunteers to help during the church service : Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Please contact Faye Weidner if you are interested in serving at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHELC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

Food Ministry

More than 100,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Spiritual Renewal

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. Sponsors are needed.

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so contact Pastor Scott and he will see that one is made available. And...**please prayerfully consider**: the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Scott if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at psstaib@gmail.com or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Pastor Scott to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

A **Seniors Suggestion Box** is now available on the desk in the Welcome Center. NHELC Seniors (folks in their 60's on up) are invited to use the slips provided and write down any ideas, concerns, needs they may have for our Senior's Ministry. Can be anything ranging from speakers/topics, fun events, faith formation needs, etc. We want to hear from you!

Thank you

Dear Pastor Scott, my name is Joe & on behalf of my 12 roommates we thank you & your staff for the food donations! Your chef, your wife, yourself & volunteers put a lot of thought & care in making our lives easier! It's nice to have a home cooked meal & not worry where our next meal is coming from. Thank you we all appreciate it. God bless you & your family.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Trevor Martin, Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Jean Renninger, Kathy Campos, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Jeffrey Kunsch, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Robert Ganovsky, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns, Mary Van Dyke, Pr. Jennifer Phelps, Jessica Trout, Denny Smith, Verdi Smith, Mabel Gaugler, Andy VanDyke, Pat Freed, Sandy Wenser

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of George Freyer (Lynn & Ron Fegley); family and friends of David Fegley, brother/brother-in-law of Ron and Lynn Fegley; family and friends of Richard Norris.

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard,
Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss,
Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Financial Record

OFFERING	Oct 2022 Contributions	Jan-Oct 2022 Total Contributions	Approved Budget through Oct 2022	% of Budget through Oct 2022
Envelope Offering	\$15,335	\$143,042	\$143,333	100%
Simply Giving Offering	\$9,482	\$100,270	\$111,250	90%
Loose Offering Offering	\$660	\$3,588	\$4,167	86%
<i>Total Offerings</i>	<i>\$25,477</i>	<i>\$246,900</i>	<i>\$258,750</i>	<i>95%</i>
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS				
Fuel Oil Contributions	\$425	\$4,462	\$7,500	59%
Bulletin Contributions	\$60	\$305	\$1,000	31%
Flower Contributions	\$285	\$2,293	\$2,500	92%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope Contributions	\$7,316	\$51,294	\$45,833	112%
Peer Support Ministry Contributions	\$1,224	\$11,421	\$3,333	343%
GRANTS				
Peer Support Ministry Grants	\$0	\$0	\$6,250	0%
Food Ministry/Garden of Hope Grants	\$0	\$43,930	\$12,500	351%
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS				
	Oct 2022 Contributions	Total Contributions to Date	Total Project Cost	% of Total
HVAC Project Contributions	\$1,438	\$66,316	\$167,500	40%
AVEL(1) Project Contributions	\$2,263	\$28,283	\$80,000	35%

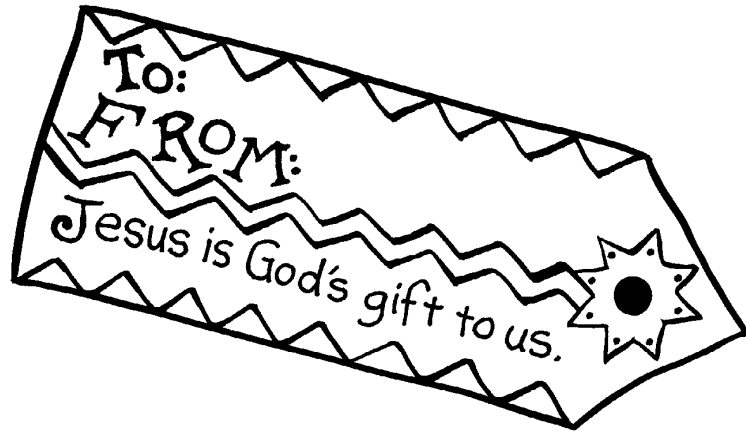
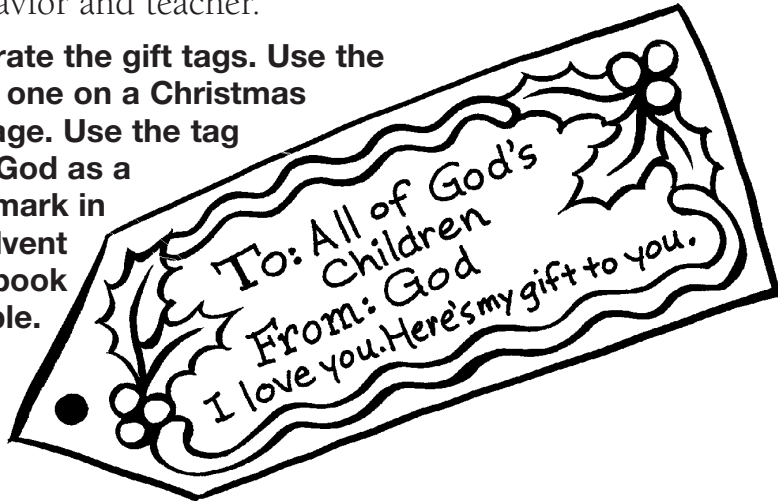
(1) AVEL = Audio-Visual, Electric & Lighting project

Send

What's in a name?

Names are important. Imagine the problems if no names were attached to the Christmas packages! Jesus' many names tell us he is always with us as our Savior and teacher.

Decorate the gift tags. Use the blank one on a Christmas package. Use the tag from God as a bookmark in an Advent storybook or Bible.



Kids Celebrate

Fourth Sunday of Advent

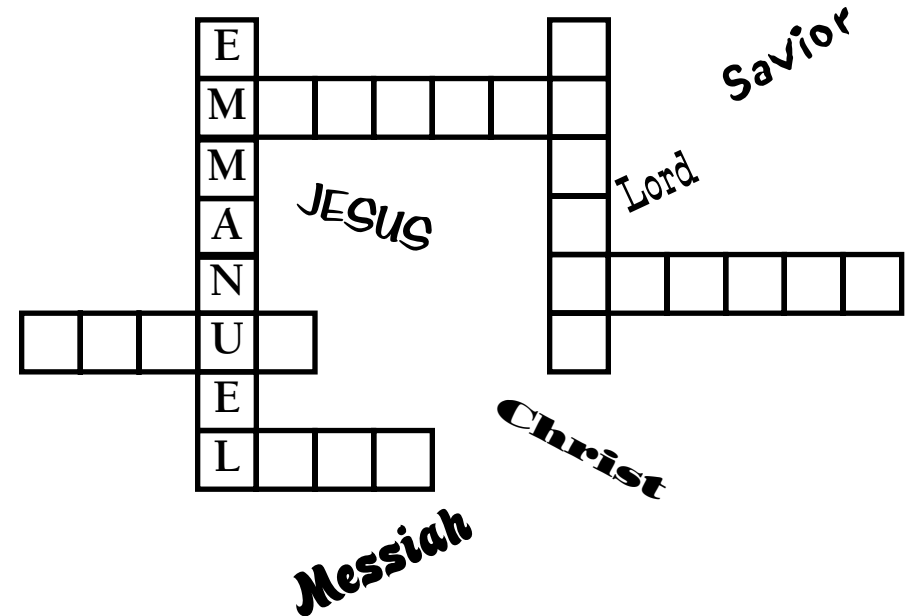


gather

Welcome to worship.

We use many names for Jesus. Each name has a special meaning. *Emmanuel* means "God with us." God is with us in Jesus.

Find a place for each of Jesus' names in the puzzle spaces.



This week

How was your name chosen when you were born?



Which names for Jesus do you hear in worship today? Circle each one listed on this page when you hear it in hymns, Bible readings, sermon, or prayers today.

Name him Jesus

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was chosen by God to be Jesus' earthly father. When he heard Mary would soon have a baby Joseph became worried. Then Joseph had a dream. An angel came to him and said, "Do not be afraid."

Look for the underlined letters in the story above. Every time you see an underlined letter in the story, cross out that letter in the puzzle below. The first one is done for you. Draw a circle around the letters that are left to read the rest of the angel's message to Joseph. Write the message here:

F L P L R T G ~~Ø~~ Y W T D U T
~~Ø~~ C F W B R I Y T D B S G S
W A Y D B H C M W G E F ~~Ø~~ Y
N ~~Ø~~ M Y C W B L G J T F R C
L P D E G R F ~~Ø~~ Y V C D W L



How many candles are lit today on the advent wreath? Draw the flames above. How many weeks are left until Christmas?



We thank you that we can call on your name in praise and love. Amen