

Those Who Serve

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Crossword Answer Key

ACROSS	DOWN
1- <u>NAZARETH</u>	1- <u>GABRIEL</u>
2- <u>CHILD</u>	2- <u>BETHLEHEM</u>
3- <u>GALILEE</u>	3- <u>MANGER</u>
4- <u>CHRIST</u>	4- <u>HOLY</u>
5- <u>JOSEPH</u>	5- <u>ROYAL</u>
6- <u>MARY</u>	6- <u>FRANKINCENSE</u>
7- <u>LAMB</u>	7- <u>VIRGIN</u>
8- <u>STAR</u>	8- <u>ANGELS</u>
9- <u>BABY</u>	9- <u>SHEEP</u>
10- <u>DAVID</u>	10- <u>MYRRH</u>
11- <u>GOLD</u>	11- <u>MAGI</u>
12- <u>WISEMEN</u>	12- <u>JERUSALEM</u>
13- <u>SHEPHERDS</u>	13- <u>MESSIAH</u>
14- <u>DONKEY</u>	
15- <u>STABLE</u>	
16- <u>TEMPLE</u>	
17- <u>CAMELS</u>	

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Faith United Methodist Church

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ MUSIC FOR GATHERING ♪

REFLECTING THE SACRED

The shiny additions to our Advent and Christmas visuals remind us that we are called to reflect the sacred each and everyday. "Incarnation" is a word that means that God's presence came to dwell among all people, and we believe this happened in a special way in the birth of Jesus. All creation has always been infused with the Creator's brilliance. This season, we will remember the call to shine with this holy light.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

"We pray for Joy this day.
We pray for Joy this day.

We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.
We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.

We open to see each person
We open to see each person

as a gift of holy presence.
as a gift of holy presence.

This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,
This is the gift of the Christ Mystery,

lighting the way to joy.
lighting the way to joy.

♪ Upon this moment, ♪
upon this people,
upon this place,
the holy comes.
And sacred knowing
brings sacred being
for sacred doing of God's plan.

PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Joy,
we give you thanks for this physical and online
space for gathering.**

**As we take in the joy you offer,
may we be a reflection of your light,
expanding the sacred space of "right here"
into the sacred place of "everywhere." Amen.**

OPENING HYMN OF JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

REFRACTING THE SACRED

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10 (NRSVUE)

SECOND READING

Luke 1:46b-55 (NRSVUE)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 11
Worship (Advent Week 3)..... 10:30am
New Hope Circle Meeting..... 6:30pm

Monday, December 12
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, December 13
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, December 14
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, December 15
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, December 18
Worship (Advent Week 4)..... 10:30am

Monday, December 19
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, December 20
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm
Leadership Meeting..... 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 21
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, December 22
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service 4:00pm

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day Service at First UMC

Monday, December 26
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Tuesday, December 27
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Wednesday, December 28
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Thursday, December 29
Office Open 10:00am-2:00pm

Sunday, January 1
Blessing of the Animals Worship..... 10:30am

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Baby Christian and Family	Kevin Bushong
Bernice Osborne	Laura Peck
Bev Wolford	Marilyn Inman
Betty Miller	Marlene Farley
Bradley Adams	Pastor Joy Wigal
David Inman	Sandra Boyd
Dennis Cebulsky	Steve DeGarmo
Diana Bohn Family	Steve Inman
Ellen Kelton	Suzanne Collins
Heidi	Terry Pickens
Jane Thorne	Thea & Mark Crawmer
Janice Moore	Tim & Sherry Dickerson
Jill Shrock	Veronica
Jim Tignor	Vicky Wolfe
JoAnne Peadon	Zola Duncan & Family
Juanita Mohler	Medical Faith Shut-in:
Karen Norman	Kathleen McCutcheon
Karen Wilson	

REFILLING THE SACRED

We are wells of the sacred. God's presence is poured into creation in a never-ending flow of love. We enter a time of prayer that invites us to be refilled in ways that can help us pour out our love throughout the week. All we must do in this moment is open our hearts to the Holy One.

PRAYERS

♪ Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ♪
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

♪ Emmanuel, Emmanuel, ♪
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God all heavens and the earth
reflecting the sacred story.**

**This, this is Christ the One
who mirrors hope for all of us.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the Word of time eternal.**

REFRAMING THE SACRED

We too often think that something “sacred” is far away and not available to us. This Advent season, we are “reframing” the way we recognize the sacred reflected all around and through us. As we prepare to move into the world, we begin to reframe our view of the world and our circumstances, illuminating new ways of being the Christ (Anointed One), tangibly present.

ANOINTED TO SACRED SPACE

CLOSING HYMN

“Joy to the World” UMH 246

BENEDICTION

*When you see lights twinkle,
when you catch a reflection in a mirror,
when you notice the sunlight dancing on a surface
or a nightlight glowing in the darkness,
let these be signs that the Christ Light is revealed
again and again in and through this world.*

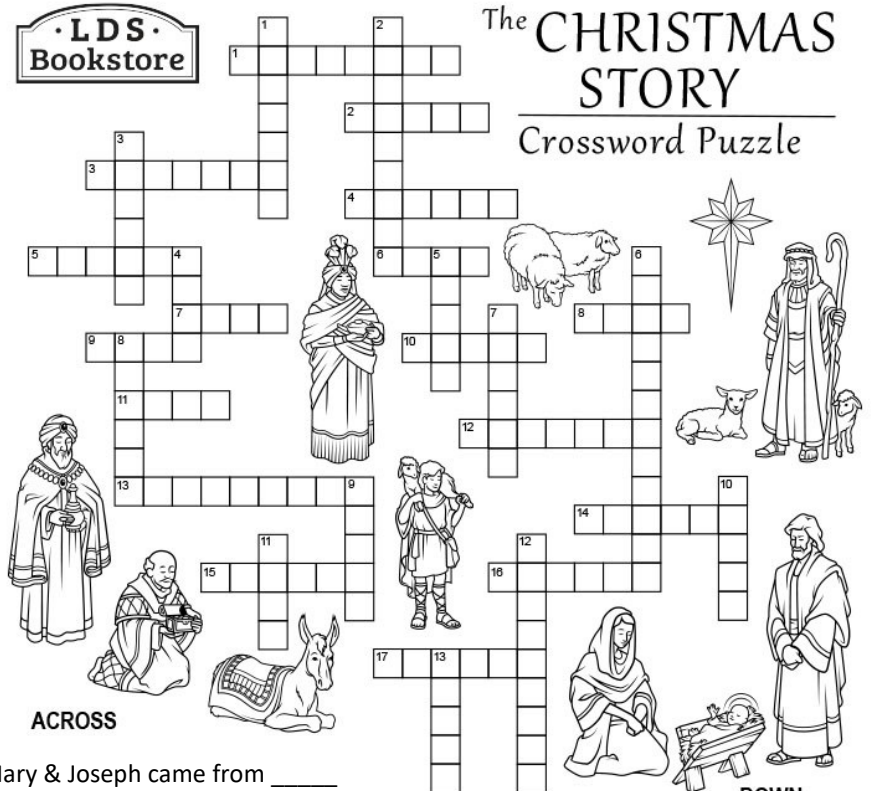
Know that your brilliant presence
is pouring more hope into a weary world.

God loved us by becoming us.

This means you are already
reflecting the sacred.

In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit of Hope.
Amen.

POSTLUDE



ACROSS

- 1-Mary & Joseph came from _____
- 2-Mary was the mother of the Christ _____
- 3-Mary & Joseph lived in the city of _____
- 4-Jesus _____ is the Son of God.
- 5-An angel also visited _____
- 6-_____ was the cousin of Elizabeth.
- 7-Jesus would be known as the _____ of God.
- 8-A new _____ was a sign of Christ's birth.
- 9-The King of Kings came to Earth as a _____.
- 10-Jesus was a descendant of King _____.
- 11-A precious gift given by the wiseman.
- 12-These men followed a star to find Jesus.
- 13-_____ saw angels outside the city.
- 14-Mary rode a _____ to Bethlehem.
- 15-The only place Joseph could find for Mary.
- 16-At the _____ Simeon met the Christ child.
- 17-The wisemen travelled on _____.

DOWN

- 1-The angel _____ revealed Christ's birth
- 2-Christ was born in _____.
- 3-Away in a _____, no crib from a bed...
- 4-The _____ One of Israel.
- 5-Bethlehem was _____ David's city.
- 6-_____ was one of the wiseman's gifts.
- 7-The Christ child would be born to a _____
- 8-_____ appeared to the shepherds.
- 9-A shepherds job is to care for his _____
- 10-Another gift from the wisemen.
- 11-Biblical _____ (wisemen)
- 12-_____ was the capital city.
- 13-The House of Israel awaited their _____