#### December 26, 2021 First Sunday after Christmas

**Watchword for the Week –** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven. Psalm 148:13

**Welcome** to our service of worship on this last Sunday of 2021. We gather to give worship, glory, honor, thanks and praise to the God of our salvation. In His love and grace He has seen us through the joys and sorrows of this closing year. As we humbly commit ourselves to Him in the coming year, we can be sure that He will guide us through all the triumphs and challenges that 2022 will bring. Great is His faithfulness!

**If you are visiting with us today** we are especially glad you're here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope you will return and worship with us often in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home – a place where you can share Christian fellowship, learn, serve and grow as a follower of Jesus – we would love to talk to you about joining the Friedberg church family.

#### Please silence all cell phones before worship.

Prelude	E <i>mmanuel, Emmanuel</i> The Senior Bell Choir	McGee	
Welcome and Announcements			
Liturgy for Christmas		(Blue) p. 59	
Children's Sermon (Childre	n may leave for Children's Church)		
Joys and Concerns			
Pastoral Prayer			
Giving of Our Tithes and Offering			

Prayer Offertory German Carol Medley Arr. Eithun Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture	Luke 2: 1-7	
Hymn	Once in Royal David's City (Verses 1,2,4 and 5)	(Blue) # 292
Sermon	"Don't Miss Christmas"	
Hymn	What Child Is This?	(Blue) # 305
Benediction		
Postlude	Go Tell It on the Mountain	Traditional Spiritual

**The Christmas Trees** were donated by Homer and Bonnie Sides and the wreaths on the doors were donated by Kathy Shore Nursery.

**The Poinsettias** in the sanctuary, narthex and Family Life Center are given by the Women's Fellowship.

**The candles in the windows** in the sanctuary are donated by Annie Rowe and her family in memory of Ralph Rowe.

As announced during Church Council, the Friedberg Moravian Church Board of Trustees has approved the plans for construction of a beautiful 112 niche Columbarium in the graveyard to provide a place for the inurnment of cremated remains of deceased church members and other eligible persons. In 2020, there were more cremations in the US than traditional burials and the cremation option will only grow. The Columbarium gives the Friedberg congregation a lower cost alternative to traditional burial and each niche can hold two urns for family inurnment if desired. Funding for the project is almost secure. We have received a generous \$15,000 donation to the Columbarium Fund and that couple has challenged the Friedberg congregation to match that amount. If you'd like to donate to the Columbarium Fund, you can do so online or just write Columbarium Fund on the memo line of your check. You can see the approved plans for the Columbarium on the church website at www.friedberg.church. We hope to have the Columbarium completed in the next few months. Thank you for your support.

**All parents** who have a child in children's church will be <u>required</u> to physically come down to the Children's Center on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

#### MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy William Champion Dylan Coleman Carly Collette Ben Greeson Andy Greenwood Jennifer Greenwood Hunter Jenkins Adam Johnson Clayton Johnson Alex Kennedy Patrick Mickey Daniel Randleman

#### MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

Safie Braima - Sierra Leone

Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage – Kenya Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry Joey Yokely – Fellowship of Christian Athletes

## **CHRISTMAS**

(Standing)



Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

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For he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

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By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the way of peace.

For unto us a Child is born,

Unto us a Son is given.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Thanks be to God for this gift beyond words!

My eyes have seen your salvation,

Which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.



#### (Kneeling or sitting)

Saving God, we confess to you our sinfulness. We are consumed with greed and with self, instead of loving you as we ought. Too often we are indifferent to those for whom this season is not a time of joy. You call us to the simple life, but we engage in extravagance, which directs our hearts away from you and from those in need.

#### Forgive us, and renew us, gracious Savior.

(Sitting)

With Mary we exalt you, God our Redeemer:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants forever.

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Glory be to you, Lord our God; you have chosen us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, before the founding of the world.

You have given us such love, Father, that we should be called the children of God!

You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

You have rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of your beloved Son.

You have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, your Incarnate Son.

For the sake of the great love with which you love us, make us alive in Christ, our Lord.

Holy Child of Mary, Savior of the world,

#### Reveal yourself to us.

By your holy incarnation,

- By your human birth,
- By your pure and blameless childhood,
- By your obedience and diligence,
- By your humility, meekness, and patience,
- By your extreme poverty,
- By your griefs and sorrows,
- By your prayers and tears,
- By your having been despised and rejected,
- By your cross and suffering,
- By your death and burial,

By your triumphant resurrection and ascension,

#### Help us and save us.

For the poor, the abused, and the sick, For prisoners and the homeless, For victims of natural disaster and war, For those who are in danger, misery, or distress, For those who minister to human need in your name, For all who share your good news, For your whole church on earth,

#### We pray for your blessing, strength, and encouragement.

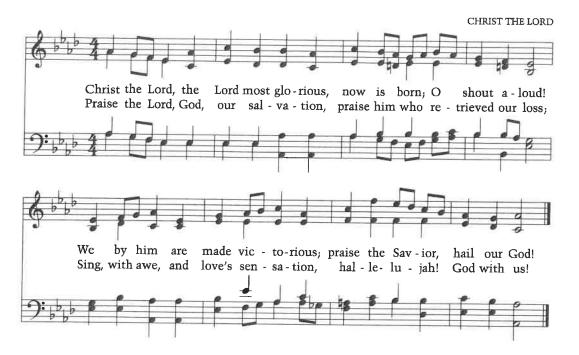
God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### May we all be transformed into the image of Christ from one degree of glory to another.

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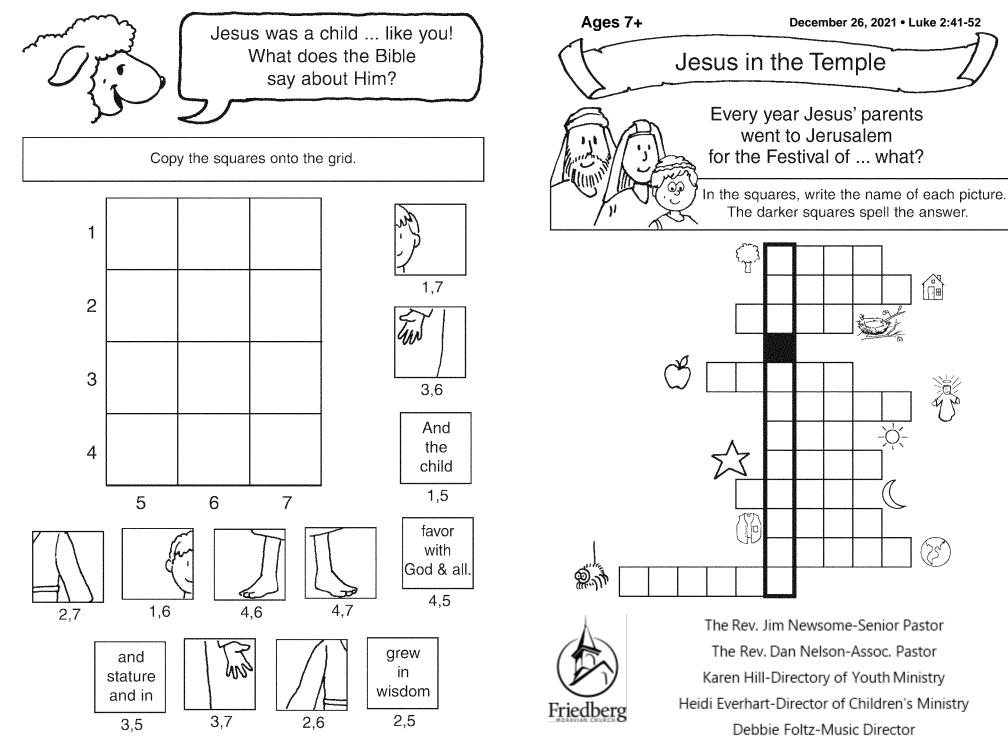
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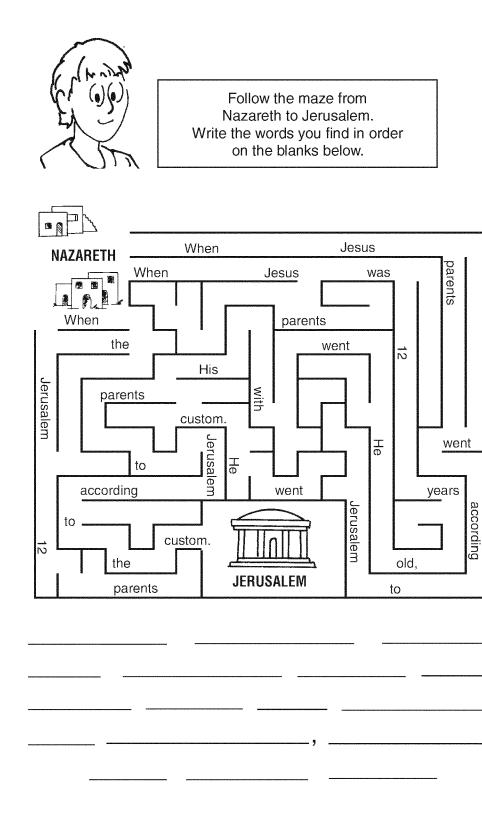
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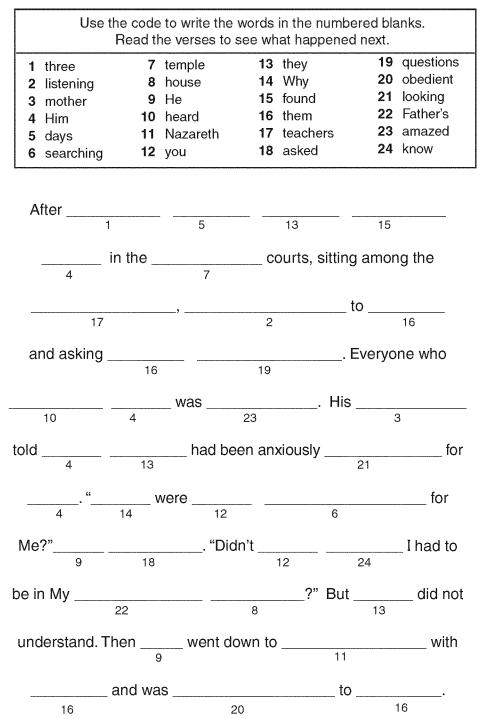
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Jimmie Snyder-Band Director



# While His parents were returning home, Jesus stayed behind. They went back to Jerusalem to look for Him.



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**Once in Royal David's City** 

1 Once in Da vid's roy al cit - y stood a 2 He from came down to earth heav - en who is 3 For he is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his ſ ſ low - ly cat tle shed laid where a moth - er her God and Lord of all, and shel - ter was his 8 day like us he grew; he was lit • tle, weak, and dear own re - deem - ing love, for that Child, and 50 - by in man - ger for his bed. Mar - y ba a sta - ble, and cra - dle was stall; with the his à help - less; smiles like us knew; he tears and he and gen - tle, our Lord in heav'n bove, and he is a Christ her lit - tle child. was that moth - er mild, Je - sus poor and meek and low - ly lived on ho - ly. earth our Sav - ior feels for all our sad-ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness. leads his chil-dren to the place where he has on gone. TEXT: Cecil Frances Alexander (1848), alt. 8.7.8.7.7.7.

TUNE: Henry J. Gauntlett [1805-1876]

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5 Not in that poor lowly stable with the oxen standing by we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high. There his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

## Angels from the Realms of Glory 293



5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One.

TEXT: St. 1-4 James Montgomery (1815); st. 5 Salisbury Hymn Book [1857] TUNE: Henry Thomas Smart [1867] 8.7.8.7.8.7. REGENT SQUARE (585 D)



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