

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Watchword for the Week – Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Matthew 3:2

Welcome to our service of worship on this second Sunday of Advent - a four-week season of the church year devoted to preparing for the coming of Christ. Today, we light the second candle in our Advent Wreath. This candle is sometimes referred to as the Bethlehem Candle, the Candle of Preparation, or the Candle of the Way. It reminds us that the One whose birth we celebrate this holy time of the year is so much more than the tiny baby of Bethlehem. He is the crucified and risen Savior of the world. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the One who will return in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords. As we worship Him today may He fill us with His Spirit and empower us to live each day in joyful anticipation of His coming.

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.

Prelude *Silent Night* Gruber

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Away in a Manager* (Burg) # 261

Children's Sermon

(Afterward, children may go to Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angles Sing* (Burg) # 277

Giving to God Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Offertory *Worship His Glory, Worship the King!* McDonald
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Scripture

Matthew 3:1-12
Isaiah 40:1-5

Sermon "Isaiah & John – Different Times, Same Message"

Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High* (Burg) # 278

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude *Once in Royal David's City* Gauntlett

The Advent Wreath is placed in the sanctuary in honor of Travis and Evva Hanes and Emily Essick.

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.

Next Sunday morning, December 11, we will meet for worship in the Family Life Center for the Children's Christmas program.

The 2023 Moravian Daily Texts are here. If you have preordered a large or regular print edition, they are available for pick up in the church office. There are extra books in both print editions available on a first come basis.

There are collection bins throughout the church for the Blessing Box. There is always a need for non-perishable food items and personal care items. We are blessed to be a blessing.

All parents who have a child in Children's Church will be required 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.

After a 2-year hiatus, The Senior Choir will be going to the Cherry Street Prison for a Christmas Lovefeast on December 8th. The choir is collecting personal need items for the men. The items needed are BARS OF SOAP, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE (ANY SIZE), SHAMPOO, and STICK DEODARANT FOR MEN. We will collect these items until December 7th.

Senior Friends Fellowship will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 8 for our annual Christmas Party. Bring your favorite dish and a few items to be used as Bingo gifts. The more gifts you bring the longer we can play Bingo. We will also discuss our agenda for 2023. Bring a friend to enjoy the fellowship. Hope to see you there. Call Carol if you have questions or need more information. 336-764-1353 bcknouse@yahoo.com.

The Covenant Sunday School Class will provide Christmas Treat Bags for all of the children of the church. These bags will be available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the Children's Christmas Program on Sunday December 11.

Our first Christmas Candle Lovefeast Service will be on Sunday, December 18 at **7:00 p.m.** (please note this new time). There will be a Band Prelude beginning at 6:30 p.m. On Christmas Eve, December 24 we will have one service at 4:30 p.m. There will be a 30-minute Band Prelude prior to this service also. These services are a wonderful opportunity for our church family to join with our own family members and friends and loved ones in the community as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The 2023 Flower Calendar for sanctuary flowers is posted on the bulletin board behind the church office at the stairs (near the Sunnyside collection box). Please sign up if you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary for our worship service.

Christmas Post Office - The boxes will be available again this year (in alphabetical order) in the hallway between the Parlor and Willing Workers Bible classroom. Your Christmas cards may be placed in these boxes for pickup by the church members.

The Christian Education Board is starting to work on the nursery schedule for 2023. We need volunteers to help. Typically the rotating schedule is once every 2 months, so 6 times a year. Please consider helping our current nursery workers. If you can't commit to 6 times, let us know and we will contact you once we have the master schedule to help fill in. Thank you in advance for helping. If you have any questions contact Jason Romblad or Sara Burchette.

We will be receiving new members into our church family on January 22, 2023. In preparation, there will be a New Membership Class on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14. The class will begin on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served. The Saturday class will begin at 8:30 a.m. Both classes will be in the Fellowship Hall. This class is for anyone interested in joining Friedberg, for those new members that have joined and have not attended a class or for any current members that would like to participate. Please contact Pastor Dan or the church office if you would like to participate.

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is a fund set up to assist church members, those in our community and community organizations in our area in need throughout the year, not just during the Christmas season. In 2022 we distributed over \$24,000 from this fund. During this season of giving, please consider giving a monetary gift to this fund so that we can continue with this important ministry. Please indicate Pastor's Discretionary Fund when you make a gift.

Sunday December 4

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
12:15 p.m. *Morning Star* practice in sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Shopping
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids
5:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Gift Wrapping

Monday, December 5

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:30 p.m. Friedberg Youth Basketball Gray @ 1st Alliance
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. C.E. Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (*Get Out of Your Head*) in Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Christmas Social

Wednesday, December 7

6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program Practice
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 8

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study-Discovery Classroom
11:30 a.m. Senior Friends-Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 9

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Saturday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa-Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program Practice
11:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude
9:20 a.m. Prayers Partners in Parlor
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program-Family Life Center
5:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

December 4, 2022

MEMBERS

Martha Berrier	Evva Hanes	Stamie Moore
Carolyn Bowen	Julia Hedgecock	Reba Payne
Valerie Burchette	Joanne Hill	Kolton Pennell
Amy Canter	J.T. Hopkins	Mary Lou Pitts
Phil Carter	Andy Jackson	Martha Plyler
Franklin Clark	Alvin Johnson	Joy Reich
Shane Culler	Robbie Joyce	Merle Scott
Emily Essick	Vicki Jo Kimel	Greg Shouse
LeAnne Essick	Peggy Lawson	Bill Sides
Jerry Evans	Yvonne Lemons	Betty Sink
Don Faust	Rebecca Mickey	Becky Sizemore
Hazel Fishel	Audrey Mize	Bob & Judy Smith
Janie Foltz		

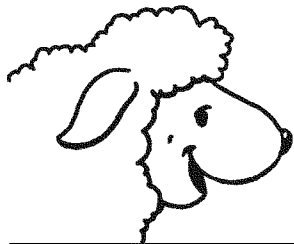
Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:
Florence Aquilano, Dean Bledsoe, John Everhart, Chrissy Overcash,
Larry Overton, Fred Staley, Mary Staley, and Rev. Arkon Stewart

MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

Dylan Bundy	Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott
Dylan Coleman	Dakota Holtzclaw	Ryan Spach
Carly Collette	Alex Kennedy	Brandon Thompson
Ben Greeson	Patrick Mickey	Aidan Wheeler
Andy Greenwood	Daniel Randleman	

**MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING
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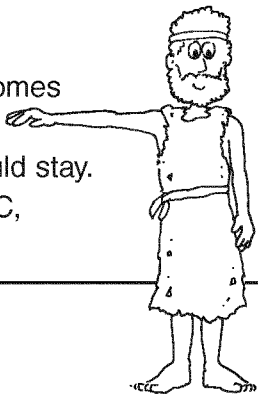
ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)
Safie Braima - Sierra Leone
Charlie & Vicki Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University
Michael and Brenda Brent – CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia
Anna Stewart Faircloth – Young Life
Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ
Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, 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



What else did John say?

Follow the directions to find out.

- 1) Change all the 5's to A's and all the 7's to R's.
- 2) For all the Q's, U's, J's, and P's, write the letter that comes before it in the alphabet.
- 3) Change all C's to H's, and all the Z's to W's.
- 4) Change all the G's to D's.
- 5) For all M's, K's, and X's, write the letter that comes after it in the alphabet.
- 6) Where you find a B, an F, and an E, they should stay.
- 7) Change the ☆ to M, the △ to U, the ○ to C, the □ to S, and the ✱ to Z.

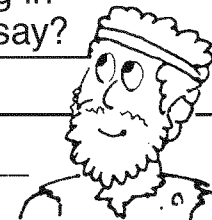


“ B △ U 5 F U E 7 ☆ E
 Z J K K ○ P ☆ E P M E Z C P
 J □ ☆ P 7 E Q P Z E 7 F △ K
 U C 5 M J C E Z J K K
 B 5 Q U J ✱ E X P △ Z J U C
 U C E C P K X □ Q J 7 J U
 5 M G Z J U C F J 7 E ”

John Prepares the Way for Jesus

John the Baptist came, preaching in the desert of Judea. What did he say?

Add and subtract letters to find out.



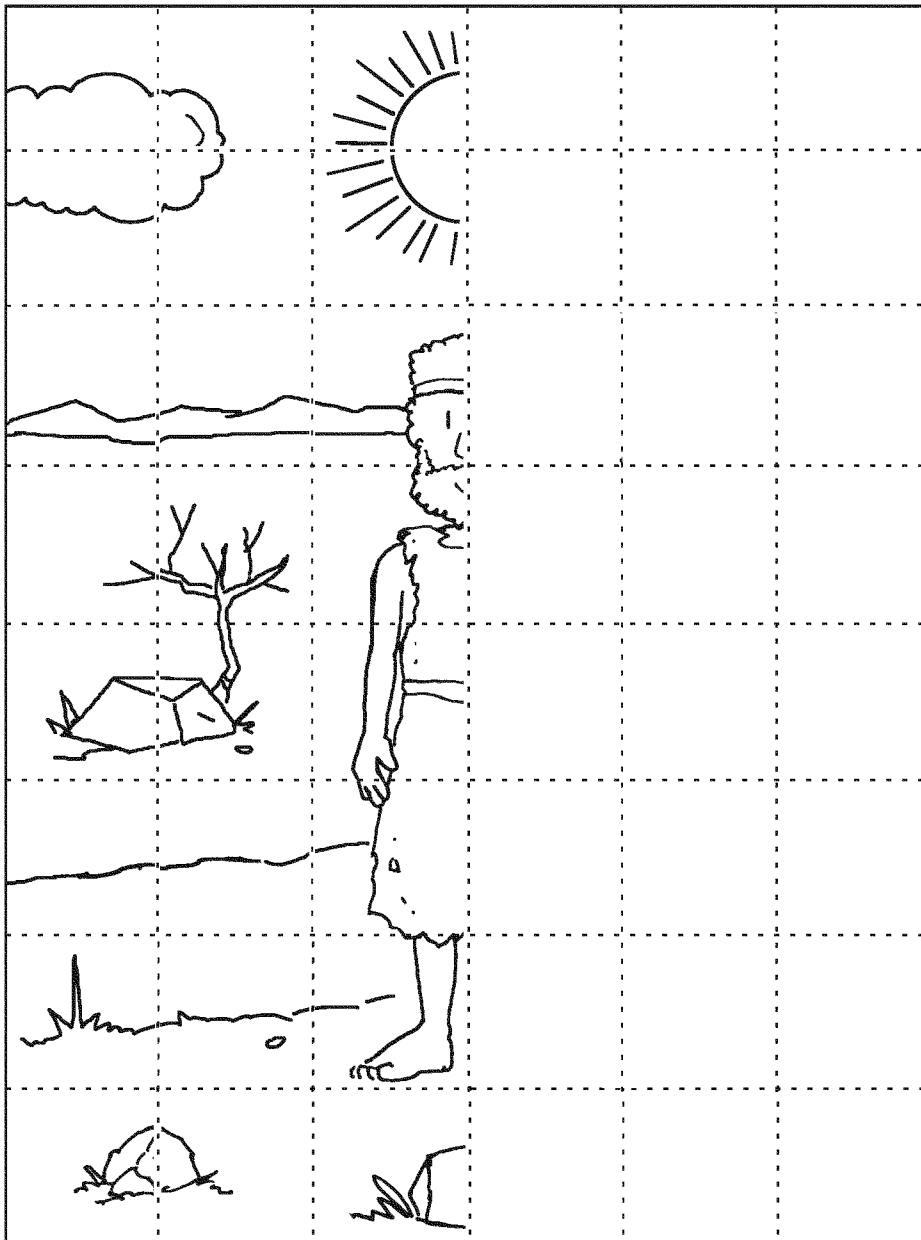
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 - mp + - ish = _____
 - ous + - pple + - an + - h
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 - fh = _____
 - ickl + - m = _____



The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
 The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
 Karen Hill-Directory of Youth Ministry
 Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
 Debbie Foltz-Music Director
 Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

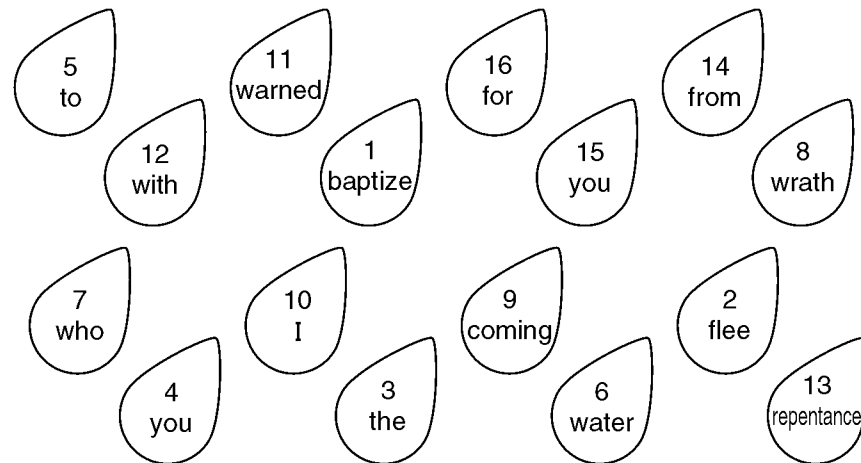
John's clothes were made of camel's hair,
and he had a leather belt around his waist.
His food was locusts and wild honey.

Complete the drawing of John the Baptist.



People came from all over to be baptized by John.
When John saw many Pharisees and
Sadducees coming, what did he ask them?

Do the math problems.
Then use the answers to put the correct words on the lines.



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$\frac{\quad}{4 + 3}$	$\frac{\quad}{18 - 7}$	$\frac{\quad}{7 + 8}$
$\frac{\quad}{13 - 8}$	$\frac{\quad}{7 - 5}$	$\frac{\quad}{5 + 9}$

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$\frac{\quad}{16 - 13}$	$\frac{\quad}{5 + 4}$	$\frac{\quad}{12 - 4}$
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What else did John say?

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$\frac{\quad}{5 + 5}$	$\frac{\quad}{3 - 2}$	$\frac{\quad}{19 - 15}$	$\frac{\quad}{6 + 6}$
$\frac{\quad}{21 - 15}$	$\frac{\quad}{11 + 5}$	$\frac{\quad}{9 + 4}$	”