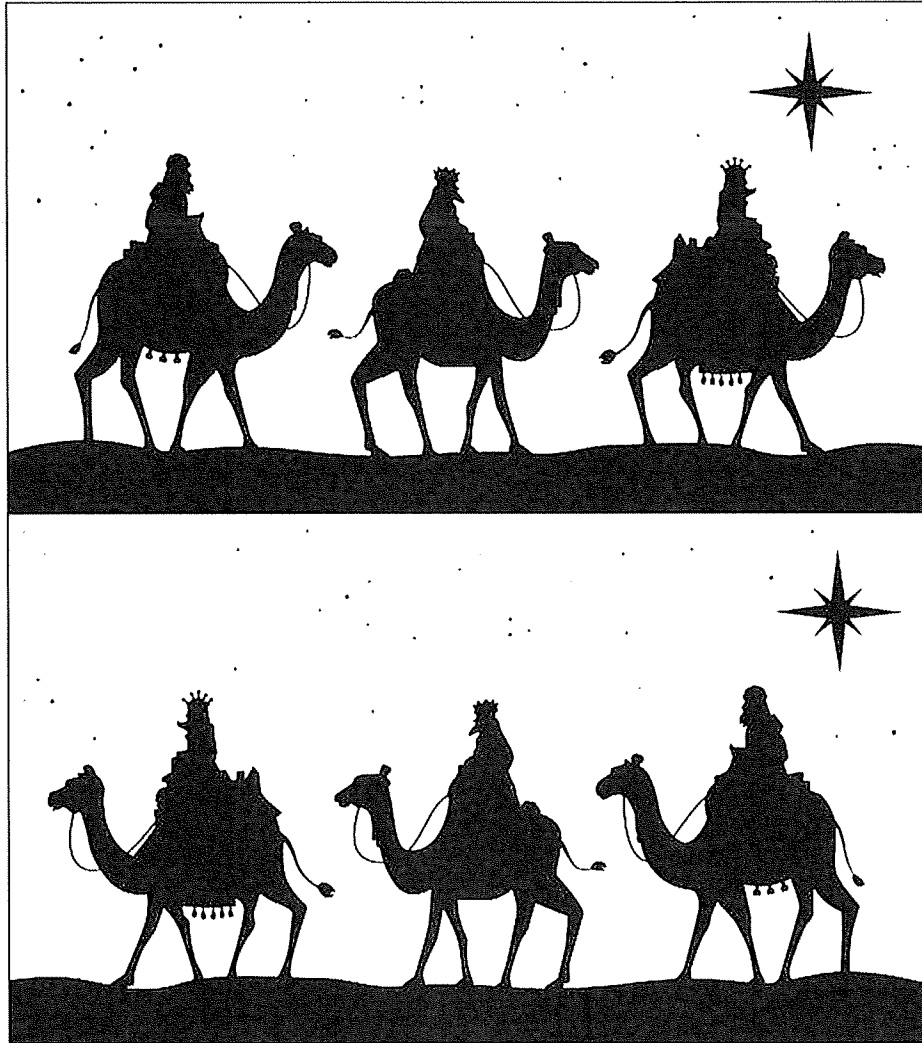


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COMMUNION SUNDAY

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The First Baptist Church at Worship  
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 January 5, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

- Three Settings for Piano ..... Ovid Young
  - Caroling, Caroling ..... Hutson-Burt
  - Good King Wenceslas ..... Traditional Carol
  - Once In Royal David's City ..... Henry Gauntlett
- March of the Magi ..... F. Flaxington Harker  
 (from "The Star of Bethlehem")

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir  
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

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.*

WELCOME & RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14)

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.  
**May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.**  
 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**  
 May he live while the sun endures and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**  
 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**  
 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.  
**For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.**  
 He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.  
**From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

\*OPENING HYMN

#126 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
REGENT SQUARE

This hymn focuses on each of the key players in the Christmas story, calling them from wherever they are to “Come and worship Christ, the newborn King.” The angels were called from all over the earth, and the wise men from afar, while the shepherds were almost next door. As the hymn is sung, think about where you are coming from as you come to worship.

## Listening for the Word of God

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Alan Carroll

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Matthew.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#151 *We Three Kings*  
KINGS OF ORIENT

The opening stanza is about the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem. The middle three stanzas explain a meaning for each of the three gifts. Gold signified royalty, and frankincense, deity. Myrrh foretold that the Christ child was born to die. The last stanza summarizes the song, calling Jesus the “King and God and Sacrifice,” and ending in a peal of alleluias.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children’s Message for a “One Room Sunday School” class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

*Hear Our Prayer*  
George Whelpton

**Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord;  
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

# Hear Our Prayer

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*Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness; answer me in your righteousness.  
Psalm 143:1*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hear Our Prayer'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the lyrics: 'Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; In -'. The second system contains the lyrics: 'cline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace, A - men.' The music is in a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. David Coggins

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come ..... Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from him  
 Who freed us from our sins  
 Who loved us all and shed his blood  
 That we might saved be  
 sing Holy, Holy to our Lord  
 The Lord, Almighty God  
 Who was, and is, and is to come  
 Sing Holy, Holy Lord  
 Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within  
 Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
 For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
 For Christ is coming soon  
 E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come  
 And night shall be no more  
 They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
 For Christ will be their All!*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*"The Wise Bow Down"*

## Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE  
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Coggins

SHARING OF THE BREAD (See pgs. 5-6)

Congregation & Chancel Choir

(Vs. 1 & 2) *Here In This Place* by Marty Haugen

SHARING OF THE CUP (See pgs. 5-6)

Congregation & Chancel Choir

(Vs. 3 & 4) *Here In This Place* by Marty Haugen

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING &  
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

**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.**

### The Response of God's People

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#148 *What Child Is This*  
GREENSLEEVES

*What Child Is This* is a Christmas carol with lyrics written by William Chatterton Dix 1865 and set to the tune of "Greensleeves," a traditional English folk song in 1871. Although written in Great Britain, the carol today is more popular in the United States than its country of origin.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

BENEDICTION (See pg. 7)

Chancel Choir & Congregation

Always Remember ..... Andrae Crouch

**Always remember Jesus, Jesus.  
always remember Jesus, Jesus.  
always keep Him on your mind.**

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

The March of the Wise Men ..... Harvey B. Gaul  
(from "The Babe of Bethlehem")



(\* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.  
Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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# Communion Hymn - Pg. 1 of 2

## 14 Here in This Place

D A/C# C G

1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
 2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,  
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,

Gm/Bb Dm/A C G

now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way;  
 we are the old who yearn for your face;  
 here we will take the bread of new birth,  
 not in some heav - en, light years a - way—

D A/C# C G

see in this space our fears and our dream - ings  
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 here you shall call your sons and your laugh - ters,  
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

Gm/Bb Dm/A Am7 D Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day,  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race,  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth,  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day,

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# Communion Hymn - Pg. 2 of 2

A C G A

Gath - er us in, the lost and for - saken,  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty,  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er,

C G A

gath - er us in, the blind and the lame;  
 gath - er us in, the proud and the strong;  
 give us to eat the bread that is you;  
 gath - er us in and make us your own;

D A/C# C G

call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 nour - ish us well, and teach us to fast - ion  
 gath - er us in, all peop - les to - geth - er,

Gm/Bb Dm/A Am7 D Am7 D

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song,  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true,  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

A Test the balance of this score in two other keys for measure.

Benediction  
(Choir & Congregation)

Always Remember

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*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel...  
2 Timothy 2:8*

Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, Je - sus.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Al - ways re - mem - ber Je - sus, Je - sus.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

Al - ways keep Him on your mind.

The third system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to our worship service!** If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

## Prayer for the Armed Forces

*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People

*(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)*

Clara Black	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Jessica Blair	Kalbfleisch Family	Thomson Family
Gail Bowman	Landis Family	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Gene Lee	Harold West
Jessica Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Caldwell Family	Merkle Family	
Pamela Cress	Mary Ann Paloncy	<b>Military Duty:</b>
Donovan-Schlaile Family	Susan Parent	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Ron Petry	Sunny Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Todd Petry	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Bill Harrell	Judy See	Kyle Kline
Debbie Harshman	Roger Stephens	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		



## Week of Jan. 5 – 12

Sun. 5	10:00a	.....	Worship Service with Communion
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Mon. 6		.....	Annual Reports Due
Wed. 8	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 9	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. 12	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
	12:15p	.....	BYF Gathering

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

### ***Church History: Medieval Christianity***

Led by Dr. Roy Vice

Sundays, Jan. 5, 12 & 19 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Chapel

We once again welcome Dr. Roy Vice, as he shares his knowledge of pivotal moments in Church History, this time focusing on Medieval Christianity. The High Middle Ages were the Golden Age of building the great Gothic Cathedrals. Gothic architecture has pointed arches, ribbed vaulting and flying buttresses. Some cathedrals have as much stone below ground as above. Notre Dame de Paris is just the most famous of these cathedrals. This was also the era of the growth of universities and Scholasticism, the effort by Thomas Aquinas and others to integrate the philosophy of Aristotle into Christian theology. This revival of learning was very influential. After 1300 the weather turned colder and wetter and there were famines. The Ottoman Turks began to conquer land in Turkey and Greece. During most of the 14th century the papacy was in Avignon, France and the popes built a magnificent palace. John Wyclif criticized the wealth and worldliness of the church. To add to the suffering, The Bubonic Plague swept through Europe killing around a third of the population. Finally, the Hundred Years' War between England and France broke out. Ultimately, the new Nation States began to emerge...

*Coming in February*

### ***The Psalms***

Led by Dr. Brad Kallenberg

Sundays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 @ 11:30am-12:15pm

1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Chapel



## **Annual Reports are Due January 6th**

Annual reports for 2024 are due by Monday, January 6, 2025 from pastoral staff, board chairs, and committee chairs. Please email reports to Linda Blair at [fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org](mailto:fbcd@fbcd Dayton.org). Thank you.

## **Take Down Christmas Decorations**

**Saturday, Jan. 11 starting at 9am**

Your help will be greatly appreciated! Refreshment will be available.

## **2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**

**Celebration Banquet**

**Monday, January 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

**The Dayton Arcade**

**35 W Fourth Street, Dayton 45402**

"A Charge to Keep I Have" is the theme for the event and the evening banquet will feature an electric address by Dr. Rodney Kennedy, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, a prolific writer, highly accomplished author, and activist who is committed to civil rights and social justice.

If you are interested / able to attend, please pick up and complete the form that is located on the table by the office door. Individual tickets are \$75. If you sign up & prefer to sit at a table with other FBC people, tell Ted Greenwood or Tim Holmen. You may also speak to either of them if you have questions.

## January Church Meetings

Board Meetings: Wednesday, Jan. 8 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 15 @ 6:30pm

## Redistribute Your Old Magazines

Pastor David is looking for magazines to place in the Lending Library at the ManCo Urban Meadow Community Park. This is an opportunity to eliminate some of your clutter before Christmas. Bring your previously read magazines to the church and leave them on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We will make good use of them in the park library.

## Baptist Youth Fellowship Gathering

Sunday, January 12 @ 12:15-2:30pm

Our next BYF Gathering for youth (grades 6-12) will be on January 12<sup>th</sup> here at First Baptist. We will have lunch together and take some time to share ideas and make some plans for the New Year; and we'll, of course, have time for some fun & games. RSVP's are always helpful, and you can email/call/text Pastor Jason to do so ([jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org](mailto:jalspaugh@fbccdayton.org) / 937-631-3579). Friends are always welcome, but we ask they turn in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form (available outside the church office, or electronically from Pastor Jason). **ALSO**, save the date for a possible ice-skating outing with folks from Christ Episcopal to the Ice Rink at Riverscape Metro Park on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Details TBA.

## Congregational Dinner and 2025 Budget Presentation

Sunday, January 26 @ 11:30am



This year we plan to have a congregational dinner with the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, after worship service. This is an important occasion for the entire congregation and everyone is urged to attend. We will review and approve the annual report and 2025 budget, and update you on the steeple and Preservation of Light projects. The dinner will be prepared by Chef Grey Booker who has served us with a couple of fantastic meals in recent months. The menu is still in the works but will be announced in upcoming bulletins/weekly e-news. Let us know that you plan to attend by way of yellow card on Sunday or by contacting the church office.

## Offering Envelopes

If you would like a box of offering envelopes, please contact Nancy Kerr by email to [nkerr@fbccdayton.org](mailto:nkerr@fbccdayton.org) or by phone at 937-222-4691 x. 402.

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## STEWARDSHIP 2025

If you would like to make a financial pledge for year 2025, contact Nancy Kerr by phone or email [nkerr@fbccdayton.org](mailto:nkerr@fbccdayton.org). Pledge cards are also available in the pew racks and on the table by the office.


Thank you!


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## Send


We can be little lights for Jesus by sharing his love.


Unscramble the words to find five ways we can share Jesus' love. Write the first letter of each unscrambled word inside the star. Then write the letters in the stars in order to finish the sentence.

 \_\_\_\_\_ (hesra)


 \_\_\_\_\_ (pleh)

 \_\_\_\_\_ (tiveni)  
others to church.

Be  \_\_\_\_\_ (cine)  
to others.

Tell  \_\_\_\_\_  
(oveyneer) about Jesus.

Let your love      every day.

 Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to teach us about your love.  
Amen

## this week

Light a candle at dinner every evening. Have everyone name one way they can share Jesus' love tomorrow.

# 5 Ways to Celebrate



Second Sunday after Christmas

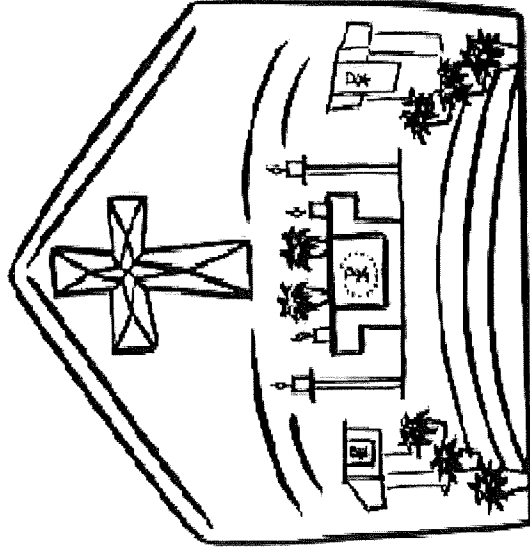


## gather

Welcome to worship.

The season of Christmas lasts for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

To find the answer, count the  and the , and put the numbers in the boxes at the bottom. Add the two numbers. Write your answer in the blank.



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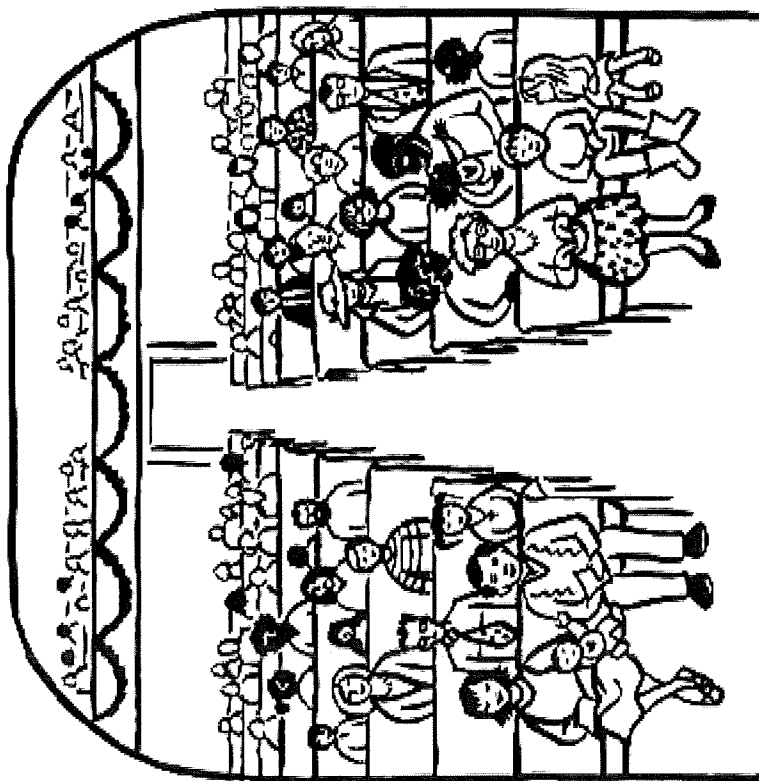
# hear & celebrate

## Another Christmas Story

John 1:1-18

In another Christmas story, John tells us that Jesus helped to make all things. John says that Jesus was the light of ALL people. Jesus came to earth to teach you, me, and everyone about God's love.

God's Christmas gift of Jesus is for ALL people. Can you find one or more people in this sanctuary who are wearing:



I G O F G O D M  
B R I N G I N G  
J E M J O Y E A  
E A L L O O W M  
S T O B D U S E  
U P E O P L E S

On the first Christmas, God sent angels to the shepherds with this message: the gift of Jesus was for ALL people. Find each of the angel's words in the puzzle.

**"I AM BRINGING YOU GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY TO ALL PEOPLE."**