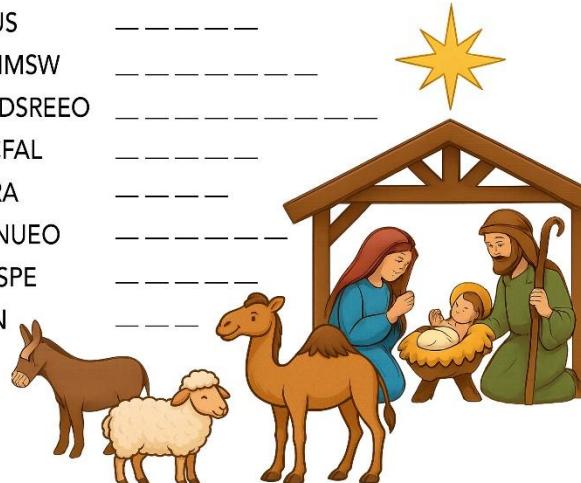


Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHDSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Magier (D), Donkey (S), Mary (G), Joseph (I), Jesus (F).
Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (Q), Sheep (V), Inn (E); God's gift of love



Christmas Eve – December 24, 2025
5 o'clock p.m.

Dr. Christian Shearer, Pastor
Rev. Mary Brown, Associate Pastor
Lauren Malone, Children's Coordinator

Christmas Eve *Candlelight/Communion Service*

Worship Order

Piano Prelude

Albertina Dowe

Welcome

Pastor Chris Shearer

Lighting the Christ Candle

Jen Carter, Amy Etheridge, W. Dyer Vest

Hymn #23

“Angels, We Have Heard on High”

Song

“It’s Christmas”

Special Music

“Take This Light”
Mark Patterson

Joyful Noise

Children’s Message

The Best Christmas Light

Lauren Malone

Scripture Reading

The Gospel of Luke 2:4-20

Pastor Mary Brown

Congregational Prayer

Homily

How God Comes to Us

Pastor Chris Shearer

Solo

“Mary, Did You Know?”
arr. Jack Schrader

Heather Caughorn

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table

Song

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

Pastor Chris Shearer

Benediction

Candle Lighting

“Silent Night”

WELCOME TO KIRKWOOD!

We joyfully greet our members, their loved ones and all our guests on this Christmas Eve! We remember together, with awe and gratitude, how God shone His light into our darkness on that first Christmas. We pray that we may be bearers of His light to all who dwell in the darkness of poverty, illness, fear and sin. May we share with them the light that shines from the face of Christ Jesus, our Lord.



Looking Ahead...

Thursday – Friday, Dec. 25-26 Church Office Closed

Sunday, Dec. 28 Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesday, Dec. 30 End of year donations must be RECEIVED (not postmarked)