



# First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

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## October Newsletter Volume 2022, Issue 11

### Church Leadership

Pastor.....Rev. Mike Wilson  
Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. Sheldon "Tim" Logan  
Music Director.....Chris Thomas  
Organist.....Joyce Kriner  
Secretary.....Mary Stewart  
Sexton & Librarian.....Eileen Kriner  
Treasurer.....Barbara Griffith

### Committee Chairs—2022

Clerk of Session.....Mary Ellen Flowers  
Membership Care &  
Development.....Marlene Long  
Joanne Scott  
Mission/Outreach.....Mary Ellen Flowers  
Sue Kellerman  
Nominating &  
Training.....TBD  
Personnel.....Sue Kellerman  
Scott Shunk  
Property.....Scott Shunk  
Bob Kellerman, Dave Maille  
Spiritual Formation.....Jennifer Wedzik  
Stewardship & Finance.....Dave Maille  
Bob Kellerman  
Barb Griffith  
Worship.....Chris Thomas  
Jared Mosier  
Recording Secretary.....Cindy Skladanowski

### Deacons

Chairperson.....Nancy McNally  
Secretary.....Joanne Scott  
Treasurer.....Peggie Smith  
Caring Tree.....Nancy Way  
Correspondence.....Joanne Scott  
Flower Coordinator.....Sally Wakeley  
Funeral Dinners.....Sue Beighley  
Greeters/Liturgists.....Joanne Scott



My installation as the pastor of Emmanuel and Harborcreek churches is December 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Harborcreek with a meal to follow at Emmanuel. This will be the culmination of more than a year's work by the pastor nominating committee. And while that may seem like a long time, many churches take significantly longer; some will work for two or more years before finding the right candidate. Pastors too may find themselves in months-long or even years-long searches.

And then there's the number of potential pastors a church looks at and the number of churches a pastor may be matched to. I put my dossier online in May and our denominational system connected me to about 65 churches before I accepted your call. And I know your PNC looked at a great many candidates. All of this is to say, it's not a quick or easy process that gets us to this point.

But – at long last – here we are. And as I write this I've been in Erie for more than a month. I've got my Giant Eagle shopper's card. I'm able to get to a lot of places without using GPS. My wife arrived about 30 minutes before the snowstorm and now we're finally living in our new home. I think our dog has accepted that cold in the new normal. Mary Louise, Hazel and I are quickly feeling settled. At the churches, I've been through a cycle of session and committee meetings. I've been to a presbytery meeting and represented our congregations at a few community events. My weekly rhythm of office time, visits, meetings, worship planning and, especially, Sunday – with its quick transition between churches – is pretty well established. You all have hosted some "welcome to Erie" events for us.

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All of this is to say that it *feels* like I've been at this for a good long while and adding an installation service might seem like a chore. My ministry is well underway, after all, and why do we need to do more? And I will confess that I've never liked having a lot of attention focused on me. Sure, I stand up on Sunday and lead worship and preach. And I'm quite comfortable on a stage as a performer. But that's not the same as sitting by while people say nice things about you.

In the end, though, this really isn't about me. It's about what God is doing in, through and with *us*. Through this long, complex process the Holy Spirit has been at work guiding us, coaxing us, cajoling us – *calling* us – so that we who knew nothing of each other six months ago are now embarking on a remarkable journey that seems (dare I say) predestined.

This service of installation is an opportunity for us to celebrate the peculiar relationship that is enjoyed only by churches and pastors. A time for us to recognize that we have been called together for special and sacred purpose. You are entrusting to me the care and nurture of your spiritual lives and a service of installation brings home to me the joyful gravity of that responsibility. And I'm entrusting myself to you to care for me and my family. A service of installation reminds us that this is not a transactional relationship but a profoundly spiritual one. Sure, we abide by some of the conventions of employers and employees. But those are not what God has called the church or me to be. We are called, you and I, to a higher purpose and that's what a service of installation brings home.

Over the next couple weeks, I'll be working on the particulars of the service. A dear friend of mine, Rev. Susan Rothenberg, in whose ordination I participated, will be coming up from Pittsburgh to preach. The choirs will come together for music. I'll be inviting others of you to lead different parts of the service. I want this to be a celebration of the community that is formed by all of us – Harborcreek, Emmanuel and me (along with Mary Louise and Hazel, who has already been to church). So, I hope that you'll plan on coming out on December 18 to celebrate not my arrival (or not *only* that), but all that God is doing with you, too.

Grace and peace,

Mike



Join us for the  
*Installation of*  
*Reverend Mike Wilson*  
*as Pastor of*  
*Emmanuel and Harborcreek*  
*Presbyterian (U.S.A) Churches*

Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church of Harborcreek

with a reception to follow at 4:00 p.m.  
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
3520 Perry St, Erie, PA 16504

Reservations are needed for the dinner. Please either sign up at the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary or call the church office at 814-899-1031 and leave a message with name and number attending.

### ***Church Office Hours***

**Rev. Mike Wilson, our new pastor, will be setting up office hours as he settles in to the routine of pastoring the Harborcreek and Emmanuel congregations.**

For now Mike tries to be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays around 9:00 a.m.  
If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Mike at 412-298-9196.

The secretary's regular office hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from  
9:00 a.m. to noon.

There may be times that they may be changed;  
Please call the church office to verify.

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# Christmas Worship and Events

Saturday, December 10

## **Christmas Caroling**

Saturday, December 10th at 3 pm we will meet at the church and travel by car to nursing homes and shut-ins. Bring joy to others with great fellowship. Let Bill Nesgoda (814-602-6504) know if interested or can drive.

Sunday, December 11

## **Advent Craft Night Returns**

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Something for everyone!!! Bring a dish to share at tureen dinner and then join us for Christmas Carols, followed by fellowship and Christmas crafts. Crafts for kids and adults! PLUS... Special "star treasure hunt" and story time for kids.



Moms & Dads - need a night out to shop or grab dinner? Messaged us on Facebook (or call church office) to sign up for free babysitting that night. Just reserve your spot, then drop the kids off with their guide for a night of fun for them.



Sunday, December 18

## **Choral Cantata "Sing and Shout for Joy"**

During worship beginning at 9:15 a.m., our talented Chancel Choir will present their annual cantata, under the leadership of our Music Director, Chris Thomas and Worship Leader, Rev. Mike Wilson.

### **I. Opening and Overture**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

### **II. Anticipation (Part I)**

*"What You Gonna Call Him?"*

### **II. Anticipation (Part II)**

*"Come and Behold Him"*

*"Good Christians All, Rejoice"*

### **III. Incarnation (Part I)**

*"Child of God"*

### **III. Incarnation (Part II)**

*"See His Entrance"*

*"Gloria! Glory to God!"*

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"*

### **IV. Adoration (Part I)**

*"They Had Joy"*

### **IV. Adoration (Part II)**

*"He Is King of Kings"*

*"We Will Glorify"*

### **V. Reflection (Part I)**

*"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"*

*"Jesu, Joy!"*

### **V. Reflection (Part II)**

*"Jesu, Light of Lights"*

### **VI. Celebration**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

*"Shout to the Lord"*

*"Joy to the World!"*

Sunday, December 18



## **Installation of Rev. Mike Wilson**

2:00 p.m. at Harborcreek

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Reverend Mike Wilson

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4:00 p.m.  
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Saturday, December 24

## **Early Christmas Eve Communion Candle Light Service**

8:00 p.m.

## **Late Christmas Eve Communion Candle Light Service**

11:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25

## **Christmas Morning Service**



# Worship News

## December Worship Leaders

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Lighting of Advent Wreath</u>
<b>Dec. 4</b>	Marleen Long	Dave & Sue Beighley	Tim and Marnie Logan
<b>Dec. 11</b>	Mary Ellen Flowers	Jack & Joyce Mosier	Don and Bonnie Duckett
<b>Dec. 18</b>	Eileen Kriner	Linda Blum	Bob and Sue Kellerman
<b>Dec. 24</b>	Wedzik Family	Bob & Sue Kellerman	8:00 p.m. David and Sue Beighley 11:00 p.m. Brian and Barbara Griffith
<b>Dec. 25</b>	Nancy McNally	Cindy Skladanowski	

Dear Members of Harborcreek Presbyterian,

Wow! You sure do know how to throw a party! The one you gave for my retirement was nothing short of spectacular, and I thank you SO much.

My friends and family who attended said they never experienced anything approaching that in their own churches. Of course, I told them they were in the wrong churches and should give Harborcreek Presbyterian a try because the members (you) are exceptional.

I so much appreciated every part of the party from the adorable decorations to the yummy food to the warm comments to the amazing quilt. I can barely imagine the amount of work the whole thing took. Special thanks to Mary Stewart, Sue Kellerman, Joann Scott, Cindy Skladanowski, Sue Beighley and Marlene Long. Apologies if I left anyone out.

I expected to miss everyone, but the missing is worse than I thought it would be, especially after the party. But I'm watching online and am so happy and thankful you are in Rev. Mike's good and loving hands.

In the meantime, I've been going to physical therapy twice a week and am seeing a new pain doctor in Pittsburgh.

So, thank you again, over and over, for the spectacular party and all the love and affection we shared through the years. I will never forget you or the party.

Much love,  
Pastor Robin

## Lectionary Readings December 2022

Below are the readings suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary for this month.

**Sunday, December 4**     **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
*Isaiah 11:1-10*                     *Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19*  
*Romans 15:4-13*                     *Matthew 3:1-12*

**Sunday, December 11**     **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
*Isaiah 35:1-10*                     *Psalm 146:5-10*  
*Luke 1:46b-55*                     *James 5:7-10*  
*Matthew 11:2-11*

**Sunday, December 18**     **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
*Isaiah 7:10-16*                     *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*  
*Romans 1:1-7*                     *Matthew 1:18-25*

**Saturday, December 24**     **Christmas Eve**  
*Isaiah 9:2-7*                     *Psalm 96*  
*Titus 2:11-14*                     *Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)*

**Sunday, December 25**     **Christmas Day**  
*Isaiah 62:6-12*                     *Psalm 97*  
*Titus 3:4-7*                     *Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20*  
*Isaiah 52:7-10*                     *Psalm 98*  
*Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-10)*                     *John 1:1-14*



# Spiritual Formation



## Brunch and a Movie every Sunday

**“The Nativity Movie”**

December 4th and 11th, and finish on Jan 8th

10:15-11:30

Come and join us for a special Brunch and Movie! The Nativity Movie is described as as most magnificent portrayal of the nativity ever! Witness the struggles and joys of the Holy Family---and the Savior's birth at the turning point of history. ALL AGES -KIDS and Adults.



We, as a church family, care deeply about you and your family and friends. Through our Prayer Chain we can surround those in need

with prayer. As we reorganize our chain, we invite you to join us in two ways:

- 1.If you would like to join the ministry of the prayer chain and receive prayer requests either by phone or text message, please call Nancy McNally at 814-450-2577 or Peggie Smith at 814-881-3648 and have your name added to the list.
- 2.And if you have a prayer request do not hesitate to either Peggie or Nancy with your need. You need to let them know what information can be shared and if you want to add a name to the prayer list in the bulletin and newsletter.



We are still receiving donations for special mission projects. This is an easy way to make a big difference in the lives of people in our community and around the world! Just collect and drop off at church.

♥ **Aluminum Cans** for the Dick Smith Fund to benefit community members with emergency needs.

♥ **Cancelled Stamps** to be sent to Canada to benefit a Leprosy organization.

♥ **Used Greeting Cards** to be sent to be sent to St Jude’s Ranch for them to repurpose and sell in their gift shop and on their website. Please do not cut cards or change cards in anyway. They need them whole for them to be transformed.

♥ **Travel Sized Personal Care Products** to be given to the homeless at The Upper Room.

## BLESSING/ OUTREACH CUPBOARD



It’s getting colder, so it’s time to temporarily stop donating cans & jars of items that may freeze. Donations of non-perishable in bags/boxes, personal hygiene products, and paper products are much appreciated. Thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile project.



8. hope	15. contentment	6. security
7. family	14. health	5. fulfillment
3. gratitude	13. peace	4. Emmanuel
2. bountiful	12. happiness	1. patience
<b>Across</b>		
Answer Key for “In the new year I wish for you...”		
<b>Down</b>		
9. friends		
10. grace		
11. inspiration		

# More News

## 2022 Presbytery Weekly Prayer List

Part of being a connectional church system is that we care for one another in a variety of ways. During the next year, we have been invited to pray for our partners in ministry in this presbytery. The list includes churches, pastors, retired pastors, presbytery leaders and national leaders. Each month we will list the prayer foci for that particular month. Please join us we support our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The list includes: Churches & Pastors, Commissioned Pastors (CP), Members-at-Large (MAL), Honorably Retired (HR), Validated Ministry (VM), Staff, and other Leadership.

December 4

Conneaut Lake, Sam Heagy, Preaching  
Rev. Jim McCormack (HR)  
C.P. Tim Olsen (HR)

December 11

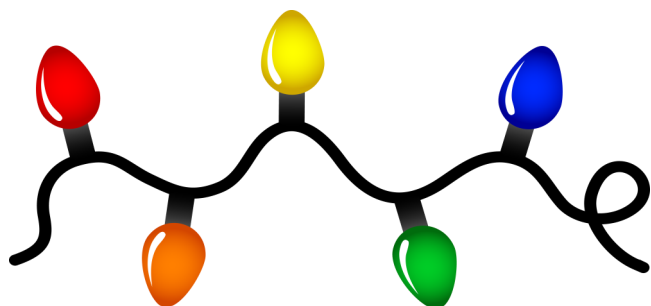
Meadville, First Rev. Brian Jensen, Pastor  
Rev. Dan Corll, Pastor of Visitation  
District Pastor Rev. G. Doh-Nani  
Chereponi District, Upper Northern Presbytery,  
10 Congregations

December 18

Bradford, First  
Rev. Katherine Randall and  
Rev Rob Klouw, Co-pastors  
Rev. Christopher Fujii (HR)  
C.P. Dan McEldowney (Retired)

December 25

Missionaries of the PC(USA)  
throughout the world



## A Christmas Blessings...

Each week we celebrating the creative blessings of those who helped decorate our sanctuary over the year. The cover photo on each of the Advent bulletins is a picture on one of those blessings.



**November 27,  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
of Advent**

*The picture is the three musical angels that don our organ during the Advent and Christmas seasons. They were donated to the church in memory of Ken and Gladys Smith, parents of Nancy McNally.*

**December 4,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of Advent**

*The hanging Advent Wreath that was made by Rev. Tim Logan when he was pastor here. We have been blessed many years by this beautiful wreath.*



**December 11,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Advent**

*Setsuko "Mary Ann" Haynes was a loved member of the church and the choir. She created these crocheted ornaments in a variety shapes which adorn the tree near the organ.*

**December 18,  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of Advent**

*Displayed on the doors near the back of the sanctuary are four hand-embroidered banners. They were the creations of Patricia Morrow—please check them out!*



# Church Family News...



## December Birthdays

- 1 Andrea Maille  
Chris Thomas  
Jennifer Fannin  
Bob Lyon
- 5 Holly Hedlund
- 9 Linda Erickson
- 18 Robin Cuneo  
Pastor Mike Wilson
- 22 Troy Barker
- 22 Ashley Palmer
- 23 Marie Cahoon
- 24 Jim Bemis
- 26 Esther Noonan
- 27 Barb Bemis
- 29 Katelyn Beighley
- 31 Joyce Kriner

## December Anniversaries

- 28 Dave and Betsy Roseto



Prayer List: For those serving in the armed forces: Adam Bojarski (Suter). For the Lake Erie Presbytery & its leaders; for our pastor, Robin Cuneo, for church members, family & friends, we pray.

*We are updating our prayer list. If someone was deleted, but they still should be on on the prayer list or if you have someone to add, please call or email the church office with the information.*

- |                       |                      |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Barb Bemis            | Mellish Family       | Peggie Smith      |
| Claudia Brown         | Mikayla and Family   | Rich Smith        |
| Connie Carrier        | Bob Morrow           | Carl Steiner      |
| Margaret Crider       | Bob and Carol Mulvin | Sandy Stewart     |
| Ed Ellwood            | Jeannie Pamula       | Marge Suter       |
| Dave English          | Yvonne Peters        | Megan Sweezy      |
| Family of Larry Hanes | Wilda Resinger       | Taylor Family     |
| Judy Johnson          | Dean Scott           | Sue Tuszynski     |
| Joyce Kriner          | Sandy Spangler       | Abigail Wilkinson |
| Bridget Laughlan      |                      | Sally Wakeley     |
| Dick May              |                      |                   |

## **Remember Our Homebound**

*Some of you have asked about what you can do to keep connected to those who struggle to come to worship or participate in church activities. Listed below are some of those you could send a card or a note of encouragement.*

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| Margaret Crider<br>Heritage House<br>30 East Street<br>North East, PA 16428 | Jessie Dennison<br>Wellmore Unit 4129<br>580 Robert Daniel Drive<br>Daniel Island, SC 29492 | Jacque Foust<br>8467 East Lake Road<br>Erie, PA 16511                                       |
| Dick May<br>6568 Iroquois Avenue<br>Harborcreek, PA 16421                   | Bob and Carol Mulvin<br>3740 Harbor Ridge Trail<br>Erie, PA 16510                           | Peggy Nelson<br>2 Gibson St. Apt. 102<br>North East, PA 16428                               |
| Esther Noonan<br>7554 McGill Road<br>Harborcreek, PA 16421                  | Yvonne Peters<br>3913 Dexter Avenue<br>Erie, PA 16504                                       | Wilda Resinger<br>5456 East Lake Road<br>Barnabas Court South<br>Room 120<br>Erie, PA 16511 |
| Sandy Spangler<br>227 W. 22nd Street<br>Room 9<br>Erie, PA 16509            | Carl Steiner<br>c/o Heather Steiner<br>4847 Tramarlac Lane<br>Erie, PA 16505                |   |



Ron Washe  
4147 Bell Street  
Erie, PA 16511

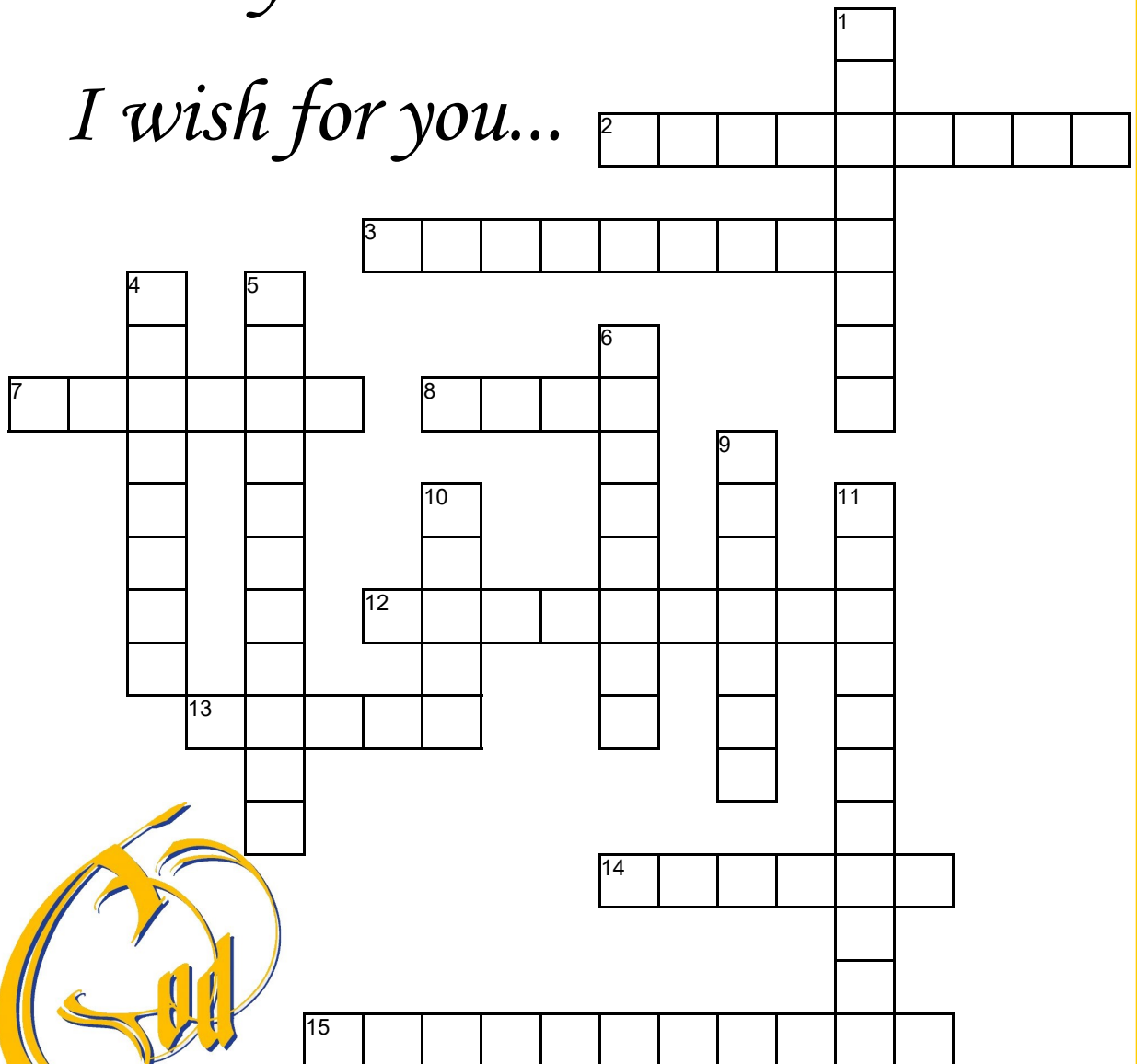






*In the new year*

*I wish for you...*



**Across**

- 2. to have more than what you need
- 3. to feel thankful
- 7. can't choose them, but love them anyway
- 8. anticipation for the future
- 12. joy
- 13. harmony
- 14. free from illness
- 15. to have satisfaction

**Down**

- 1. to wait for calmly
- 4. God with Us
- 5. to feel accomplishment
- 6. feeling safe
- 9. close, support people
- 10. undeserved love
- 11. mentally stimulated by God's Spirit

# Happy Birthday, Jesus!

F Y K Y N C O U S I N J O H N K W P H J N Q L D  
 L Q T F K Z Y M E H E L H T E B V P Y E K V I B  
 S O N J Z G D T B D M J B V H I E R L R X J V Q  
 U G Q M W O H E I X A P O I N S E T T I A R G O  
 R O Y H W J L B N S A P H A O N B E D G G O Q F  
 C Z B O C L X O Z J O B W J M I C R F I Z R B N  
 R O V G S J X L L I B R N N I I A B V V C W J H  
 P C S E K M S G N I S S E L B I R H A I G H G O  
 Q S D R E H P E H S V Z V N H K O A N N Q J S A  
 K R A T S S A M T S I R H C E A L N C G L O H W  
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 P A E Q H W S A L N V V E E C E N R D G E W R K  
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 K S N P I T J L Z H P E E T M F O G R H H U B A  
 D N O Y L E V J U E I A N S R A U J W P C Q N D  
 M E D M E B O Y E L P I W A T H N L E R G E Y V  
 A C A C L A Q F E T M I N E X I E U Z R M L Z E  
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Advent

believe

bells

Bethlehem

birth

blessings

candlelight

caroling

Christmas Star

church

Cousin John

donkey

Elizabeth

Emmanuel

Epiphany

festive

frankincense

generosity

giving

gold

Joseph

manger

Mary

miracle

myrrh

no room in the inn

poinsettia

rejoice

shepherds

stable

The Wise Men

Zechariah