

# Youth Bulletin



Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024

## Today's lessons:

- Malachi 3:1-4 God sends his messenger ahead to prepare his people for his coming.
- Luke 1:68-79 Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, praises God for now fulfilling the promise he had given to Israel. And Zechariah's own son is going to play an important part in this and prepare the way for the coming Messiah.
- Philippians 1:3-11 The church in Philippi (a city in northern Greece) had been founded by the apostle Paul as the first in Europe. Now he is writing them a letter, expressing his hope that they continue to grow in faith.
- Luke 3:1-6 By mentioning a number of rulers in power at that time Luke carefully dates when John the Baptist started his work as the Messiah's messenger. Because with him God begins to fulfill his promise.

## Agnus Day

by James Weinstein

THIS IS QUITE A LIST OF NAMES! WHO IS THIS LYSANIAS GUY ANYWAY?



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LUKE INCLUDES THOSE REFERENCES TO PLACE JOHN IN HUMAN HISTORY, SO YOU KNOW THAT NONE OF IT'S JUST MADE UP.



YEAH, 'CAUSE TRUTH IS ALWAYS STRANGER THAN FICTION.



LUKE 3:1-6

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# MAJOR CONSTRUCTION



According to our Gospel lesson today,  
the way on which the Messiah will come needs to be prepared first.  
Can you decipher how?

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# Refined Prophets

No, you won't find the prophets listed below in your Bible. But once they are refined and purified (like in today's Old Testament lesson), by removing those letters that don't belong, you'll find they are really all prophets from the Old Testament that spoke about the coming Messiah. (The letters are in the right order – there are just some too many!)

EZECHIMARIAH \_\_\_\_\_  
 JOEREMIZAH \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOMANILACHI \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABISAIPHAH \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOMIZACHIAH \_\_\_\_\_

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# Proud Father

Zechariah thinks his son is

**THE POP FROM THE EIGHTH SHOT**

No, not that wasn't it! – Maybe, after nine months without talking, Zechariah still has difficulties ordering his thoughts, or rather his letters. But you can do it for him:

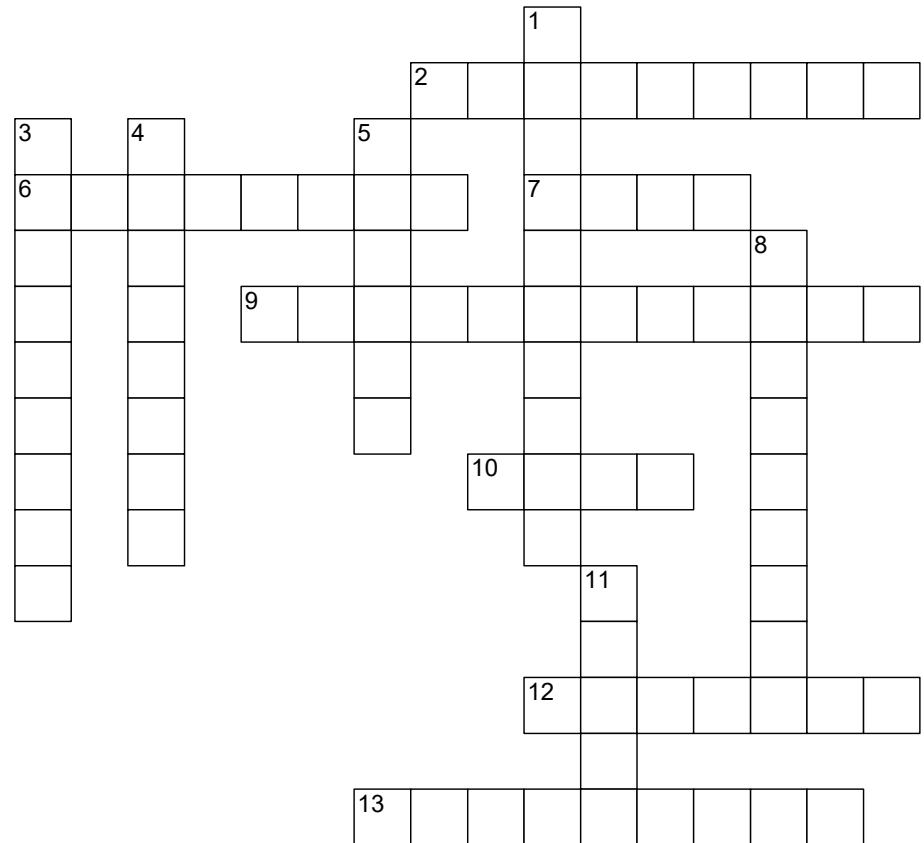
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# Old Friends

While he himself is in prison, the apostle Paul is writing to his old friends, the Philippians. No wonder his words express a lot of fond memories and very positive feelings.



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## Across

- 2 understanding
- 6 run over
- 7 clean
- 9 state of being confined
- 10 strong positive feeling for someone
- 12 crop
- 13 without fault

## Down

- 1 feeling sorry for someone
- 3 certain
- 4 think of something again
- 5 good news (about Jesus Christ)
- 8 come to a conclusion
- 11 mercy, favour

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