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"Telling Stories of Christmas " "

The Promise and The Messengers"

Based on The Action Bible: Christmas

Today's Service

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

Please note: the * symbol means to please stand if you can comfortably do so.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal TFWS = The Faith We Sing W&S = Worship & Song

Prelude	"God With Us" Ben Shive, Brown Bannister, and Jeremy Camp, Stolen Pride, Thirsty Moon River Publishing, Banistuci Music, and Junkbox Music, CCLI #6445609
Opening Praise Song*	"Light of the World" TFWS #2204
Greeting and Announcements	
Lighting the Advent Wreath	The Candle of Hope
Call to Worship *	
Opening Prayer	
Hymn of Praise*	"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH #196
Congregational Joys and Concerns	
Pastoral Prayer and Time of Silent Prayer	
Choir Anthem	"Deck the Halls" & "Celebrate the Child"; selections from Cantata "Come Home for Christmas" by Marty Parks
Children's Time	
Scripture	Isaiah 7:14, 9:6-7, 11:1-2-Isaiah's Story; Luke 1:13-17, 26-33-Gabriel's Story; Matthew 1:20-21-Josheph's Friend's Story
Sermon	Series: "The Stories of Christmas; Sermon: "The Promise and The Messengers" Based on The Action Bible: Christmas
Offertory	"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" Words by Edmund H. Sears, Music by Richard Storrs Willis, © 1850
Doxology*	"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95
Order of Holy Communion	Service of Word and Table III UMH #15
Benediction Song*	"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" W&S #3052
Pastoral Benediction*	
Postlude	Instrumental by Mary Kay Grout

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Bible Study: Advent Bible Study with Pastor Tricia: In this study, we will be looking at some stories of Jesus' arrival. It is a complementary study for the Advent Worship Series. We will take a deeper dive into some cultural and historical context. Discuss different stories about Jesus' arrival and write our own stories of encountering God. This study begins Tuesday, December 1st, from 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. You can also attend on ZOOM. Please let the office know or email study@McMurrychurch.org if you need the zoom link.



The Giving Tree The Giving Tree continues to help others. We have begun to collect mittens, scarves, socks, etc., for our annual Mitten Tree November 1 through the end of December. How many of these items can we collect to make sure children in need are prepared for winter weather?

Breaking Bread: Our next Breaking Bread will be Sunday, December 6th, 11:15 a.m. Our chefs for December are Rebecca Jobst and Elizabeth Ford, and this time it is chicken noodle soup. They always prepare delicious food. I wonder what it will be! Don't forget to share your delicious desserts. You don't want to miss this meal. Thank you to everyone for your generous support and donations to this outreach event.

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree is up and ready for people to pick angels for one family. We have another family list coming. Once you buy your gift, please do not wrap them. You can bring wrapping paper with your gifts so that the parents can experience the joy of wrapping gifts for their children. A deadline has not been determined yet, but we will let you know the date gifts must be at church. An email will be sent out soon with a link where you can choose an angel if you are not able to pick one off the tree at church. Thank you, McMurry, for your generosity in helping to make Christmas



Poinsettias: Poinsettia order forms will be available soon. Think about who you would like to honor this Christmas with a poinsettia. More information will be coming soon.





Food Pantry: For November, we are collecting pancake mix and syrup. As of November 22nd we have collected 52 packages of pancake mix, 58 bottles of syrup, and 355 other items for a total of 355 items. A church member challenged the congregation to collect 400 food pantry items as November has 5 Sundays in it.. For December, we will be collecting boxed potatoes and toilet paper.

Church Advent & Event Calendar:

Advent Calendar: Sunday Services-10:00 a.m.
Nov. 22: Hanging of the Greens
Nov. 29: 1st Sunday of Advent-HOPE
Dec. 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent-PEACE
Dec. 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent-JOY
Dec. 20: 4th Sunday of Advent-LOVE
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.

Family Event

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa
December 12, 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.
(Santa arrives 11:30 a.m.,)







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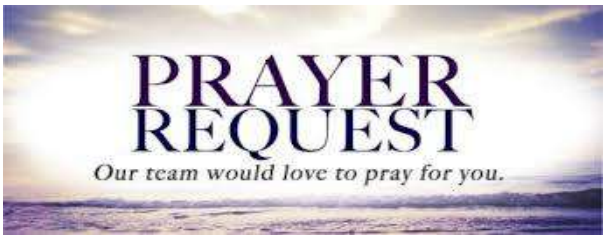
Offering

- Offering Plate donations
- Mailbox outside office door
- Electronic check from your bank
- PayPal

New Here?

We are so happy you are here!

We would love to connect with you after Worship.



All are welcome to attend the Prayer Team's meeting at the church every Thursday at 2 p.m.

Please help keep our published prayer list current,
email new prayers or changes to prayers@mcmurrychurch.org.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday (Today)	**10:00 a.m. -** Worship Service - First Sunday of Advent-HOPE
Monday (11/30)	**12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. -** Koinonia Gathering in the Multipurpose Room
Tuesday (12/1)	**5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** - Advent Study in the Multipurpose Room
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Cursillo Reunion
Wednesday (12/2)	**12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. -** Game Day in the Multipurpose Room
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Choir in the Balcony
Thursday (12/3)	**10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. -** Chair Yoga in the Multipurpose Room
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Prayer Team in the Library
Friday (12/4)	
Saturday (12/5)	
Sunday (12/6)	**10:00 a.m. -** Worship Service Second Sunday of Advent-PEACE
	11:15 a.m. - Breaking Bread Lunch in the Fellowship Hall