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"Joseph's Letter Home"

Today's Service
December 14, 2025
Third 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 "Light of the World," Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash, © 2020. CCLI #7163734

Opening Praise Song * "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice UMH #224

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Joy Robert Lawler & Kenda Caloroso

Hymn of Praise* "Advent Song" refrain, verse 1, 2, & 3, refrain TFWS #2090

Congregational Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Choir Anthem "Christmas Lullaby," by Phil & Lynne Brower, Arr. by Don Wyrzten, © 1982 Songspiration

Children's Time

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

Sermon "Joseph's Letter Home"

Offertory "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" Words-Edmund H. Sears, © 1849, Music-Richard Storrs Willis © 1850

Doxology* "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verse 1, UMH #211

Benediction Song* "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude Instrumental by Mary Kay Grout

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Food Pantry: For December, we have been told there is a big need for jelly. So, we will focus on collecting jelly, but will also collect boxed potatoes and toilet paper. As of Sunday, December 7th, we have collected 23 jars of jelly, no toilet paper, and 4 boxed potatoes. This gives us a total of 30 items collected. Good start, McMurry.

Mitten Tree: The Mitten Tree is up in the Parlor. We are collecting mittens, hats, scarves, and socks for children in need. Please bring your donations to church and place them on the tree. They will be delivered to the Northland Clothes Closet to be distributed to those who need them. Let's help keep the children warm. Our last day to collect is today, Sunday, December 14th. Thank you for helping to take care of children in need.



Angel Tree: The Angel Tree was up and ready for people to pick angels last Sunday, December 7th. As was announced in church, we have a quick turn around for these gifts. We hope everyone got their gifts for their angels to church this morning. Thank you, McMurry, for your generosity.

Breaking Bread: What a souper day had by all. Thank you all for the delicious soups. Tanya took the souper prize home and the participants all received a ladle (if you forgot yours let me know). We raised \$252.25 to help keep this kitchen running. Great job everyone.

Cookies & Cocoa with Santa: What a great time was had at this wonderful event. The children had a great time creating their crafts, decorating cookies, and of course, visiting with Santa. It was great to see everyone, children and adults, have such fun! We can't wait until next year!

Walk to the Manger: We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to give to our annual Walk to the Manger. We will be collecting on Dec. 21 (money in offering plate), Dec. 24 (manger will actually be in front of the church), and Dec. 28 (money in offering plate). Our offering this year will go to Mozambique (first \$1,000), as usual and the remaining to A Turning Point, a local charity, as determined by Vision & Strategy.



Christmas Eve Service: All are welcome to join us for our Christmas Eve service on Wednesday, December 24th, at 6:00 p.m. Come and join us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Locking the church the month of December, Kevin Burke.

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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.

Please join us for (free!) coffee and treats after service.

Questions? Please feel free to contact us at: office@mcmurrychurch.org.

Prayer Requests



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

To add names to the prayer list, please email prayers@mcmurrychurch.org.

Please let the church office know of necessary changes.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday (Today)	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
Monday (12/15)	10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. - Nutcracker Bible Study in Multi-Purpose Rm. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. - Nutcracker Bible Study in Multi-Purpose Rm.
Tuesday (12/16)	
Wednesday (12/17)	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Game Day in Multi-Purpose Room 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Choir in the Balcony
Thursday (12/18)	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Prayer Team in the Multi-Purpose Room
Friday (12/19)	
Saturday (12/20)	10:00 a.m. - Rehearsal for Children's Program - includes Children, Praise Team, and Worship Choir,
Sunday (12/21)	10:00 a.m. - Worship Service - Children's Program