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**"Noel"**

Today's Service  
December 21, 2025  
Fourth 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

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Prelude                      "Frosty the Snowman" Words/Music by Steve Nelson & Jack Rollins,  
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Opening Praise Song \*                      "Angels We Have Heard on HightSing" UMH #238

Greeting and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Love                      McMurry Children

Hymn of Praise\*                      "Advent Song" refrain, verse 1, 2, 3, & 4, 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

McMurry Children & Choir                      "Noel (A Christmas Moment)" Matt Redman, Chris Tomlin  
& Ed Cash, Arr. By Travis Cottrell & Mason Brown, © 2015

Scripture                      Luke 2:1-7 (CEB)

Pastor's Story Time                      "The Friendly Beasts"

Offertory                      "We Three Kings" John H. Hopkins, © 1857

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

Benediction Song\*                      "Joy to the World" UMH #246

Pastoral Benediction

Postlude                      "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," Arr. By David Lanz  
Instrumental by Mary Kay Grout

**McMurry Children:** Zac, Kaleb, Reagan, Rylee, Owynne, Jasmine, Chloe, Laureli, Teddy, Lane



**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 14th, we have collected 37 jars of jelly, 4 toilet paper packs, 30 boxed potatoes, and 48 other items. This gives us a total of 119 items collected. Good start, McMurry.

**Mitten Tree:** Thank you, McMurry, for helping children in our community stay warm by all of the donations of hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. You have been so generous. We will provide you with a report of how many items we donated soon.



**Angel Tree:** Thank you, McMurry, once again for making our Angel Tree a success. Just picture the smiles on the faces of the children you have helped get presents this Christmas. We will provide you with a report of how many gifts were donated to make sure children have a good Christmas.

**Breaking Bread:** Well another year is done. I am happy to report we have been cooking up a lot of fun this year. The new stove has been a lifesaver and the dishwasher has saved many a hands. Breaking bread served over 400 meals this year. With 172 meals made and delivered Thanksgiving day from our kitchen plus all the other organizations that used the facilities this year. Way to feed the community McMurry - that's a JOY. Rebecca and Elizabeth will be your chefs on Sunday, January 4, at 11:15.

**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 today, 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.



**Poinsettias:** Our poinsettias are here. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor of or memory of someone, you can fill out one of the forms on the back table in the sanctuary. This year the poinsettias are \$10 each. Please put your money in an envelope and mark it "Poinsettias." You may put it in the offering plate or take it to the office.



**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.



**Closed for the Holiday:** The church will be closed on Thursday, December 25th for Christmas and on Thursday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:prayers@mcmurrychurch.org).

**Please let the church office know of necessary changes.**

### **What's Happening This Week**

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| <b>Sunday (Today)</b>    | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> - Worship Service - Children's Program  |
| <b>Monday (12/22)</b>    | <b>10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</b> -Nutcracker Bible Study in Multi-Purpose Room<br><b>7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</b> - Nutcracker Bible Study in Multi-Purpose Room |
| <b>Tuesday (12/23)</b>   |   |
| <b>Wednesday (12/24)</b> | <b>6:00-7:00 p.m.</b> - Christmas Eve Service   |
| <b>Thursday (12/25)</b>  | <b>Christmas Day-Church is closed for the Holiday We wish every one a very Merry Christmas! May you have a blessed holiday!</b>                         |
| <b>Friday (12/26)</b>    |   |
| <b>Saturday (12/27)</b>  |   |
| <b>Sunday (12/28)</b>    | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> - Worship Service   |