

1st Sunday in Advent, December 1, 2024
Worship at 10:30 a.m.



Mission Statement:

Attract people to Christ
Teach them to live for Christ
Relate to them with the Love of Christ
Reach out with the Compassion of Christ

Vision Statement:

We envision Murray Street Baptist Church being a Christ-centred, multi-generational, racially diverse, loving family. We encourage all to use their time, talent and treasure for God's glory and for the benefit of His church.

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you Hope and a Future.”
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) (emphasis added)**

CANADIAN BAPTISTS of Ontario and Quebec - A family of churches, transformed by Christ, revealing God's Kingdom

We warmly welcome you to Murray Street Baptist Church this morning. We hope you'll be blessed as you worship with us. Please join us for light refreshments in Webb Hall following the service.

Prelude Anne Smith
Scriptural Call to Worship: Psalm 27:13-14
Video: To the Manger: Mary - Hope
Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
Opening Prayer: The Lord's Prayer
Musical Worship: **Emmanuel** #24
Hallelujah, What a Saviour
O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1, 2 #245
The Wisdom of God Reading: Proverbs 16:6-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-27 (pg. 970-71) Ici Clarke
Offertory & **Doxology** #815
Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Petition
Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-56
Message: Godly Blessings Pastor Brad
Communion Hymn: **Come Share the Lord** #462
Communion
Closing Hymn: **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** vs. 3, 4 #245
Taking Our Love of God into the World/Blessing
Postlude Anne

Next Sunday's Benevolent Fund Offering will go to the Baptist Minister's Fellowship Fund for retired pastors & missionaries. Envelopes are in the pews.



Praying for our CBOQ Sister Churches: This week we pray for Langton Baptist Church & Selkirk Baptist Church.

M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan

Monday Psalm 89 **Tuesday** Psalm 90
Wednesday Psalm 91 **Thursday** Psalm 92-93
Friday Psalm 94 **Saturday** Psalm 95-96
Sunday Psalm 97-98



Church Family News:

† **Needing Prayer:** Edie Faiers, Colin Greer, Vikki Homewood, Diane Ivin, Shirley Nicholls, Michelle Peters, Brenda Stanford and Paul Tabor.

✿ **Happy 102nd Birthday** to Dorothy Gerber (Dec. 5).

♥ **Happy Anniversary** to Barrie & Shirley Burhoe (Dec. 4).

† **Our sincere sympathy** is expressed to Vikki Homewood on the passing of her step-father, Doug Markwick. The funeral was Thursday.

★**Sylvia Stahn has a new address:** #906-421 Sheridan St., K9H 7G2.

THIS WEEK at MURRAY STREET

MONDAY

December 2

9:15 a.m. **Precept Bible Study** (Zoom) - Roger & Bev Bresee.

1 p.m. **Jeremiah 29 Committee** meeting.

7 p.m. **Membership Class.**

TUESDAY

December 3

2:30 p.m. **Mission & Outreach Committee** meeting.

4 p.m. **By-law Committee** meeting (Zoom).

7 p.m. **Active Faith.** (Zoom).

WEDNESDAY

December 4

10 a.m. **Heart to Heart** Bible study with Rev. Evelyn Moore.

THURSDAY

December 5

9:30 a.m. **Prayer Meeting** (online).

10-11:30 a.m. **Closet & Drop In.**

4 p.m. **Choir practice.**

FRIDAY

December 6

10 a.m. **Handbell practice.**

SATURDAY

December 7

9:30 a.m. **Town Hall** meeting.

2nd SUNDAY of Advent

December 8

9 a.m. **ActiveFaith** Bible study.

10:30 a.m. **Worship.** Pastor Brad preaching: Gospel of Luke.

12:15 p.m. **Prayer for Revitalization.**

3-7 p.m. **Living Waters Mission Church.**



You are invited to place a **Memorial Christmas Poinsettia** in the sanctuary in memory of a loved one. Please see Sharron Hatton with your donation of \$30 (cash or cheque made out to Sharron) by Nov. 30.

You are invited to a **Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 7 @ 9:30 am.** The Jeremiah 29 Team and the By-Law Committee will give progress reports on their work thus far. Your questions/comments on the two reports will be welcomed. The Vision Statement will be unpacked. Refreshments will be provided.

Murray Street Family CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DEC. 15 following the service. Hearty soups, fresh breads/rolls & Festive Treats. All are welcome!

There are many opportunities to serve the Lord at MSBC! These areas include: Missions, Evangelism, Property, Audio/Visual, Worship, Greeters and Ushers, Hospitality, Finance and other areas. We would love, and **NEED**, to see everyone serving the Lord and His church in some capacity. Please contact the church office at msbc@cogeco.net to let us know where you feel called to serve.



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through word & deed

PRAYERLINE

Week of November 24

Africa

- Pray for CBM and our African partners as we prepare to launch a new five-year partnership chapter focused on mutual support and collaboration, beginning in January 2025. Pray for a shared vision and fruitful planning.

Europe

- Pray for Xiaodan and Philipp in Marburg, Germany, as they build relationships with new Chinese students.
- Pray their ministry bears fruit and draws more students toward the Christian faith.
- Pray for the ministry among the 2nd generation of Chinese in Germany. The planning for the Youth Easter Camp 2025 has begun, which has become an important event for many young Chinese-German Christian people in Germany.
- Pray for the full-time staff and the volunteers who are working on it.

- Pray for the preparations for special Christmas Worship in December. Pray that God would be with us in our promotion, practice, and invitation to the service in Kassel.

MENA

- Please pray for CBM partner Arab Baptist Theological Seminary as they host many displaced families as a result of the intensifying war in Lebanon.
- Pray for the ABTS staff as they care for and witness to them.

Latin America and Caribbean

In the Dominican Republic, small group ministries are bringing transformative community impact.

- Pray for continued growth and for the new groups being formed to flourish in faith.

Asia

- Pray for Ella T in Hong Kong as she works to complete her research paper by mid-December.