

**3rd Sunday in Advent, December 15, 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 4:6-8

Video: To the Manger: Shepherd - Joy

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Opening Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Video: The Christmas Story

Musical Worship: **Joy to the World** vs. 1, 2 #270

The Wisdom of God Reading: Proverbs 16:17-21

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:1-9 (pg. 971) Brenda Stanford

Christmas Musical Presentation:

Choir

Spoken Introductions

Pastor Brad

*The Coming of the Lord* by Pepper Choplin

*Waiting* by Pepper Choplin

*How Quietly* by Joel Raney

*Sing We Now of Christmas* by Tom Fettke

Announcements & Offertory

Receiving Hymn: **Glorify Thy Name** vs. 1 #9

Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Petition

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-14

Message: Joy & Glory Pastor Brad

Closing Hymn: **Joy to the World** vs. 2-4 #270

Taking Our Love of God into the World/Blessing

Postlude



**Praying for our CBOQ Sister Churches:** This week we pray for Walsh Baptist Church & All Nations Church.

### M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan

**Monday** Psalm 108-109

**Tuesday** Psalm 110-111

**Wednesday** Psalm 112-113

**Thursday** Psalm 114-115

**Friday** Psalm 116

**Saturday** Psalm 117=118

**Sunday** Psalm 119:1-24



**Our Christmas Offering** this year has been designated for Kawartha Foodshare. Envelopes are in the pews or mark a regular envelope.

**Church Family News:**

† **Needing Prayer:** Audrie Boulet, Edie Faiers, Colin Greer, Diane Ivin, Michelle Peters, Marsha Rennie, Brenda Stanford, Paul Tabor, and Wendy Thompson (Tish's daughter).

☞ **Happy Birthday** to Marsha Rennie (19<sup>th</sup>) and Lydia Lake (20<sup>th</sup>).

† **Our deep sympathy** is expressed to Frank Csath, Kelly von Keitz, Rose Woodley & family on the sudden passing of Kari Csath and her unborn child recently. Let's pray for them as they grieve this tragic loss.

**THIS WEEK at MURRAY STREET**

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| <b>MONDAY</b>                          |   | <b>December 16</b> |
| 9:15 a.m.                              | <b>Precept Bible Study</b> (Zoom) - Roger & Bev Bresee.     |                    |
| 1 p.m.                                 | <b>Church Council</b> meeting.                              |                    |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                         |   | <b>December 17</b> |
| 7 p.m.                                 | <b>Active Faith.</b> (Zoom).                                |                    |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                        |   | <b>December 19</b> |
| 9:30 a.m.                              | <b>Prayer Meeting</b> (online).                             |                    |
| 10-11:30 a.m.                          | <b>Closet &amp; Drop In.</b>                                |                    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                          |   | <b>December 20</b> |
| 10 a.m.                                | <b>Handbell</b> practice.                                   |                    |
| 3 p.m.                                 | <b>Caroling in the community.</b>                           |                    |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                        |   | <b>December 21</b> |
| 8 a.m.                                 | <b>Community Breakfast.</b>                                 |                    |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of Advent</b> |   | <b>December 22</b> |
| 9 a.m.                                 | <b>ActiveFaith</b> Bible study.                             |                    |
| 10:30 a.m.                             | <b>Worship.</b> Rev. Brad Peters preaching: Gospel of Luke. |                    |
| 3-7 p.m.                               | <b>Living Waters Mission Church.</b>                        |                    |

**Memorial Christmas Poinsettias** have been placed in the Sanctuary in memory of Fred & Jean Bresee, and Fred & Kathleen Hallett; Bev Bodrug and Joyce Hambleton; Jean & Tom Hall, and Margaret & Bill Drinkwater; Al Rennie; Bernice Harris; John & Jim Oosterbroek, and Ron Thompson; Evelyn Gow and Dorothy McLeod; and Marcie & Joseph Furdas.

**All donations must be postmarked by December 31** in order to be receipted for 2024. Thank you for your support of MSBC this year.



**The Sock Tree** is ready in the Sanctuary to receive your donations of warm hats, gloves & mitts, scarves, toiletries and socks.

**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](mailto:msbc@cogeco.net) to let us know where you feel called to serve.



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embracing a broken world  
through word & deed

## **PRAYERLINE**

### *Week of December 15*

#### *North America*

- Pray for the two ministry teams traveling to Germany in December. Ask for safety, impactful ministry, and opportunities to share Christ's love with those they encounter.

#### *Europe*

- Several activities are planned in Marburg this December to foster community, share the gospel with unbelievers, and strengthen the faith of believers. These include Christmas cookie baking, a marriage seminar, a Christmas party, and a winter camp.
- Pray that God will work powerfully in and through the believers in Marburg during these events.

#### *MENA*

- Praise God for the positive impact of the education centres run by the Egyptian Baptist Convention, which are transforming the lives of children and their parents.

#### *Latin America and Caribbean*

##### Caribbean:

- Pray for relief efforts to reach the most vulnerable as partners face ongoing challenges such as food shortages, limited healthcare, and inconsistent power.
- Pray for wisdom and resilience for leaders navigating these increasingly difficult conditions.

#### *Asia*

- Pray for Shalom Trust and the Arunachal Pradesh Baptist Church Council in India as they begin new partnerships with CBM in 2025.
- Pray for success in their initiatives, including prison ministry and fishpond projects to provide student scholarships.

#### *Africa*

- Pray for the Africa Team as they plan for activities and initiatives in 2025.
- Ask for clear direction, unity, and inspiration as they seek to make a lasting impact.