

**4th Sunday in Advent, December 22, 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: John 13:34-35  
Video: To the Manger: Wise Man - Love  
Lighting the Advent Candle of Love  
Opening Prayer: The Apostles' Creed  
Musical Worship:  
    **Angels We Have Heard on High** vs. 1, 2, 4 #278  
    **Worthy, You Are Worthy** #260  
    **The Old Rugged Cross** vs. 1, 2, 4 #327  
The Wisdom of God Reading: Proverbs 16:22-27 (pg. 641 in pew Bible)  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-20 (pg. 971) Tish Oosterbroek  
Announcements & Offertory: Good King Wenceslas Bell Choir  
Receiving Hymn: **I Surrender All** vs. 1 #596  
Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Petition  
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:15-20  
Message: Discovered Love Pastor Brad  
Baptismal Hymn: **Trust and Obey** vs. 1, 2, 5 #571  
Baptisms of Jacqui and Valerie Yateman  
Closing Hymn: **O Little Town of Bethlehem** #250  
Taking Our Love of God into the World/Blessing  
Postlude



**Praying for our CBOQ Sister Churches:** This week we pray for Englehart Baptist Church & First Baptist Church, Capreol.

### M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan

**Monday** Psalm 119:25-48

**Wednesday** Psalm 119:73-96

**Friday** Psalm 119:121-144

**Sunday** Psalm 120-122

**Tuesday** Psalm 119:26-72

**Thursday** Psalm 119-97-120

**Saturday** Psalm 119:145-176



**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).

† **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 at this time of tragic loss.

**THIS WEEK at MURRAY STREET**

<b>TUESDAY</b>		<b>December 24</b>
7 p.m.	<b>Family Candlelight Service.</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>December 25</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Christmas Day service.</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>December 26</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Prayer Meeting</b> (online).	
<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>December 29</b>
10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship.</b> Rev. Brad Peters preaching: Gospel of Luke.	
3-7 p.m.	<b>Living Waters Mission Church.</b>	

There will be a **Congregational Budget Meeting** on **Saturday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.** Please plan to attend. We **need your participation.**

**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.

## *Fresh* **Beginnings**

Our next Fresh Beginnings will be Monday, December 30 @ 4:30 p.m. Please bring your donations of fresh produce to church next Sunday.



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through word & deed

### *PRAYERLINE*

#### *Week of December 22*

##### *Africa*

- Lift up the leadership teams of partner churches as they seek the best ways to serve their communities effectively.
- Pray for guidance, collaboration, and impactful ministry.

##### *Europe*

- Praise God for the success of the Alpha Course in Göttingen, Germany, which has welcomed 25-30 participants. We rejoice that 2 participants have come to faith in Christ and are now learning the foundations of Christianity.
- Pray for the new believers as they grow in their faith and for seekers to encounter Christ personally.

##### *MENA*

- Pray for the leadership of the Egyptian Baptist Convention as they seek God's wisdom and direction while planning for the coming year.

##### *Latin America and Caribbean*

- **Guatemala & El Salvador:** Pray for CIBG (Guatemala) and ABES (El Salvador) as they hold their annual assemblies and select new leadership. Ask for God's guidance in their decisions, ensuring they align with His mission and purpose.

##### *Asia*

- Pray for Almaty Bible Institute (ABI) as they enter a new phase of interpreting and theologizing the Gospel in the Central Asian context.

- Praise God for the increased access to local scholarship.
- Pray for Pastor Shemaev Gevero in the Philippines, who is undergoing treatment while caring for her two-month-old baby.
- Pray for healing, strength, and support for her family.

### *North America*

- Pray that churches and individuals will respond with compassion and generosity to CBM's *Hopeful Gifts for Change* campaign, choosing to make a tangible difference in the lives of those in need.