

# Murray Presbyterian Church

December 22, 2024 10am Worship 4th Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting One Another Ringing of the Tower Bell

The Lighting of the Advent Candles Song: "A Candle is Burning."

The Drake Family

A candle is burning
A candle of love
A candle to point us
to heaven above
A baby for Christmas
A wonderful birth
For Jesus is bringing
God's Love to our earth

\*Hymn: "Once in Royal David's City"

(WC 161)

# Prayer of Confession:

God of the loving heart, we confess before you those places in our hearts where we have refused you entrance: people we have refused to love; habits we never get around to changing; good things we have left undone; and ways in which we hurt you, ourselves, and others. Come to us in the light of your Christ. Shine on those places we have hidden from you. Show us new ways to live. Sweep clean the rooms of our hearts, that Christ may find a home among us. Be know among us now and forever! Amen

#### Silent Reflection

## Assurance of Pardon

\*Congregational Response: "Jesus, Name Above All Names" (WC 106)

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us,

Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Scripture: Exodus 34:4-9

John 1:14, 16-18

Sermon: "God of Grace and Truth"

(Christmas, in Exodus, pt 3)

\*Hymn: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (The Hymnbook 166)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: "While By the Sheep We Watched" (WC 166)

\*Benediction and Benediction Response

\*Please Stand if Able

WC: Worshiping Church Hymnal (found on seat) PH: Presbyterian Hymnal (found in pew rack)

#### **Announcement**

#### **Christmas Eve**

Join us Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm for a time of worship centered on the story of Jesus coming into our world. As always, the service will include a combination of Scripture readings, reflections, and carols, and will close with the candlelight singing of "Silent Night." If you are able, make this special and meaningful service a part of your Christmas celebration.

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