

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev Wil Posey

God is Good All the time.

All the time God is Good

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

INTROIT

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

****Hanging of the Greens”** (See Insert)

****HYMN OF PRAISE** “Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus” **UMH 196**

****Candle Lighting**

The Jallah Family

Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.

All: Today, we choose to live in hope, believing that the time of God’s reign has come and is coming among us.

Sung Response—”All Earth Is Waiting”

UMH 210 Vs 1

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,

and the open furrows, the sowing of the Lord.

All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;

it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

PROCLAMATION

****SCRIPTURE READING** Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-2

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

****Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SERMON “Thine Is The Kingdom” Rev. Wil Posey

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kathryn Jenkins

Moments of silent prayer & personal confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON
When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life.
Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things (Psalm 72:8).
The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ, "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
"Those who believe in him are not condemned" (John 3:17,18).
Thanks be to God! ~ Posted on Jane Stranz's Of Life, Laughter and Liturgy blog

RECEIVING OF GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Ways you can give

Leave a gift in the Offering Plate

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****DOXOLOGY** Sung to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

****PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 17

(Individual Communion cups are available if you prefer.)

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

****HYMN** “I Want to Walk as a Child of The Light” **UMH 206**

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Rev. Wil Posey

****BENEDICTION** “May The Lord Bless You”
May the Lord bless you, May the Lord Keep you,
May the Lord lift up His face to shine on you,
May the Lord bless you, May the Lord Keep you,
May the Lord lift up His face to shine on you.

Chiming of the Trinity

POSTLUDE

RESPONSE The light goes before us into the world.

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**** Rise in body or spirit**

Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins
All are welcomed to Worship.

Please assist us by registering your attendance in the notebooks located in the pews, or if you have changed your address or phone number.

Please be aware that we are live streaming and recording this service and will be posting it to social media.

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Ukraine and its people; Maria Mcleod; Peter Close; Jason Long; James Dennis Plavcan; Curt Vansickle; Bill and Barbara Hughes; Ken Brant; Keith Barber; Billy Major; Michele Leone; Carl Auvil; Anne Hymen; Pam Meintel; John & Susan Sat-to; Jeff King; Sharon; Melanie Rogers; Mathew Stiles; Joe Hartman; Libby Simpson; Carl Eicher; Sarah Gleason; Harry Burgis; Naomi Ellis; Dell Douglass; Charles; Kyle; Kurt; Jack Cassidy.

PRAYER TEAM: Email: prayfumc@gmail.com

In an effort to have room for all prayer requests we will rotate off the names every 3 weeks unless indicated, either by a notation on the blue prayer request card or by calling the church office. 828-837-2718 or email: admin@murphyfirstumc.org, Prayer Requests can be submitted on our Facebook page, YouTube live stream or by calling the church office.

THANK YOU!

A big Thank you to all the wonderful people who stayed and decorated the church. In less than 45 minutes our sanctuary was transformed beautifully to begin this Holy Christmas Season. Again my sincere Thank you to everyone. Dottie

Heads Up! - New Technology for the Church

Our new church software package allows us to send notices to folks by email, text message and phone call. So if you receive a text from the code, 22383, that’s us.



DOWNLOAD OUR NEW MOBILE APP
Use this link <https://mobile.myamplify.io/landing/W9NP> or search “My Church Home” in your app/play store. Once you have installed it, if you wish to use all of the available features, you must first be registered as a user in our Amplify system. To receive an invitation, reach out to Sue Bell at suzie1028@gmail.com and she will initiate the invitation to register yourself. You MUST have either a unique cell phone number or email address . If you share email, register with your cell phone number.
The app includes the church directory.

ONLINE GIVERS we’ve changed our giving platform. Please use the new QR code in today’s bulletin or the online button on the web page. Please also turn off your Vanco donation if you are already giving online—for help send an email to admin@murphyfirstumc.org



CHRISTMAS IS COMING! - Mark Your Calendar and Invite your Friends

October is over, and we’re already in Advent and Christmas mode. There’s always more to announce about Advent and Christmas than we can squeeze in one space, so please stay tuned for communications in the month ahead on these opportunities:

- 12/6 Memories with Santa (3:30-5pm)
- 12/6 S'Mores at the Parade (4-6pm)
- 12/7 Children’s Christmas Presentation (in worship)
- 12/7 (6pm) Special Advent Service (Los Posados) at Tomotla UMC
- 12/14 Choir Cantata (in worship) and Caroling (3-6pm) followed by dinner together –Text Suzanne 828-557-7926
- 12/17 (6pm) Service of Hope
- 12/20 Choir Cantata 6 pm at Andrews First UMC
- 12/24 (6:30pm) Christmas Eve

In addition to these opportunities to worship and share in connection, there will be several ways you can celebrate Christmas through giving: Alternative Christmas Giving, organized by our Missions Team; Christmas Eve Luminaries, that support our Youth Group, special Christmas Eve Offering that will 100% go toward a local ministry.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
 2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
 yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and con - so -
 now thy gra-cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
 spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
 MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The following musical settings may be used with
 A Service of Word and Table I, II, and III*

MUSICAL SETTING A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation,
 and concludes:*

And so,
 with your people on earth
 and all the company of heaven
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Elise Eslinger
 (after NICAEA)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The pastor continues the thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.
 The pastor concludes:*

And so,
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice,
 in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Elise Eslinger

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

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*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity,
 concluding:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God),
 now and for ever.

Elise Eslinger

A - men, a - men a - men.

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HANGING OF THE GREENS

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?
 With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.
 How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal
 Christ? With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are
 ever living, ever green.
 How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?
 With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death,
 and resurrection.
 How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of
 God? By hearing again the words of the prophets, who
 foretold the saving work of God.
 For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the
 world, but that the world through him might be saved. Glory
 to God in the highest!

BLESSING and LIGHTING of the CHRISMON TREE

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING of the ADVENT WREATH

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him. Come, Lord Jesus.

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love, Come, Lord Jesus.

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin, Come, Lord Jesus.

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, Come, Lord Jesus.

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus.

Loving God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

CHRIST'S GRACIOUS LIFE

206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of Gqd.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear Sun of Righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

WORDS: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966
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PROMISED COMING

Refrain
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. The
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Next Week: December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

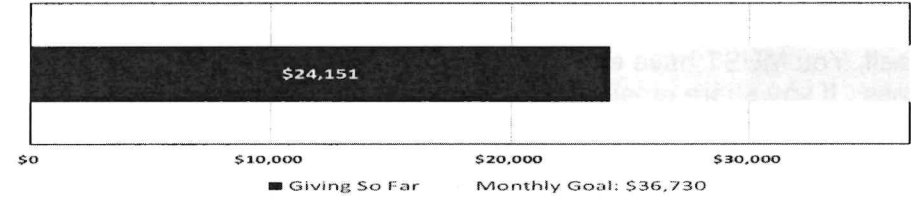
This Week's Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, November 30		Thursday, December 4	
Sunday School	9:45 am	Mom's Spiritual Formation	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am	Soul Table	11:30 am
AA Dinner Meeting	4:00 pm		
ALPHA	4:00 pm		
Monday, December 1		Friday, December 5	
Yoga	10:30 am	Preschool	8:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm	Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm
Soul Table 2 & 4 planning	Noon		
Preschool Committee	5:30 pm		
Tuesday December 2		Saturday, December 6	
SPPR	5:00 pm	Al Anon	10:00 am
		Memories with Santa	3:30 pm
		S'mores & Popcorn	4:00 pm
Wednesday, December 3		Sunday, December 7	
Preschool	8:00 am	Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship Meeting	10:00 am	Worship Service	11:00 am
Chair Exercise class	11:30 pm	Youth	4:00 pm
Recapturing Wesley-Bible Study	1:00 pm	Candlelight at Tomotla UMC	6:00 pm
Children's Choir	3:15 pm		
Wesley Ringers	4:30 pm		
Choir Rehearsal	5:30 pm		

OUR FAITHFULNESS 2025

Worship attendance November 23 194
Received November 23 \$ 3,262
Detailed Financial information is available at the church office upon request.

Monthly Giving Report November 2025



Pray for each other:



To pray for others means to make them part of ourselves. To pray for others means to allow their pains and sufferings, their anxieties and loneliness, their confusion and fears to resound in our innermost selves. To pray, therefore, is to become those for whom we pray, to become the sick child, the fearful mother, the distressed father, the nervous teenager, the angry student and the frustrated striker.
Henri Nouwen

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

We are asking for donations for our annual Christmas Box Project. With these funds we purchase gifts and gift cards for students selected from Murphy High School, Murphy Middle School and the Tri-County Early College program. We plan to do our Christmas shopping during the last week of November so these gifts can be passed along to the schools in plenty of time for distribution. We will also be preparing for our "Memories with Santa" event which will occur on Saturday, December 6th. In an effort to make it easier for parents and small children to participate in both Memories and also the town's Christmas Parade, this event will run from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Our Mission Team will also be doing popcorn and smores out in front of the church from 4:00 to 6:00 pm when the parade actually begins. Thank you for your prayers and gifts during this special time of year!
UWFaith - Willing Hands Circle

BIBLE WORDSEARCH

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WORD LIST

ADAM	EDEN	JERUSALEM	PRAYER
ANGEL	EVE	JESUS	PROPHET
ARK	FAITH	KINGDOM	REDEMPTION
BAPTISM	FORGIVENESS	LORD	RESURRECTION
BETHLEHEM	GOD	MIRACLE	SACRIFICE
COMMANDMENTS	GRACE	MOSES	SALVATION
CRUCIFIXION	HEAVEN	NOAH	WORSHIP
DISCIPLES	HOLY		

Homemade GIFTS MADE EASY

Soul Table is expanding to include every Thursday in 2026! We are meeting Monday, December 1st at noon in the Fellowship Hall to brainstorm ideas specifically for the 2nd and 4 and 5th Thursdays. Please plan to join us or contact Sarah June 828-361-1330 for further info.

TRUSTEE ON CALL

December—Marie Kumar

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Monday and Friday Closed

**First United Methodist Church
Murphy, NC**



Our Mission is to:
Live as a community transformed by God's grace, sent to love and serve like Jesus.

Our Vision is to:
Build communities of hope where all people experience belonging and abundant life.

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