

Mure Memorial Church

Sunday 17th December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent



Please stand as the Bible enters the Church

Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship (*Please join in the words written in **bold***).

With joy this day we anticipate the One who is coming.

The one we call the Word! The one we call the Light.

Like John the Baptist, we are not the light. In our worship, we testify to the light.

Our testimony is prayer and praise, song and scripture.

Our testimony is preaching and teaching, learning, and serving.

May our testimony be a sweet sound in your ear, O God.

448 : Lord, the light of Your love is shining

Dedication of Offering

All Ages Talk

Lighting of Third Advent Candle

Prayer

Holy God of Joy,

We rejoice in the reality of who you are.

We live within the joy of your love for us.

Our contentment comes and goes.

Our happiness ebbs and flows.

Our feelings depend upon our circumstances,

our physical health, our brain chemistry.

But our joy is deeply rooted

in our identity as your beloved children.

And we give you thanks. **Amen.**

475 : Christ is coming! Let creation (verses 1 -3)

Prayer of Approach and Confession ending with the Lord's Prayer

Readings : Isaiah 61, verses 1-4

John 1, verses 6-8 ; 19-28

348 : Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Reflection

Song for meditation : Enya : O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

320 : Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Benediction

Please remain standing as the Bible leaves the Church

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who is visiting with us this week and hope that you enjoy worshipping at Mure Memorial. Please join us for tea and coffee in the hall after the service.

INTIMATIONS

Christmas Services

We will have our normal service next Sunday , Christmas Eve at 10am and there will be a Watchnight Service in **St Andrew's** at **6.30pm**

Flower Calendar 2024

The calendar for next year is now available at the front of the church. Please complete for any special dates for which you wish to provide flowers.

Christmas Photos

Janis Smith is looking for any photos from Christmas festivities at the Church to add to the website. Please contact her directly for further information.

Message from Jean McVittie

I would like to wish all my friends at Mure Memorial Church a very Merry Christmas and send you all my good wishes for 2024. I am sorry that I am unable to join you for worship on Sundays, at present, due to poor health.

Thank you to the church for the kind gift which was delivered to me this week.

Future Intimations

Intimations can be submitted for inclusion in the Order of Service and on www.mure.org by emailing **intimations@mure.org**.

Just to make everyone aware, that when you request an intimation via intimations@mure.org, to be put in Order of Service, this also goes to the website and Facebook. Please let us know if you do not want the information on all platforms. It may also be that you wish to adjust intimation for each platform.

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If your intimation is not electronic, please supply a copy to **Christine Imrie** or **John McMillan**.

It would be appreciated if any intimations for the following Sunday could be submitted by Wednesday evening.

Church Website

For more information about what is happening in the Church, visit our website at mure.org

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