

The Advent wreath is given in memory of Kevin Douglas Vincent, by his parents.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Butch Burnette and Earl Trent, by Fal Burnette and Daynelle Trent.

Caregiver This Week:	Lynette Bunch
November Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Brinson and Lorene Paul
Opening of the Church in November:	Colon Ballance
Ushers for November:	Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren, Mike Alston, and Kirk Peterson
Ushers for December:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Brinson Paul
Deacon of the Month for November:	Colon Ballance

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Kids' Club	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Youth Group	6:00
				Handbell Choir	6:00

It's time to sing! Today, we will begin singing one hymn during our worship. However, we do not want this decision to prevent anyone from joining us for worship. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Please see our Angel Tree located in the foyer by the elevator with numbers for 12 children from our area who are in need. Take one or more angels to buy Christmas gifts for these children. Please sign the sign-up sheet by your number. Wrap each gift with the angel attached and place in one large bag. Deadline to return gifts is Monday, December 14.

White Christmas Boxes will be delivered on Thursday, December 17. We need your help to fill 12 White Christmas Boxes. **If you would like to donate food items, each box will contain a bag of apples or oranges, a whole chicken, a one pound block of cheese, a large loaf of bread, a cake, green beans, corn, peas, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, two packets of gravy, stuffing mix, a turkey and dinner rolls.** You may also contribute by adopting a box for \$25.00. For this amount someone will do your shopping for you and a box will be delivered to one of our neighbors. Please mark your checks "White Christmas Boxes". Please bring in your donations of food and/or funds no later than Wednesday, December 16 to enable us to continue this important ministry. This has been a difficult year for many, so let us do our part to bring some spiritual and physical nourishment to local families this holiday season. Thank you for your faithfulness in continuing this important ministry.

Handbell choir will meet in the fellowship hall on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. If you're interested, please join us. We are following all Covid requirements. If you have any questions, please see Paula.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Clif and Janet Collins	Bern Davenport	Tom and Ann Caulkins	Becky Dickerson	
Jennifer Moore	Jeanne Parker	Carol Piper	Doris Taylor	Cheryl Whitley

Murfreesboro Baptist Church is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Rev. Lane Bass, Pastor

Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director

Mr. Jordan Brown, Youth Ministry Intern

Mr. Corbin Robertson, Youth Ministry Intern

Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Rev. Lane Bass

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

O God, prepare us, through the active presence of your Holy Spirit, to come before you worthily and ask of You rightly. Enlighten our understanding, purify our every desire, encourage our wills to instant obedience to your Word, strengthen every right purpose, direct this hour of worship to the magnifying of Your name, and to the enduring good of us your children and servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 80

Rev. Bass

(Please follow along, but do not voice your response)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

How long, O Lord, shall we wait; suffering heartache and misfortune?

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

How long, O Lord, shall it be before your power is made known around us?

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Then we will never turn back from you;

Give us life and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O God;

Let your face shine that we may be saved.

INVOCATION

Rev. Bass

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Bass

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER

Rev. Bass

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Emmanuel Comes

arr. Mark Hayes

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN WORD

“Restless Yet At Peace”

Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 87

Arise, Your Light Is Come (Please feel free to hum along.)

FESTAL SONG

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bass

POSTLUDE

Festal March

G.F. Handel

**Denotes that the congregation may stand.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXITING

For those in the balcony, please exit through the front doors and down the steps to Main St.

For those who need the elevator, please exit the same way you entered. Leave the sanctuary through the piano side, go down the elevator, and exit the building through the breezeway doors.

For all others on the main floor, once those who need the elevator have left, please exit through the doors on the organ side. Go down the steps to the connector and exit through either set of double doors.

Please dispose of your bulletins in the designated boxes on your exit route.

To our guests this morning...

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshipping together is one of the most important activities we do as a church, strengthening our faith and drawing our attention to God, who created us, calls us, and sustains us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In keeping with New Testament practices, we believe that worship rightly involves every member of the congregation, and not just the few people in leadership roles. We encourage active participation in worship through responsive readings, corporate prayer, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God's written word. We also practice believers' baptism, and at the end of each service, we invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. On the first Sunday of the month, we share the Lord's Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

As members of the larger body of Christ, meanwhile, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the church year. We are currently in the season of Advent. The color of the season is purple, symbolizing the royalty of the coming King.