

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

Sound System Operator Next Week:	Tim Place/Will Revelle
Caregiver This Week:	Diane Dixon and Alice Hassell
Family Lighting Advent Wreath	Murfreesboro Baptist Church Youth
	Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week:
	Ed Snyder and Patricia Torres
	Susan Bass and Patricia Torres
	T.W. and Debbie Hill
December Radio Ministry Sponsor;	Johnny Jenkins
Opening of the Church in December:	Charlie Gallop
Opening of the Church in January:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown Bruce Brown, and
Ushers for December:	Brinson Paul
	Johnny Jenkins, Kirk Peterson, Bob Lee, and
Ushers for January:	Tim Place
	Bruce Brown
Deacon of the Month for December:	Debbie Hill
Deacon of the Month for January:	

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Bible Study	10:00	Mon.	K&C Group	10:00
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	2:30
	Worship	11:00	Thurs.	White Christmas Box Delivery	8:00 a.m.

Today is the deadline to return your Christmas Gifts to the Angel Tree in the connector. Please attach the tag and number and place gifts in one large bag.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here on Tuesday, December 17. Volunteers should arrive by 2:30 p.m.

White Christmas Boxes are being gathered in the connector. Nonperishable foods items are needed to help our friends and neighbors have a delicious Christmas dinner. The boxes will be packed and delivered on Thursday, December 19 at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed and men are needed to lift heavy boxes.

Christmas Caroling will be Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 p.m.

The Taylor-Lowe Men's Sunday School Class invites you and your family (and a friend) to a church-wide breakfast on Sunday 12/22. The meal will be available from 8:30-10:00, so come a little early that day and enjoy a hearty breakfast before Sunday school and worship.

2020 Offering Envelopes are now available in the church library. The boxes are labeled and if you do not see your name, please contact the church office.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Lori Lowe	Bern Davenport	Jennifer Moore	Clif and Janet Collins
Becky Dickerson	Jeanne Parker	Cheryl Whitley	Carol Piper

In Memory of James Guy Revelle, Jr.: Gertrude Revelle
 In Memory of William Dodson Doughtie: Bruce and Gina Holstad
 In Memory of William Clifton Futrell, Sr.: Bob and Mary V. Sitton

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

Rev. Lane Bass, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *To Shepherds as They Watched By Night* arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Rev. Lane Bass

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 126
Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verses 1 & 2) REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth;
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!
 Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
 God on earth is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light; come and worship,
 Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

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 JOY Luke 1:46b-55 MBC Youth
SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 146 Rev. Bass

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob.
Glad are those whose hope is in the LORD their God,
Who made heavens and earth;
Who created the sea and all that is in them;
Who executes justice for the oppressed;
Who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
He opens the eyes of the blind,
He lifts up those who are bowed down,
He watches over the strangers,
He upholds the orphan and the widow.
He is a light piercing the darkness.
The LORD will reign forever,
And glad are we who hope in Him.

INVOCATION Rev. Bass

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 122
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice IN DULCIJUBILO

CHILDREN'S CHOIR *The Advent Song*

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mrs. Susan Bass

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35:1-10
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

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 127
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY SENTENCE Rev. Bass

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Mary, Did You Know* Greene/Bober

*DOXOLOGY NO. 706
Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow OLD 100TH
**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.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Bass

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

CHRISTMAS CANTATA *What Sweeter Music* Mark Hayes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 103
O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 & 4) ADESTE FIDELES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Angels We Have Heard On High* .arr. Marilyn Ham

**Denotes that the congregation may stand.*

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 for the season is purple, symbolizing the royalty of the coming King.