

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

Sound System Operator Today/Next Week: Nate Place/Tim Place
Caregiver This Week: Aldeen Gatewood and Doris Taylor
Family Lighting Advent Wreath: The Snyder Family
Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week: Brian Duffy, Charlie Gallop, and Patricia Torres/
Chelsea Duffy, Mariah Gallop, and Patricia Torres
December Radio Ministry Sponsor: Jay and Elicia Revelle
Opening of the Church in December: Johnny Jenkins
Ushers for December: Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Brinson Paul
Ushers for January: Johnny Jenkins, Gilbert Tinkham, Bob Lee, and Tim Place
Deacon of the Month: Sarah Davis
Communion Today: Charlie and Dell Aycock

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Bible Study	10:00	Tues.	Senior Adults Luncheon	12:00
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00		Deacons' Meeting	6:00
	Worship	11:00	Wed.	Kids' Club & Youth Group	6:20
Mon.	K&C Group	10:00		Fall Adult Study	6:40
				Choir Rehearsal	6:50

The Deacons will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 4 in the library. All Deacons please plan to attend.
Senior Adults Christmas Luncheon and Program presented by Paula Pressnell is Tuesday, December 4, 12 noon. Menu by Mary Etta Flowers: party chicken over rice, Arkansas green beans, frozen cranberry salad, rolls and coconut cake, \$8.00 per plate.

The Children's Christmas Play entitled "The Birth of Jesus" will be Sunday, December 9 during worship service and the Children's Missions Bazaar will be in the connector following worship service.

December's Big Wednesday is December 12 at 6:00. Mary Etta's menu is Chinese chicken casserole, green beans, congealed cranberry salad, rolls and dessert. Please call the church office to make new reservations or to change existing reservations.

Deadline for returning gifts to our Angel Tree is Sunday, December 16. Wrap each gift with the angel attached and place in one large bag and return to the Christmas tree in the connector.

The public is invited to the West Chowan 2018 Associational-Wide International Mission Study conducted by Dr. Frances Baker at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church on Sunday, December 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m. This year's mission study is titled "Refugees - Challenge or Opportunity?"

Donations for 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 December 20 at 9 a.m.

December 30 is the deadline for all pledges for the Nursery Renovation. We are \$2,350.00 from reaching the goal.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Lori Lowe Bern Davenport Jennifer Moore
Jeanne Parker Cheryl Whitley Billy Futrell Carol Piper

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Holy Communion

Rev. Lane Bass, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Sean Timmons, Youth Ministry Intern
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Awake, the Voice is Calling* Karl Karow
WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Rev. Lane Bass
*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 87
Arise, Your Light Is Come (verses 1 & 4) FESTAL SONG

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

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 HOPE Jeremiah 33:14-16 The Snyder Family

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 25 Ms. Sarah Davis

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
In you, O God, do we trust.
Do not let us be put to shame;
And do not let our enemies exult over us.
Make us to know your ways, O LORD;
Teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth,
For you are the God of our salvation.
Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD;
And do not forget your steadfast love.
To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls.
In you, O God, do we trust.

INVOCATION Ms. Davis

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 95
Prepare the Royal Highway BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Bass

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
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. 83
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY SENTENCE Ms. Davis

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Mark Hayes

*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 Ms. Davis

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING Luke 21:25-36

The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN SONG *Come, Now Rejoice! The Savior Comes* John Purifoy

MESSAGE IN WORD "Already On The Way" Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 99
View the Present Through the Promise AR HYD Y NOS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune on "Wachet Auf"* Martha Sobaje
**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. This is the season of Advent. The color for the season is purple, symbolizing the the royalty of the coming King.