

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

Sound System Operator Next Week:
Caregiver This Week:
Family Lighting Advent Wreath
Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week:

Will Revelle/Ciera Cox
Brinson and Lorene Paul
The Gallop Family
Susan Bass and Patricia Torres
Elizabeth Brown and Patricia Torres
T.W. and Debbie Hill
Johnny Jenkins
Charlie Gallop
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown Bruce Brown, and
Brinson Paul
Johnny Jenkins, Kirk Peterson, Bob Lee, and
Tim Place
Bruce Brown
Debbie Hill

December Radio Ministry Sponsor;
Opening of the Church in December:
Opening of the Church in January:
Ushers for December:

Ushers for January:

Deacon of the Month for December:
Deacon of the Month for January:

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Bible Study	10:00	Sun.	Christmas Caroling	5:00
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Mon.	K&C Group	10:00
	Worship	11:00	Tues.	Candlelight Service	5:30

Christmas Caroling will be this evening at 5:00 p.m.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, December 29 we will have "Open Choir". You are invited to join in singing "Go Tell It On The Mountain" for the Message in Song. Please meet in the choir room at 10:45.

If you have been participating in the Kid's Club Reverse Advent Calendar Mission Project, please bring your food donations to worship next Sunday. These will be a part of our offering that day. If you are unable to bring them to worship, please bring them by the church office when you are able.

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.

The administrative office will be closed, December 24, 25, and 26 for Christmas holidays.

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 Jack Hassell: Alice Hassell

In Memory of William Clifton Futrell, Sr.: Rod and Karen Ramsey and Mark Banks

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Redner/Varner

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Rev. Lane Bass

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

The Advent Song (Choir and Congregation)

Light one candle for hope. One bright candle for hope.
Christ brings hope to every heart, He comes; He comes.

Light one candle for peace. One bright candle for peace.
Christ brings peace to every heart, He comes; He comes.

Light one candle for joy. One bright candle for joy.
Christ brings joy to every heart, He comes; He comes.

Light one candle for love. One bright candle for love.
Christ brings love to every heart, He comes; He comes.

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 LOVE Isaiah 7:10-16

The Gallop Family

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 80

Mr. Jay Revelle

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph like a flock!
Stir up your might,
Come and save us!
Restore us, O God;
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Give us life,
And we will call on your name.
Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

INVOCATION

Mr. Revelle

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 103

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Mrs. Rachel Peterson

NEW TESTAMENT READING

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

Romans 1:1-7

WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Bass

SILENT PRAYERS

CORPORATE PRAYER

Rev. Bass

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 125

Angels We Have Heard On High

GLORIA

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Mr. Revelle

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Manger Medley

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

Mr. Revelle

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:18-25

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

MESSAGE IN SONG

Midnight Noel

Calvin Carter, tenor

arr. Mark Hayes

MESSAGE IN WORD

“The Love That Leads”

Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 147

Love Came Down at Christmas

GARTAN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

Handel/Varner

**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.