

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of Mrs. Betty N. Batchelor, Professor of English at Chowan College and Sunday School teacher. They are placed by her sons David, Paul and Jonathan, and their families.

Sound System Operator Today/Next Week: Tim Place/Claire Revelle
Caregiver This Week: Aldeen Gatewood and Doris Taylor
Family Lighting Advent Wreath: Sarah Davis and Children of Murfreesboro Baptist Church
Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week: Chelsea Duffy, Mariah Gallop, and Patricia Torres
Matty Grace Gilliam, 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

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Bible Study	10:00	Tues.	Food Bank of the Albemarle	2:30
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Big Wednesday	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Kids' Club	6:30
Mon.	K&C Group	10:00		Choir Rehearsal	6:50

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

The Peggy Lowe Knit and Crochet Group delivered 15 lapghans to Roanoke-Chowan Dialysis patients in Murfreesboro on Monday, December 3.

The Food Bank of the Albemarle will be here Tuesday, December 11. Volunteers should arrive by 2:30 p.m.

This Wednesday is Big Wednesday. Mary Etta's menu is Chinese chicken casserole, green beans, congealed cranberry salad, rolls and dessert. Please bring 2 items for our White Christmas Box Ministry. Call the church office to make new reservations or to change existing reservations by Monday 12 noon.

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 this afternoon at 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 \$2,325.00 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 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Gesu Bambino

Yon/Hughes

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Rev. Lane Bass

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 96

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light (verse 1)

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to be like Jesus,
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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 Malachi 3:1-4 Ms. Sarah Davis and
Murfreesboro Baptist Church Children

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 37 Mr. Sean Timmons

Do not fret because of the wicked;
They will soon fade like the grass.
Do not be envious of wrongdoers;
They shall wither like a green herb.
But trust in the Lord and do good.
We will take delight in the Lord.
Commit your way to God.
We will trust in him, and he will act.
He will make your vindication shine like the light,
And our justice as bright as the noonday.
Be still before the Lord;
We shall wait patiently for him.

INVOCATION Mr. Timmons

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 144

Oh Come, Little Children

SCHULZ

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY The Birth Of Jesus

CHILDREN'S SERMON Mrs. Chelsea Duffy

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:67-80

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. 126

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY SENTENCE Mr. Timmons

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* 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. Timmons

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING Luke 3:2-18

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

MESSAGE IN SONG *Hark, the Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn/Breeze
Calvin Carter, Tenor

MESSAGE IN WORD "Peace in the Process" Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 87

Arise, Your Light Is Come FESTAL SONG

BENEDEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Good Christians, All, Rejoice* Charles Sergisson

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.