

# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



**March 1, 2020**

**First Sunday In Lent  
Holy Communion**

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

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE *Hiding In Thee* Sankey/Boud

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Rev. Lane Bass

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 602  
*In Loving-Kindness Jesus Came* (verse 1) HE LIFTED ME

In loving-kindness Jesus came my soul in mercy to reclaim,  
And from the depths of sin and shame through grace he lifted me.  
From sinking sand He lifted me, with tender hand He lifted me,  
From shades of night to plains of light, O praise His name, He lifted me!

Sound System Operator Next Week:  
Caregiver This Week:  
Acolyte Today/Next Week:  
Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week:

Cody Peterson/Justin Peterson  
Lisa Forbes  
Addie Grace Reich/Will Revelle  
Mattie Grace Gilliam and Patricia Torres  
Lori Harders and Patricia Torres  
Mike and Susan Alston  
Tim Place  
Steve Fowler  
Raymond Benthall, Ronnie Coltrain, Jay Revelle, and Charles Gallop  
David Farnham, Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, and Keith Reich  
Wayne Brown  
Rachel Peterson  
Charlie and Frances Cole

March Radio Ministry Sponsor;  
Opening of the Church in March:  
Opening of the Church in April:  
Ushers for March:

Ushers for April:

Deacon of the Month for March:  
Deacon of the Month for April:  
Communion Today:

## This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Bible Study	10:00	Wed.	Lenten Lunch	Murfreesboro United Methodist Church 12:00
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00		Big Wednesday	6:00
	Worship	11:00		Kids' Club	6:30
Mon.	K&C Group	10:00		Youth Group	6:30
Tues.	Deacons' Meeting	6:00		Choir Rehearsal	6:50

The Deacons will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

This Wednesday is Big Wednesday. Mary Etta's menu is ham, cabbage, boiled potatoes, rolls, and dessert. Please call the church office to add or change your reservations by Monday, March 2 at 12 noon.

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact the church office by Tuesday, March 31. The cost is \$20.87 each.

The Wednesday, March 4 Lenten Lunch will be held at Murfreesboro United Methodist Church at 12 noon.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 pm. Easter Eggs are in bags in a box in the connector. Please take some eggs home and fill them with candy, coins, or small toys and return them to the connector by Tuesday, April 7.

Donations are being accepted for the new Memorial Garden Project. Please mark your check or envelope "Memorial Garden."

*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

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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.

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 32

Mr. Bruce Brown

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven;  
**We are glad when our sin is covered.**  
Let us acknowledge our sin before you;  
**We will confess our transgressions to the LORD.**  
Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you,  
**For you will forgive the guilt of our sin.**  
You shall be for us a hiding place,  
**You will surround us with deliverance.**  
So let us be glad in the LORD.  
**Let us rejoice,**  
For the LORD our God is full of grace;  
**He is abounding in mercy.**

INVOCATION

Mr. Brown

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 285

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Bass

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-7

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. 169

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

\*OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Mr. Brown

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Abide With Me with Chopin Etude, Op. 10 No. 3*

\*DOXOLOGY NO. 706

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

**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. Brown

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

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

MESSAGE IN SONG

*God Is So Good*

arr. Douglas Wagner

MESSAGE IN WORD

“The Everyday Decision”

Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OBSERVATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 497

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

ASSAM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Go Out With Joy*

Mary McDonald

*\*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 Lent. The color of the season is purple, which is the color of the robe the soldiers placed upon Jesus as they mocked him before the crucifixion. (Mark 15:17)