

MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



March 7, 2021
Third Sunday In Lent
Holy Communion

Rev. Lane Bass, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director
Mr. Jordan Brown, Youth Ministry Intern **Mr. Corbin Robertson, Youth Ministry Intern**
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *My Song Is Love Unknown* Edwards/Wood

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Rev. Lane Bass

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

Caregiver This Week: Debbie Hill
 March Radio Ministry Sponsor: Johnny and Catherine Jenkins
 Opening of the Church in March: Mike Alston
 Ushers for March: Raymond Benthall, Ronnie Coltrain, Jay Revelle, and Charlie Gallop
 Ushers for April: David Farnham, Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, and Thomas Bird
 Deacon of the Month for March: Charlie Gallop

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed. Kids' Club	6:00
	Worship	11:00	Youth Group	6:00
			Handbell Choir	6:00

Today, March 7, we will once again receive the Lord's Supper together. For those who are worshipping with us in the sanctuary, the Communion elements are ready and waiting in the pew backs in front of you.

The Handbell Choir will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. If you're interested, please join us. We are following all Covid requirements. Any questions, please see Paula.

Please pick-up Easter eggs from the connector and fill them with small toys, candy, money, stickers, etc. for the annual Easter Egg Hunt during Holy Week on Wed, March 31. Please return filled eggs to the media center by Wednesday, March 31 at 5 pm. Thank you.

Sunday, March 14, begins Daylight Savings Time. Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour Saturday evening.

The Deadline to place orders for Easter Lilies on Easter Sunday is Friday, March 26. The cost is \$20.87. Please call the church office (398-3613) to place your order.

Please remember to call the church office if you're planning to worship with us on Easter Sunday. It is important that we have an idea of how many will be in the sanctuary so that we may safely worship our Lord on the day that He rose victorious from the grave.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Clif and Janet Collins Bern Davenport Tom and Ann Caulkins Becky Dickerson
 Jennifer Moore Jeanne Parker Carol Piper Doris Taylor Cheryl Whitley

Our Shared Commitment to Supporting Missions and Ministry for February 2021

	Feb. 7	Feb. 14	Feb. 21	Feb. 28	Monthly Total	For the Year
Weekly Budget	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$3,942.31	\$15,769.24	\$86,730.82
Weekly Tithes & Offerings	\$3,240.00	\$5,335.00	\$5,580.83	\$1,885.00	\$16,040.83	\$81,507.72
Other Income						\$52.86
Over (Under)	(702.31)	\$1,392.69	\$1,638.52	(2,057.31)	\$271.59	(\$5,170.24)

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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 1 Corinthians 1
(Please follow along, but do not voice your response)

Mr. Jordan Brown

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

We proclaim Christ crucified,

A stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,

But to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ is the power and the wisdom of God.

For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,

And God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

INVOCATION

Mr. Jordan Brown

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 457

Come and Feast for All Are Welcomed (Please feel free to hum along.)

REGENT SQUARE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 4:13-25

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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

And Can It Be

Calvin Carter, tenor

arr. Dan Forrest

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-22

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN WORD

“Fully Convinced”

Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 625

Standing on the Promises (Please feel free to hum along.)

PROMISES

BENEDICTION

Rev. Bass

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Major

Christopher Tambling

**Denotes that the congregation may stand.*

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXITING

For those in the balcony, please exit through the front doors and down the steps to Main St.

For those who need the elevator, please exit the same way you entered. Leave the sanctuary through the piano side, go down the elevator, and exit the building through the breezeway doors.

For all others on the main floor, once those who need the elevator have left, please exit through the doors on the organ side. Go down the steps to the connector and exit through either set of double doors.

Please dispose of your bulletins in the designated boxes on your exit route.

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)