

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Michael and Susan Alston.

## Using their Gifts to Serve in November

Deacon of the Month of November  
November Radio Ministry Sponsor:  
Opening of the Church in November:  
Ushers for November:

Ushers for December:

Caregiver for November 20 - December 3:  
Nursery Caregiver:

Colon Ballance  
Lynette Bunch and Family  
Colon Ballance  
Steve Fowler, T.K. Warren,  
Mike Alston, and Kirk Peterson  
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown,  
Bruce Brown, and Bob Turner  
Aldeen Gatewood  
Sarah Davis

## This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Bible Study	6:30
	Worship	11:00		Choir Practice	6:00
	Hanging of the Greens	2:00			

Today at 2:00 we will decorate the sanctuary and church grounds for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Volunteers are needed.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We were able to fill 29 boxes.

The Kids' Club will not meet on Wednesday, November 23.

The church administrative office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25 in observance of Thanksgiving

**In Memory of Louise Copeland:** Katherine Brett

**In Memory of Raymond Carson Benthall, Jr:** Larry and Paula Pressnell

*Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:*

Phil Royce    Clif and Janet Collins    Bern Davenport    Tom and Ann Caulkins

# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey – Interim Pastor**  
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist and Choir Director  
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

*O God, Beyond All Praise*

Holst/Uppercue

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 378

*We Gather Here in Grateful Praise* (verses 1 & 4)

TRURO

We gather here in grateful praise, in prayer and song our voices raise,  
For all our blessings, large and small, we thank You God, who gives us all.  
Praise God, the source of everything, praise God, the Son, our Lord and King,  
Praise God, the Holy Spirit near, we thank You God, for You are here.

*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

Dr. Bailey

(Congregation, please respond by reading bold type.)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

**Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**

God blesses us with gifts of love with food and clothing, home and family.

**God blesses us with daily work and all we need from day to day.**

God protects us in time of danger and guards us from every evil.

**God calls us into relationship with him and forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus**

Christ in this place. Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

#### INVOCATION

Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 372

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Give Thanks*

Henry Smith

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ms. Sarah Davis

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 41:10; 59:1

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God**

### WE LIFT OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

#### CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

#### SILENT PRAYERS

#### CORPORATE PRAYER

Dr. Bailey

\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 61

*We Gather Together*

SUSTAINER

### WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Dr. Bailey

#### RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

*My Tribute*

Crouch/Hayes

\*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

Dr. Bailey

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD

#### MESSAGE IN SONG

*Thanksgiving Joy!*

Joseph M. Martin

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 5:22-25

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God**

#### MESSAGE IN WORD

Roadblocks on Our Spiritual Journey  
“Moving from Self-Pity to Thankfulness!”

Dr. Bailey

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

#### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 371

*Now Thank We All Our God*

NUN DANKET

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

*Jesus Is King*

Dick Torrains

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.

*\*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. Today is Christ the King Sunday. The color of today is white, symbolizing the perfect holiness and justice of our eternal King.