

The advent wreath is given in memory of Hugh Carroll Vincent, Jr. and Kevin Douglas Vincent, by Janet Vincent.

Using their Gifts to Serve in December

Deacon of the Month of December:	Bruce Brown
December Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Linda Hassell
Opening of the Church in December:	Tommy Bird
Ushers for December:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Bob Turner
Ushers for January:	Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee, and Bob Turner
Caregiver for December 4 - December 17:	Lynette Bunch
Nursery Caregiver:	Mollie Madden
December 4 Communion:	Charlie and Frances Cole

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00	Wed.	Kids' Club	6:00-6:45
	Worship	11:00		Choir Practice	6:15
				<i>Full rehearsal for both Choirs and Readers</i>	
				Bible Study	6:00

Our 2022 Angel Tree is up and waiting for you in the foyer by the elevator. Take one or more angels to buy Christmas gifts for those children. Please sign the sign-up sheet by your number. Wrap each gift with the same paper and place everything in a single bag. **Make sure to write the number on each wrapped package and attach the angel tag to the bag.** **Deadline to return Angel Tree gifts is December 15.**

Fuel Assistance Program: Murfreesboro Baptist Church will once again participate in the Fuel Assistance Program. Your donations will help families pay for home heating costs that they might otherwise not be able to pay. If you would like to contribute, please make check payable to MBC and mark your donation "Fuel Assistance" Deadline is Monday, Dec. 19.

White Christmas Boxes will be delivered on December 22. We need volunteers to help fill and deliver boxes. Please bring in donations of foods and/or funds to enable us to continue this important ministry. Food items needed are 1 lb. block of cheese, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, candied yams, gravy, and stuffing mix. You may also contribute by adopting a box for @25.00. Please mark your donations "White Christmas Box". Let's do our part to bring spiritual and physical nourishment to local families this holiday season. Deadline is Monday, December 19. If you have questions, contact Lynette Bunch or Colon Ballance.

The church administrative office will be closed Friday, December 2.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce	Clif and Janet Collins	Bern Davenport	Tom and Ann Caulkins
Larry Futrell	Doris Taylor	Randy and Cheryl Whitley	

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.

Murfreesboro Baptist Church

Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Peace
THE SEASON OF ADVENT

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 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. Dale Wood

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Dr. R. Richard (Rick) Bailey

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF PEACE The Gallop Family

HYMN NO. 79 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (VERSES 1 & 2) VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 82

Light the Light, the Fire of Life (verse 2) IL EST NE

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory,

Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

Light the candle of His peace, light the light of angels singing,

Light the candle of His peace, light the light that shone that night.

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory,

Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Bailey

Peace is more than just an absence of anger or war. The peace of God is a spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical strength. With God's peace, we can be relaxed and quiet in times of trouble or stress, and we needn't ever be bothered by fear.

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

May the words from John 14 by the Prince of Peace find a place in our hearts, not just for this season of Christmas, but each day that we live.

INVOCATION Dr. Bailey

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 87

Arise, Your Light Is Come FESTAL SONG

CHILDREN'S SERMON Ms. Sarah Davis

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-10

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. 126

Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SENTENCE Dr. Bailey

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller/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 Dr. Bailey

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

MESSAGE IN SONG *An Advent Acclamation* arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:8-14; Romans 15:7-13

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

MESSAGE IN WORD "The Peace of Advent" Dr. Bailey

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 107

O Little Town of Bethlehem ST. LOUIS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rejoice! Our Redeemer is Coming!* Gerald Peterson

Please stay seated until the conclusion of the music.