

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

Sound System Operator Today/Next Week: Will Revelle/Jimmy Boone  
Caregiver This Week: Yvonne Warren  
Family Lighting Advent Wreath: The Peterson Family  
Nursery Caregivers Today/Next Week: Lori Harders, Mollie Madden, and Patricia Torres  
Joel McCormick, Claire Place, 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
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00
	Worship	11:00
	Christmas Luncheon	12:00
	Christmas Caroling	5:30
Mon.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	5:30

MBC Church members and the community are invited to the **FREE** Community Christmas Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after Worship Service today. The menu is loaded baked potatoes, salad and dessert.

Christmas Caroling is this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 24.

The Church Administrative Office will be closed December 24 thru 26 for the Christmas Holidays.

December 30 is the deadline for all pledges for the Nursery Renovation. We are \$2,000.00 from reaching the goal.

Big Wednesday will be on January 9 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Lori Lowe      Bern Davenport      Jennifer Moore  
Jeanne Parker      Cheryl Whitley      Billy Futrell      Carol Piper

**In Memory of Jack Hassell:** Alice Hassell



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# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



## Lessons and Carols

*Sunday, December 23, 2018*

*Fourth 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

**PRELUDE** **In Dulci Jubilo** Bach/Paxton

**WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS** **Rev. Lane Bass**

**\*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 83**  
*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (Verse 1)*

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**INVOCATION** **Rev. Bass**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE** **Micah 5:2-5a** **The Peterson Family**

**FIRST LESSON – GENESIS 3:8-19** **Rev. Bass**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, No. 281 - Choir & Congregation**

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BEECHER  
John Zundel

**NINTH LESSON – JOHN 1:1-14**

**Rev. Bass**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful, No. 103 - Choir & Congregation**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal, lo, He shuns not the virgin's womb; Son of the  
Father, begotten, not created.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

ADESTE FIDELES  
John Francis Wade

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Bass**

**POSTLUDE**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Mendelssohn/Smith

## **A History of the Nine Lessons and Carols**

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918, at King's College, Cambridge. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who, at the age of 24, had just been appointed Dean of King's College after serving as an army chaplain in the Great War. His experience in the army had convinced him of the need for more imaginative worship in the church.

The order of worship he put together was adapted from a Christmas Eve service in the town of Truro, in Cornwall, in 1880. A revision of the lessons and carols service was made in 1919, rearranging the order of the lessons. Since that time, the service has always begun with the hymn, "Once In Royal David's City." In almost every year, the choice of carols has varied, but the backbone of the service, the lessons and prayers, has remained virtually unchanged.

The King's College Christmas Eve service<sup>4</sup> was first broadcast in 1928 and, with the exception of 1930, it has been broadcast annually, even during the Second World War. Wherever the service is heard and however it is adapted, whether the music is provided by choir or congregation, the pattern and strength of the service, as Milner-White pointed out, derive from the lessons and not the music. "The main theme is the development of the loving purposed of God," he said, "as seen through the words of the Bible."

**EIGHTH LESSON – MATTHEW 2:1-12**

**Mr. Sean Timmons**

**Led By A Brilliant Light - Choir**

On a cold and starry night so many years ago,  
Wise men came to a manger. The road was painful and slow.  
Bearing gifts and riding camels, traveling from afar.  
Kings were filled with wonder that God would send them love.  
They found the Babe, then knelt and prayed and gave their gifts of love,  
Giving thanks for the Baby and the star that shone above, and the star that shone above.

Sing allelu! They were led by a brilliant light. Sing allelu,  
It led to the holy site where the Child was born one night.

Like those kings who came a-walking we have gifts to bring,  
giving to our loved ones in honor of Christ our King.  
May our hearts be filled with wonder, May our hopes be bright,  
Like the gentle Wise Men we're led by a brilliant light, oh, we're led by a brilliant light.

Sing allelu! They were led by a brilliant light. Sing allelu,  
It led to the holy site where the Child was born one night  
Who would bring them love and light!

Patricia Lou Harris

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**Rev Bass**

**RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

**The Sussex Carol**

arr. Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY NO. 706**

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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**

**Rev. Bass**

**SECOND LESSON – GENESIS 22:15-18**

**Ms. Sarah Davis**

**Blessed Is the Lord (Benedictus) - Choir**

Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord.  
Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.  
Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,  
Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.  
Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord.  
Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.  
“Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation’s horn.  
God incarnate, Word made flesh, to a virgin shall be born.”

Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord.  
Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.

Christ brings light to sin’s dark night; Our Dayspring from on high,  
Saints and angels sing God’s praise.

All the earth and Heav’ns reply:  
Benedictus, Benedictus, Blessed is our Lord.  
Benedictus, Benedictus, Welcome His Incarnate Word.

Dan Forrest

**THIRD LESSON – ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7**

**Mrs. Susan Bass**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel, No. 79 - Choir & Congregation**

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!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things, far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven’s peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

VENI EMMANUEL  
Plainsong, adapt. Thomas Helmore

**FOURTH LESSON – ISAIAH 11:1-4a, 6-9**

Rev. Bass

**Baby Born in Bethlehem - Children’s Choir and Adult Choir**

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, No. 89 - Choir & Congregation**

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,  
Bidding all to true repentance since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o’er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token that His word is never broken.

PSALM 42  
Genevan Psalter, 1551

Run, run, run to the manger. Run, run, run to the manger.  
Run, run, run to the manger, there’s a baby born in Bethlehem.  
Run, run, run to the manger. Run, run, run to the manger.  
Run, run, run to the manger, there’s a baby born in Bethlehem.  
See amid the winter snow. Baby born in Bethlehem.  
Born for us on earth below. Baby born in Bethlehem.  
Run, run, run to the manger. Run, run, run to the manger.  
Run, run, run to the manger, there’s a baby born in Bethlehem.  
Wise men traveled from afar. Baby born in Bethlehem.  
They were guided by a brilliant star. Baby born in Bethlehem.  
Oh, go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.  
Oh, go and tell it on the mountain that there’s a baby born in Bethlehem.  
O won’t you run to the manger, come and see the baby.  
Run to the manger, come and see the baby. Run to the manger, come and see the baby,  
Run to the manger, come and see the baby, Run to the manger, come and see the baby,  
Run to the manger, come and see the baby.  
Baby born in Bethlehem, there’s a baby born in Bethlehem.  
There’s a baby born in Bethlehem.

Victor C. Johnson

**FIFTH LESSON – LUKE 1:26-35, 38**

Rev. Bass

**SEVENTH LESSON – LUKE 2:8-16**

Mr. Charlie Cole

**Quia Respexit from Magnificat (Canticle of Mary)**  
Lauren McCormick, soprano

For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden;  
Behold, for from this time, may I be called blessed.

J.S. Bach  
Magnificat in D Major, BWV 243

**Angels We Have Heard On High, No. 125 - Choir & Congregation**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

GLORIA  
French Carol Melody  
arr. Edward S. Barnes