

MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Ciera Cox/Matty Grace Gilliam
 Brinson and Lorene Paul
 Ciera Cox/Mary Welch Gallop
 Elizabeth Brown and Patricia Torres
 Molly Brown and Patricia Torres
 T.W. and Debbie Hill
 Don and Lynn Johnson
 Johnny Jenkins
 Charlie Gallop
 Don Johnson, Wayne Brown Bruce Brown, and
 Brinson Paul
 Johnny Jenkins, Kirk Peterson, Bob Lee, and
 Tim Place
 Bruce Brown
 Debbie Hill

December Radio Ministry Sponsor;
 January Radio Ministry Sponsor
 Opening of the Church in December:
 Opening of the Church in January:
 Ushers for December:

Ushers for January:

Deacon of the Month for December:
 Deacon of the Month for January:

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

Sun.	Bible Study	10:00	Mon.	K&C Group	10:00
	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00			
	Worship	11:00			

Today is 5th Sunday "Open Choir". You are invited to join in singing "Go Tell It On The Mountain" for the Message in Song. Please meet in the choir room at 10:45.

Following worship this morning, we will collect a Fifth Sunday offering to help replenish our Food Pantry following our White Christmas Box Mission Project. Thank you for your help in contributing this important and needed ministry.

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to our White Christmas Boxes, the Angel Tree, and the Fuel Assistance Program. Your generosity was truly a blessing to many in need in our community.

2020 Offering Envelopes are now available in the church library. The boxes are labeled and if you do not see your name, please contact the church office.

The administrative office will be closed, Wednesday, January 1 for the New Year Holiday.

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

Murfreesboro Baptist Church is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

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December 29, 2019

First Sunday of Christmas

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *The Coventry Carol* arr. James Southbridge

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS Rev. Lane Bass

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP NO. 103
O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 & 3) ADESTE FIDELES

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!
 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!

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 148

Ms. Sarah Davis

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
Praise him in the heights!
Praise him, sun and moon;
Praise him, all you shining stars!
Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he is their Creator.
He established them forever and ever.
Praise the LORD from the earth,
Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars!
Wild animals and cattle!
Kings and princes, rulers and all people!
Men and women, young and old,
Let us praise the name of the LORD,
For his name alone is exalted;
His glory is above earth and heaven.

INVOCATION

Ms. Davis

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 102

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Dr. Mollie Madden

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23

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. 104

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

WE RETURN OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ms. Davis

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Gesu, Bambino

Yon/Hayes

*DOXOLOGY NO. 706

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100™

**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

Ms. Davis

WE LISTEN FOR GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 148

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

MESSAGE IN SONG

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

John W. Work

MESSAGE IN WORD

“Christmas Is Only The Beginning”

Rev. Bass

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 114

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

arr. Kenneth Varner

**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. This is the season of Christmas. The color for the season is white, symbolizing the purity of the newborn baby Jesus.