

# MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



**March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday In Lent**

**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

*Give Me Jesus*

arr. Douglas Wagner

WELCOME OF WORSHIPERS

Rev. Lane Bass

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

Caregiver This Week:  
March Radio Ministry Sponsor:  
Opening of the Church in March:  
Ushers for March:

Debbie Hill  
Johnny and Catherine Jenkins  
Mike Alston  
Raymond Benthall, Ronnie Coltrain,  
Jay Revelle, and Charlie Gallop  
David Farnham, Hal Thomas, Lloyd Hill, and  
Thomas Bird  
Charlie Gallop

Ushers for April:

Deacon of the Month for March:

## This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church...

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

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.

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.

Make plans now for Easter! In preparation for Easter Sunday, we have made the decision to hold two worship services that morning. Please call or email the church office to make your reservation for either the 8:30 or 11:00 service.

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.

**In Memory of Lynn Whitley Gray:** Aldeen Gatewood, Bryant and Ann Cooke, Brenda L. Davis, Susan Bengel, Jessica and Craig Saunders, Colon and Jane Ballance, Ben and Valerie Sutton, and Charlie and Dell Aycock

**In Memory of Maurice Earl "Fal" Burnette:** Charlie and Dell Aycock

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

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

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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**          Romans 8  
(Please follow along, but do not voice your response)

Rev. Bass

If God is for us, who is against us?  
**If God did not withhold his own Son,**  
But gave him up for all of us,  
**Will he not with him also give us everything else?**  
And what shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
**Can hardship, or distress, or persecution?**  
Can famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**  
Neither death, nor life, nor rulers, nor powers can come between us.  
**Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Bass

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 26  
*God of Creation, All-Powerful* (Please feel free to hum along.)

SLANE

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Ms. Sarah Davis

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalms 103:6-18

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**

*Via Dolorosa*

Sprague/Hayes

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 John 4:7-21

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

**MESSAGE IN WORD**

“So Great A Love”

Mr. Corbin Robertson

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

**INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 595

*At the Cross* (Please feel free to hum along.)

HUDSON

**BENEDICTION**

Mr. Robertson

**POSTLUDE**

*Onward Christian Soldiers*

Joseph Prentiss

*\*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)