

Leader: With the pledging of this covenant, Dr. Mark Eric Gaskins is duly installed as the Pastor of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church. May God's blessing be upon Pastor and People as they together follow the Lord of the church into the future he has planned for them!

*Hymn of Response No. 496 *Footsteps of Jesus* FOOTSTEPS

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

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| Offertory Sentence | | Dr. Gaskins |
| Offertory | <i>My Tribute</i> | Crouch/Hayes |

My Tribute
Calvin Carter, tenor

*Doxology 706 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Dr. Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction

****Postlude** *Praise the Lord on High* Rachel Sawyer



***Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

To our guests this morning . . .

In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome to worship at Murfreesboro Baptist Church! Worshipping God together is one of the most important things we do as a church. We gather to hear and tell the good news of what God has done, is doing, and will do in Jesus Christ his Son, and respond to him in faith and obedience as he sends us out with his blessing to love and serve him in the world. We believe every member of the congregation should be involved, so we encourage active participation through responsive readings, the prayers, 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 invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior and be baptized. We frequently share the Lord's Supper, which is open to all baptized Christians.

As members of the larger body of Christ, we affirm our kinship with our fellow believers in other traditions and around the world by following the seasons of the Christian year. Today is the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Though ordinarily green, the color for today is red, symbolizing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as we install Dr. Mark Gaskins as our twenty-seventh Pastor.

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Choir Director
Rev. Thomas Caulkins, Pastor Emeritus



MURFREESBORO
BAPTIST CHURCH

Murfreesboro, North Carolina

Love God. Follow Jesus. Serve Others.

The Lord's Day, January 14, 2024
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Pastor Installation Service

We Gather to Worship

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| Prelude | <i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i> | Doane/Prentissnm |
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Gathering Hymn *Surely the Presence* Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel the mighty power of His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Words of Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Mr. Tommy Bird
MBC Chair of Deacons

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Call to Worship and Invocation Psalm 139:1-6, 17-18, 23-24 (NRSV)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high I cannot attain it.

**Please stand as you are able.*

How weighty to me are thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.
**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

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| Welcome from the Search Committee | Mrs. Debbie Hill <i>Member, Pastor Search Committee</i> |
| Welcome from the University | Mr. Chuck Taylor <i>Interim President, Chowan University</i> |
| Response | Dr. Mark Gaskins |

We Hear God’s Word

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| *Hymn of Praise No. 156 | <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i> | SHINE |
| Children’s Sermon | | Ms. Sarah Davis |
| Old Testament Lesson | Proverbs 3:5-6 | Mrs. Debbie Hill |
| The Word of God, for the People of God. Thanks be to God. | | |
| The Church at Prayer Call to Prayer The Prayers of the People The Lord’s Prayer (<i>trespasses</i>) | | |

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| *Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 154 | <i>Christ Is the World's Light</i> | CHRISTE SANCTORUM |
| New Testament Lesson | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Mr. Charlie Cole <i>Member, Pastor Search Committee</i> |
| The Word of the Lord. Praise His Holy Name! | | |
| Message in Song | <i>Order My Steps</i> | Burleigh/Schrader |
| Scripture and Sermon | Dr. Ron Cava <i>Senior Minister, FBC Henderson, NC</i> | |
| Mark 6:1-6 “Untie the Hands of Christ” | | |

We Respond to God’s Word

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| Entering into Covenant | Dr. Tom Ogburn <i>Pastor, Triangle Baptist Church</i> |
| Leader: On Sunday, July 30, in the year of our Lord 2023, the Murfreesboro Baptist Church extended a call to the Rev. Dr. Mark Eric Gaskins to become its twenty-seventh | |

Pastor. In your call, he has heard God’s call, and now stands before you to be installed as your Pastor. I call upon you now to enter into covenant before God as Pastor and People.

Dr. Gaskins, do you believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you confess anew Jesus Christ as your Savior, and as Lord of all and head of the church? Do you believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God written, the unique and authoritative witness to and record of God’s revelation of himself in Jesus Christ? And do you believe in your heart that you have been truly called by God to serve as Pastor of this congregation?

Pastor: *I do.*

Leader: I charge you, then, by the authority of Scripture: Take heed to yourself and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseer, to shepherd the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. Preach the Word; be urgent in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, and exhort. Be unfailing in patience and in teaching. Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but by being an example to the flock. Will you strive to do these things?

Pastor: *With the Lord as my helper, I will.*

Leader: Please state your promises to God and his people.

Pastor: *I covenant together with God and with the congregation of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church to be a faithful minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to be diligent in my study of God’s Word that I might guide this people in a life of prayer and fellowship with God; to lead this congregation in the worship of Almighty God; to preach and to teach them the Bible, sound Christian doctrine, Christian history, and the Christian way of life, so that they may grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and the body may be built up in unity and nurtured toward maturity; to lead this church in its mission and ministry to our community and beyond; and to provide pastoral care and spiritual guidance to this people through a ministry of presence, prayer and counsel, rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.*

Leader: Do you, the members of the Murfreesboro Baptist Church acknowledge and accept Dr. Mark Gaskins as your Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead you in the way of Christ?

People: **We do.**

Leader: Then please state your promises to God and your Pastor.

People: **We pledge to God and our Pastor to esteem our Pastor for his work’s sake; to support and encourage him in all his work as a minister of Jesus Christ; to respect and follow his leadership as he follows the leadership of Christ, the head of the church. We promise to care for his spiritual and temporal needs and those of his family; to pray for him as he labors among us; to stand by him in good times and bad, sharing his joys and trials. We pledge to listen to the Word he preaches and teaches, to welcome his pastoral care and concern, and to honor him as our shepherd, as he honors and obeys our Great Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

The flowers are given by Sarah Davis and dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Mark and JoAnn Gaskins.

Using their Gifts to Serve in January:

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| Opening of the Church in January: | Johnny Jenkins |
| Ushers for January: | Johnny Jenkins, Freddie Bazen, Bob Lee, and Bob Turner |
| Ushers for February: | Colon Balance, Armando Torres, Charlie Cole, and Garth Faile |
| Caregiver for January 14 – January 27: | Garth and Erin Faile |

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| | Worship | 11:00 A.M. | | Choir Practice | 6:00 P.M. |
| Tues. | Food Bank of the Albemarle | 1:30 P.M. | | Kids’ Club | 6:00 – 6:45 P.M. |

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For anyone that may be a bit chilly during worship service, throws are available and are on the steps to the right (used to go to the choir loft) just outside the sanctuary on the elevator side.

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Phil Royce Janet Collins Bern Davenport Tom and Ann Caulkins
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