

The Advent Poinsettia is given in memory of James Guy Revelle, Jr. by Gertrude Revelle and Family.

Using their Gifts to Serve in December:

Deacon of the Month of December:	Charlie Gallop
December Radio Ministry Sponsor:	Bruce and Liz Brown
Opening of the Church in December:	Johnny Jenkins
Ushers for December:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Bob Turner
Caregiver for December 15-28:	Booker Daniel

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00 A.M.	Tues.	Christmas Eve	
	Worship	11:00 A.M.		Candlelight Service	5:30 P.M.
	Christmas Caroling	4:00 P.M.			

Our youth invite you to join us for Christmas caroling at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon.

For the many gifts and donations this Christmas season, we thank you. With your generosity to the Christmas Angel Tree, the Fuel Assistance Program, and the White Christmas Boxes you have touched the lives of many families this holiday season and shown the true spirit of giving to others in need. Merry Christmas to you all.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 5:30 on Christmas Eve. Please invite family and friends.

MBC has returned to live streaming the service. We are streaming on our YouTube page. The page is [youtube.com/@murfreesborobaptistchurch27855](https://www.youtube.com/@murfreesborobaptistchurch27855). The dome logo is the profile picture. Please subscribe to our page. You can watch the service live when you are not here or watch the broadcast at your convenience.

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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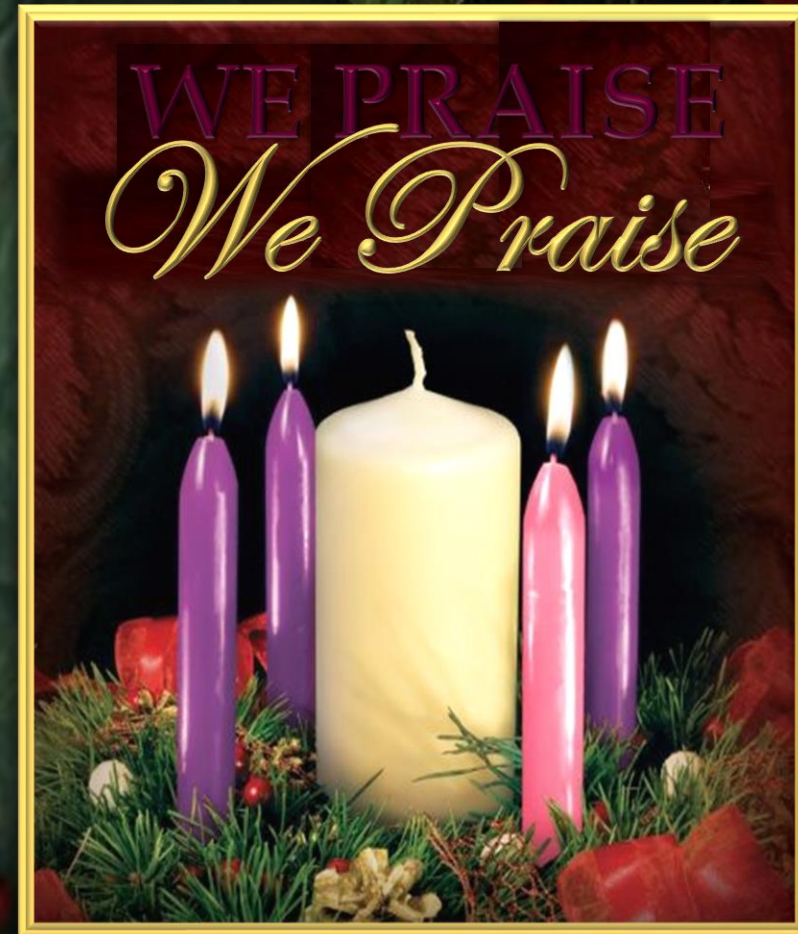
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Murfreesboro Baptist Church

The Lord's Day, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



We Gather to Worship

Prelude *The Birthday of a King* Neidlinger/Tornquist

Words of Welcome Mark Gaskins

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship *We Wait in Hope: A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent* Joel Raney

Theme Introduction Choir

Litany

Advent is a time to praise.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

During Advent we remember God's past faithfulness.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

During Advent we remember God's present goodness.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

During Advent we remember God's future promises.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

The First, Second, Third, and Fourth Candles

Refrain *We Wait in Hope* Joel Raney
Congregation

We praise with hope for the morning Light,
for the love of Christ to illuminate the night.

We praise with joy for the Savior's birth;
we praise with hope for peace on earth.

Prayer Mark Gaskins

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 102 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Micah 5:2-5a Frances Cole

The Word of God, for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 10:1-10 Charlie Cole

The Word of the Lord.

Praise His Holy Name!

The Church at Prayer

Call to Prayer
The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 148 *What Child Is This?* GREENSLEEVES

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* Mark Gaskins
arr. David Schwoebel

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

Anthem *Love Came Down at Christmas* arr. Marty Parks

Scripture and Sermon Luke 2:1-20 Mark Gaskins

What Child Is This?

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response *Mary, Did You Know?* Mark Lowry

Please See Insert

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

Commission and Benediction Mark Gaskins

**Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn/Smith

**Please stand as you are able. **Please remain seated until the conclusion of the music.*

To our guests this morning . . .

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship today at Murfreesboro Baptist Church. We believe that worshiping God together is the most important thing 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. We encourage active participation in worship through responsive readings, corporate prayer, giving our tithes and offerings, and singing the hymns together.

As Baptists, we emphasize the reading and preaching of the Bible, God's written word. We also practice believers' baptism, and invite those who are not already believers to make a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. 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. We are now in the season of Advent. The color for the season is purple, symbolizing the royalty of the coming King and our penitence as we prepare to greet him.