

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 29-January 11:	Lynette Bunch

This Week at Murfreesboro Baptist Church . . .

Sun.	Radio Broadcast, 98.3	10:00 A.M.
	Worship	11:00 A.M.

Please welcome Dr. Rick Bailey to the pulpit today.

MBC has returned to live streaming the service. We are streaming on our YouTube page. The page is 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.

In Memory of Jack Hassell: Alice Hassell

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

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MURFREESBORO BAPTIST CHURCH



The Lord's Day
First Sunday After Christmas

December 29, 2024

We Gather to Worship

Prelude *Away in a Manger* arr. Van Denman Thompson

Gathering Hymn No. 126 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (verses 1 & 3) REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations, ye have seen the Infant's star.
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Words of Welcome Dr. Rick Bailey
The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Ministry Opportunities

Invocation Dr. Rick Bailey

We Hear God's Word

*Hymn of Praise No. 127 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Children's Sermon Sarah Davis

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

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

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

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. 114 *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPEST ADEST FLORIDIUM

Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Prayer Dr. Rick Bailey

Offertory *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hopkins/Larson

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

Anthem *The Birthday of a King* W.H. Neidlinger
Rick Bailey, bass

Scripture and Sermon "Give Out Not Up!" Dr. Rick Bailey

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 143 *Go, Tell It On the Mountain* GO TELL IT

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment Dr. Rick Bailey

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

Commission and Benediction Dr. Rick Bailey

**Postlude *Carols of Joy and Gladness* arr. Lani 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 Christmas. The color for the season is white, symbolizing the purity of the newborn baby Jesus.