

Using their Gifts to Serve in December:

Deacon of the Month of December:	Charlie Gallop
December Radio Ministry Sponsor	Bruce and Liz Brown
Opening and Closing the Church:	Sarah Davis
Ushers for December:	Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown, and Bob Turner
Caregivers for November 14-December 27:	Lynette Bunch

Thank you for making the MBC Christmas Fuel Fund a success this year. A total of over \$2,500 was raised to help those in need of home heating fuel in the Roanoke-Chowan area.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the MBC Angel Tree. We were able to provide a Merry Christmas for 16 children.

In Memory of Jack Hasell: Alice Hassell

In Memory of J. Guy Revelle, Jr.: Gertrude Revelle

In Memory of Hal Ragland Thomas, Sr: Kemper and Beverly Baker

In Memory of Ann Baird Caulkins: William Hall

Please remember these friends who cannot worship with us regularly:

Phil Royce	Cheryl Whitley	Gertrude Revelle
Genevieve Broadhead	Chris Broadhead	Ed and Verlie Rainey

Dr. Mark E. Gaskins, Pastor
Mrs. Paula Pressnell, Organist & Director of Music Ministry
Ms. Kayleigh Lance, Director of Youth Ministry

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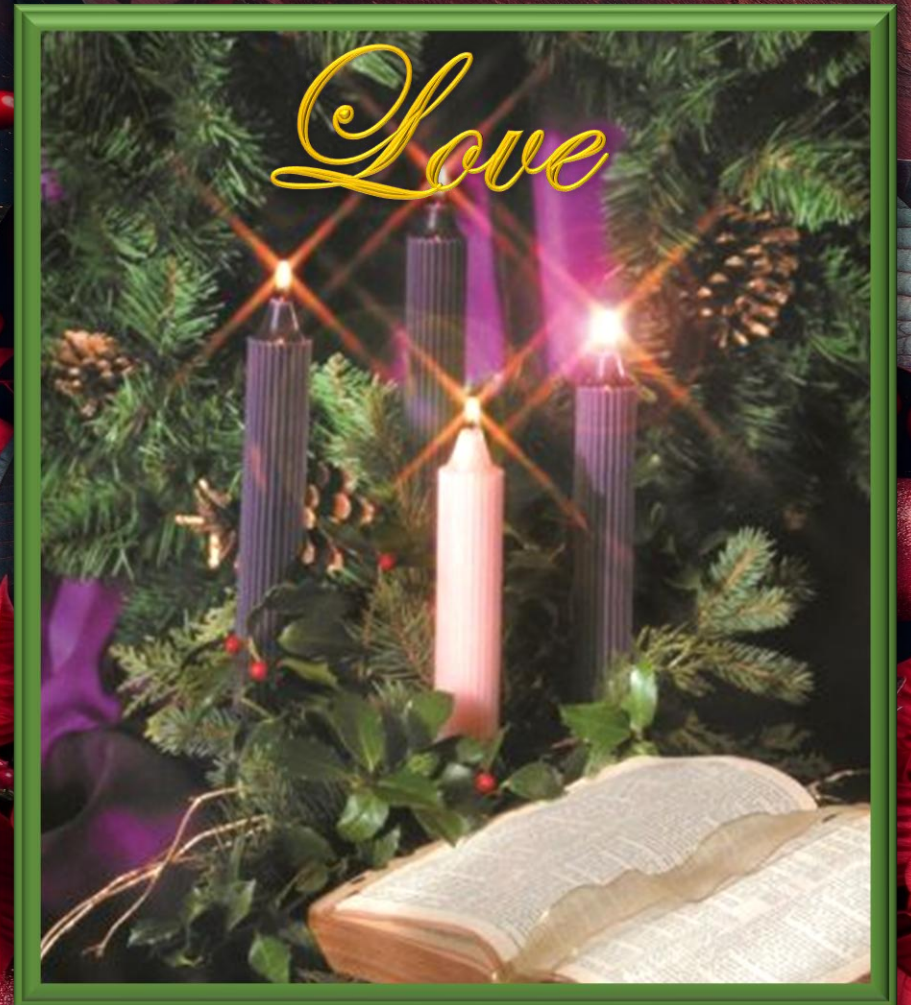
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The Lord's Day, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



We Gather to Worship		
Prelude	What Child Is This	John Stainer
*Gathering Hymn No. 82	Light the Light, the Fire of Life (verse 4)	IL EST NE
Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again. Light the candle of His love, light the light of Bethlehem’s stable, light the candle of His love, light the light by which we see. Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal His glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.		
Words of Welcome The Lord be with you! And also with you!		
Ministry Opportunities		Mark Gaskins
Call to Worship	Psalm 80:1a, 2b, 17-19 (NRSV)	
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! Stir up your might, and come to save us! But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on our name. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.		
Invocation		Mark Gaskins
We Hear God's Word		
*Hymn of Praise No. 102	Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come	ANTIOCH
Children’s Sermon: Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 7:10-16	Sarah Davis
The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!		
Epistle Lesson	Romans 1:1-7	Sarah Davis
The Word of the Lord. Praise His Holy Name!		
*Gloria Patri No. 705	Glory Be to the Father	GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.		

*Please stand as you are able.

The Church at Prayer		
The Call to Prayer		
The Prayers of the People		
The Lord’s Prayer (<i>trespasses</i>)		
*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 127	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	MENDELSSOHN
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Kayleigh Lance
Offertory	O Holy Night	arr. Mark Hayes
*Doxology 706	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD 100 TH
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. Amen.		
Anthem	Emmanuel Medley	McGee/Harlan/Evans
Scripture and Sermon	Matthew 1:18-25	Mark Gaskins
Emmanuel: God with Us		

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 114	Gentle Mary Laid Her Child	TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment		Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction		Mark Gaskins
**Postlude	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	John W. Work

**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! Worshiping 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 encourage active participation through responsive readings, prayers, the offering, and singing hymns.

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 Fourth Sunday 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.