

### Using their Gifts to Serve in December:

Deacon of the Month of December:  
December Radio Ministry Sponsor  
Opening and Closing the Church:  
Ushers for December:

Charlie Gallop  
Bruce and Liz Brown  
Sarah Davis  
Don Johnson, Wayne Brown, Bruce Brown,  
and Bob Turner  
Patty Joyner

Caregivers for November 30-December 13:

Murfreesboro Baptist Church will once again participate in the Christmas Fuel Fundraiser. With the help of Jernigan Oil Company, Inc. and Debbie Jones, fuel oil is purchased for families that are unable to pay at Christmas. Jernigan Oil Company, Inc. identifies those in most need and will reduce the oil prices substantially for this project. Last year approximately \$3,000 was raised for this cause. Please make your check payable to: Murfreesboro Baptist Church and indicate "FUEL FUND" on your check and bring or mail it to 200 West Main Street, Murfreesboro, NC 27855. Donations need to arrive at the church by December 16, 2025, so that funds may be taken to Jernigan Oil before Christmas. A warm home is a wonderful gift for Christmas.

Our Christmas Cantata will be held on December 14, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary, and will include the Middle Swamp Baptist Choir. The name of the cantata is Peace Has Come by Dennis and Nan Allen. Please join us in this beautiful celebration of the Christ child. Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Please bring a food item for the reception after the service.

The Annual Christmas Angel Tree is located in the foyer near the elevator. If you would like to be "A Christmas Angel" to a local child this Christmas, please take an Angel tag off the tree and sign the sign-in sheet on the lectern by the number you have chosen. Wrap all gifts, place in large bag and attach the Angel tag to the bag. Deadline for all gifts to be returned is Monday, December 15.

White Christmas box donations are now being accepted. Donations of foods and/or funds enable us to continue this important ministry. Food items needed are one-pound blocks of cheese, canned collards, cranberry sauce, candied yams, rice, fruit, gravy, brownie mix, and frosting. You may also contribute by adopting a box for \$25.00. Please mark your donations "White Christmas Box". The deadline for items is Dec 18. They will be packed and delivered on Dec 19.

**In Memory of Hal Ragland Thomas, Sr:** J.M. Glover, and Jimmy and Charlene Eason

*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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# Murfreesboro Baptist Church

## The Lord's Day, December 7, 2025

### *Second Sunday of Advent*



Peace



We Gather to Worship		
Prelude	Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light	Johann Rist
*Gathering Hymn No. 82	Light the Light, the Fire of Life (verse 1)	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 hope, light the light of prophet's story, light the candle of His hope, light the light we all must hold. 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! <b>And also with you!</b>		
Ministry Opportunities		Mark Gaskins
Call to Worship	Psalm 72:18-19 (NRSV)	
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, <b>who alone does wondrous things.</b>  Blessed be his glorious name forever; <b>may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.</b>		
Invocation		Mark Gaskins
We Hear God's Word		
*Hymn of Praise No. 83	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	HYFRYDOL
Children's Sermon: Lighting of the Advent Wreath		Sarah Davis
Epistle Lesson	Romans 15:4-13	Mike Alston
The Word of God for the People of God. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 3:1-12	Susan Alston
The Word of the Lord. <b>Praise His Holy Name!</b>		
*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. 104	Once in Royal David's City	IRBY
Thanksgiving with Our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Prayer		Mark Gaskins
Offertory	Good People, All, this Christmastime	arr. David Schwoebel
*Doxology 706	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow	OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup>
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	Jesus, God With Us	Marty Parks
Scripture and Sermon	Isaiah 11:1-10	Mark Gaskins
The Root and Branch of Jesse		

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn of Response No. 88	Blest Be the God of Israel	MERLE'S TUNE
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment		Mark Gaskins

We Go Forth with God's Blessing

*Commission and Benediction		Mark Gaskins
**Postlude	God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen	arr. Lani Smith

\*\*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 Second 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.