"Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His Love, and wonders, wonders, of His love. Joy to the world! The Lord has come!

CLOSING HYMN 218 UMH (screen) "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

BENEDICTION

Justin Hanson, Organ **POSTLUDE** "Variations of 'Good King Wenceslas" (Saxton)

Sopranos:

Bernadine Bierman Ellen Clark

Barbara David

Doris Ann Gray Barbara Lakey Catherine Phelps

Tenors:

Joey Caldwell Don Chastain **Gary Liles** Keith Phelps

Altos:

JoAnn Anderson

Carol Daniel

Elizabeth Flanagan

Grace Phelps Bonnie Wright Beth Ziarko

Basses:

David Enzor Jim Smith Roy Wrather

NEW MEMBERS - On Sunday, December 4, we welcomed the following persons to membership of our church:

- Bo and Kathleen Burk
- Gary and Julie Chandler
- Helene Chapman Kramer
- Clay, Brittany, and Hannah Crockett
- Glen, Beth, Brenna and Emma Lockhart
- Judson and Dana Naifeh
- Bruce and Debbie Sater
- Staci, Tanner and Amelia Sullivan

UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

Don and Carliss Chastain MorningSong:

Traditional: Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler

CALENDAR DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17

Sunday, December 11, 2011

MorningSong Worship - Chamber Center 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata, Chancel Choir - sanctuary

- broadcast live on WKBL-AM 1250 and online at

www.covingtonfumc.com

1:00 p.m. Delayed broadcast of Traditional Worship service

on KBJ, Ch. 5 in county and Ch. 19 in city

6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, December 12, 2011

Rebroadcast of the MorningSong service on KBJ, 6:00 p.m. Ch. 5 in county and Ch. 19 in city.

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

12:00 p.m. UMW Christmas Luncheon - Fellowship Hall Cub Scouts/Venture Crew - Education Bldg. 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group 6:00 p.m. **Choir Practice** 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall Women's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room 9:00 a.m.

1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild

Boy Scouts - Education Bldg. 5:00 p.m.

Food Pantry, Trust Co. Bank - Brighton 6:00 p.m.

2012 Budget Meeting - New Beginnings Room 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, 2011

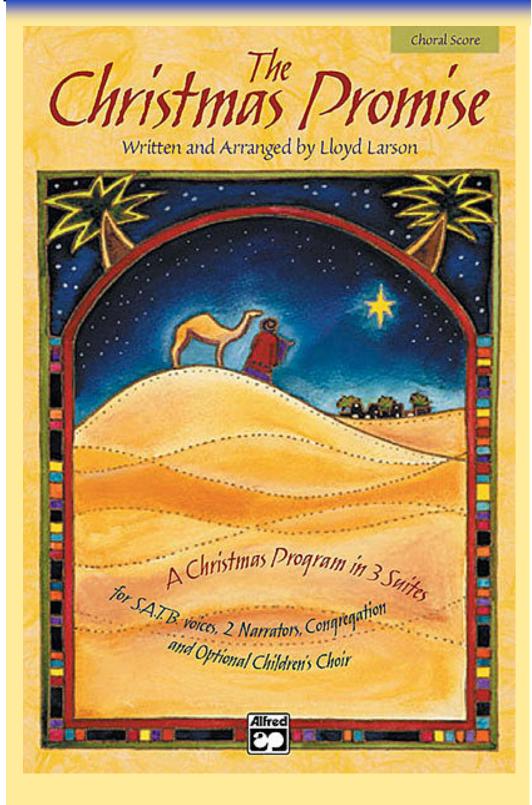
Food Pantry - Covington 9:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL / TRIBUTE - Poinsettias may be purchased as a tribute, to decorate the sanctuary on Dec. 18, 24, and 25. Price per plant is \$15.00. Please contact Peggy at 476-9694 or pmiller_fumc@bellsouth.net by Monday, December 12.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nina Anderson Amanda Lindsey Rachell Ruppe Peggy Massey Carolyn Scruggs Fave Beckett Helen Black Edith McBride George Shackleton **Graydon Simpson** Delmer McNeil Mary Carpenter James Calvin Smith Will Doss Tripp McNeil Carol Ferrell Charlie Moss Leslie Trumbo Ruth Glass Margaret Peterson Gail Umberger Wanda Glover Joe Willis Howard Ralph Terry Wilson Teena Jacobs Juanita Ralph Bob Yoakum Lucy Krull Dick Reed

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, COVINGTON, TN CHRISTMAS CANTATA **DECEMBER 11, 2011**



PRELUDE

Justin Hanson, Organ Russell Phelps, Piano

"Carol Medley" (Pollack)

WELCOME

Tim Carpenter

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT AND CROSS

*HYMN OF PRAISE 203 UMH (screen) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (stanzas 1 - 4)

*APOSTLES CREED 881 UMH (screen)

*GLORIA PATRI 70 (screen)

--Children are invited to go to Children's church at this time

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Stephen and Kaye Smith

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

Bill Face

"The Christmas Promise" (arr. Larson)

Presented by the Chancel Choir Justin Hanson, Organ Russell Phelps, Piano Ellen Clark, Director Phillip Sigler and Charlotte Quinley, Narrators

ADVENT SUITE

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE

Overture Isaiah 40:3-5

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Isaiah 11:1-2

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. that mourns in lonely exile here until our god appears. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Jeremiah 29:11 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.



Please mute your cell phone during worship

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Isaiah 7:14

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne. Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.

"Joy to the World! The Lord Shall Come" Isaiah 9:2 Luke 2:8-14

Joy to the world, the Lord shall come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing. Let every heart prepare Him room. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

CHRISTMAS SUITE

GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" / "Gloria" Luke 2:15-16

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" Hail the heavenborn Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!" Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria. in excelsis Deo!

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" John 1:14

The virgin Mary had a baby boy, the virgin Mary had a baby boy. The virgin Mary had a baby boy and they said that His name was Jesus! The shepherds came to where the baby was born, the shepherds came to where the baby was born, the shepherds came to where the baby was born, and they said that His name was Jesus! He come from the glory, He come from the glorious Kingdom. He come from the glory, He come from the glorious Kingdom. The virgin Mary had a baby boy, the virgin Mary had a baby boy. The virgin Mary had a baby boy and they said that His name was Jesus, Jesus, and they said that His name was Jesus!

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Matthew 2:1-1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne. Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.

EPIPHANY SUITE

LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING

"March of Kings" (Instrumental)

"As With Gladness Men of Old" Matthew 2:9-11

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright. So most gracious Lord may we evermore be led to Thee. As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly cradle bed, there to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore. So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat. As they offered gifts most rare at the cradle, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy. All our costliest treasures bring, Christ to Thee, our heavenly King.

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Soloist: Keith Phelps, tenor

Luke 2:17-18, 20

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

- Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go. tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.
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Tell it: Jesus Christ is born!