

CALENDAR NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

Sunday, November 27, 2011

- 8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship - Chamber Center
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - 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
 5:30 p.m. Advent Procession - St. Mathews Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First Methodist. Chili supper in Fellowship Hall following service.

Monday, November 28, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of the MorningSong Worship service on KBJ, Ch. 5 in county and Ch. 19 in city.
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - New Beg. Class

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

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

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 1, 2011

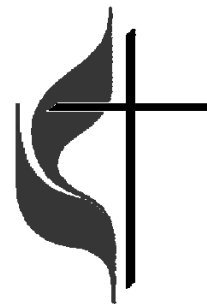
- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beg. Class

Saturday, December 3, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

PRAYER REQUESTS

Faye Beckett	Wanda Glover	JoAnn Potts	Family of
Helen Black	Annabelle Jackson	Howard Ralph	Ruth Sullivan
Elizabeth Bryant	Teena Jacobs	Juanita Ralph	Leslie Trumbo
Mary Carpenter	Lucy Krull	Dick Reed	Gail Umberger
Carliss Chastain	Amanda Lindsey	Rachel Ruppe	Joe Willis
Will Doss	Peggy Massey	George Shackleton	Bob Yoakum
Steve Elder	McNeal Family	Graydon Simpson	
Carol Ferrell	Charlie Moss	Cynthia Smeltzer	
Ruth Glass	Margaret Peterson	James Calvin Smith	



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NOVEMBER 27, 2011 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - BLUE HANGING OF THE GREENS

*—Denotes to please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Justin Hanson, Organ
 Russell Phelps, Piano

"Christmas Praise" (*Phillips*)

WELCOME

Grace Phelps

ENTRANCE OF LIGHT AND CROSS

*RESPONSIVE CALL

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the king?

With branches of cedar to symbolize royalty.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

With a wreath of candles to remember the light of Christ.

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Savior?

With a crèche and tree, to await the arrival for the one who brings life.

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing the words of Scripture, foretelling the saving work of God.

For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
 but that the world, through him, might be saved.

Glory to God in the highest

*HYMN OF PRAISE 213 UMH (screen)

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (*all stanzas*)

WORDS OF PREPARATION

“Advent” literally means “to come” and refers to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world. It is also a time for us to anticipate the Second Coming of the Lord, when Christ comes again to final glory. The season continues from the first Sunday after November 27 to sunset December 24, always including four Sundays.

The use of the color blue during Advent signifies hope. Use of purple signifies preparation for the coming King. Today we decorate our church building in preparation for the coming of the Christmas season. Yet we also prepare our lives for the coming of Christ in his final kingdom. As we decorate our church, we dedicate these symbols and ourselves to the glory of God; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

The Greenery and Poinsettias Keith and Peggy Watson

The Scripture Isaiah 61:1-3
The Tradition

The Advent Wreath Bill and Nancy Peeler

The Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
The Tradition

The Creche Phillip, Emily, Alice and Delia Ann Sigler

The Scripture Jeremiah 23:5-6
The Tradition

The Crismon Tree Hank, Susan, Cade Carter,
and Camden Sampson

The Scripture *John 14:1-7
The Tradition

The Light Roger and Gail Ganier

The Scripture Zechariah 9:9-10
The Tradition

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER Tim Carpenter

OFFERTORY

“Baby, What You Goin’ to Be? (*Sleeth*)

Choir

*DOXOLOGY 95 (screen)

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

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25-34 Grace Phelps

SERMON “Dressed Up” Tim Carpenter

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 196 UMH (screen)
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel” (*McGee*)

POSTLUDE Justin Hanson, Organ
"Joy to the World" (*Hustad*)


ADVENT PROCESSIONAL - Sunday, Nov 27, 5:30 p.m. One service--three locations. Start at St. Matthew’s Episcopal, then process to First Presbyterian and then to First Methodist. The Chamber Singers of Christ Church, Memphis, will lead the music. Potluck chili fellowship meal to follow at FUMC in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a pot of chili to share.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

MorningSong:	Roy and Brenda Wrather
Traditional:	Kendy Erwin and Phyllis Richmond

CHRISTMAS MUSICALS - Please mark these events on your calendar...

- * Children’s musical -- “*The First Leon*”, December 4, 7:00 p.m. followed by a “Happy Birthday Jesus” Party in Fellowship Hall.
- * Choir Cantata -- “The Christmas Promise”, performed by the Chancel Choir December 11, 11:00 a.m.

 Please mute your cell phone during worship