

## CALENDAR DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 8

### Sunday, December 2, 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](http://www.covingtonfumc.com)  
 1:00 pm. Delayed broadcast of Traditional Worship service on KBJ, Ch. 5 in county and Ch. 19 in city  
 1:30 p.m. Children, Festival of the Trees - Ripley  
 5:30 p.m. Advent Procession - St. Mathews Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First Methodist. Chili supper in Fellowship Hall following service.

### Monday, December 3, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. Go Getters - Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of the MorningSong Worship service on KBJ, Ch. 5 in county and Ch. 19 in city.

### Tuesday, December 4, 2011

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

### Wednesday, December 5, 2011

- 6:00 p.m. Children's Play Rehearsal - Sanctuary  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl  
 6:00 p.m. Youth and Adult Bible Studies  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 6, 2011

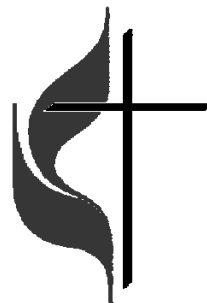
- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall  
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beg. Class

### Saturday, December 8, 2011

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Nina Anderson	Ann Enzor	Cindy Graves	Charlie Moss
Helen Black	Cassie Evans	Family of Hoover	Charlie Peeler
Rain Critz	Kevin Ezell	Jones	Rachel Ray
Mary Lee Curry	Betty Ferris	Lucy Krull	Dick Reed
George Dailey	Family of Charles	Dave Marshall	Rachell Ruppe
Claudette Elder	Glass	Peggy Massey	Forrest Scott
Family of Dan	Ruth Glass	Jayne Mayfield	James Calvin Smith
Elliston	Wanda Glover	Edith McBride	Gerald Alan Spencer
		Pete McDow	Leslie Trumbo



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### DECEMBER 2, 2012 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - BLUE HANGING OF THE GREENS

\*—Denotes to please stand as you are able.

WELCOME

Grace Phelps

PRELUDE

Justin Hanson, Organ  
 Russell Phelps, Piano

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (*Bock*)

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                      Rick and Barbara David  
The Scripture                      Isaiah 61:1-3  
The Tradition

The Advent Wreath                                      Dennis and Debbie McDuffie  
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                                      Michael, Hope, Neely, Mary Catherine,  
The Scripture                      \*John 14:1-7                      and Caroline Turner  
The Tradition

The Light                                      Jeff, Melissa, Alexander  
The Scripture                      Zechariah 9:9-10                      and Andrew Mitchell  
The Tradition

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE                                      Tim Carpenter



*Please mute your cell phone during worship*

OFFERTORY                                      Choir

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (*Martin*)

\*DOXOLOGY 95 (screen)

CHILDREN’S CHURCH INVITATION (Pre K to 2nd grade)

\*SCRIPTURE READING                      Luke 21:34-36                      Grace Phelps

SERMON                                      Tim Carpenter

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION 12 UMH (screen)

HYMN OF COMMITMENT 206 UMH (screen)  
“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (*all stanzas*)

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE  
“May the Peace of God Surround You”

POSTLUDE                                      Justin Hanson, Organ  
“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (*Thygerson*)

**ADVENT PROCESSIONAL** - One service--three locations. Join us 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.

### **UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY**

Traditional: Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler                      MorningSong: Ellen Clark

**FESTIVAL OF THE TREES** - our children will take a trip to Ripley this afternoon to visit the Festival of the Trees. Departure is at 1:30 p.m. from the church parking lot, retuning at 4:30 p.m. A parent must accompany their child.

**LASER TAG** - The youth will go to Memphis on Dec 9 to play laser tag. Departure from the church is at 2:30 p.m. They’ll need \$14 for activities and money for McDonalds.