

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 9, 2012  
8:30 & 11:00

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

‡ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this second candle of Advent as a sign of Hope. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when:

**The people who have walked in darkness will see a great Light; those who have lived in a land of deep darkness, on them shall the Light shine!** (Isaiah 9:2)

\* HYMN, #2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, Jesus Christ, Hope of the world, you were born to reign in us forever; yet we confess that we continually try to take back control of our own lives.

We seek peace in the passing pleasures of a broken world.

We seek hope in the deceptions of money, success, and prestige.

We seek love in the getting more than the giving.

We seek joy in the things that satisfy ourselves.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.

From our fears and sins release us; help us find our Hope in Thee.

Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...

SILENT PRAYER

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

ANTHEM (11:00) "Every Valley" by Joseph Martin  
*"Every valley shall be lifted, every mountain be made low, and the crooked be made whole. Sound the trumpet, for the glory of the Lord shall be revealed."*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ORGAN INTERLUDE (11:00)

*Children ages four through first grade depart for children's worship*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

(8:30) "Finding the Way Home" Rev. David Handley

(11:00) "Filling in the Potholes" Rev. Warner Durnell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN, #13 "Prepare the Way"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism*, 1563

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong -body and soul, in life and death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins, and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.**

**Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory John-Travis Bussell

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

\* The Doxology, Hymn #592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* HYMN, #38 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

WORSHIP NOTES

Vicki Wallace is the Elder of the Day. Rod Wolfe is the Liturgist at 8:30 and Pastor Dave at 11:00.

The flowers today are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joel McGrady, given by Maggie, Jack, Anna, and Molly Brown.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Warner Durnell to our pulpit today at 11:00. Dr. Durnell has recently been called to serve as the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. He comes to this Presbytery from ten years' service as EP of the Presbytery of Northern Alabama. Prior to his sojourn in Alabama, Warner served St. Andrews Presbyterian Church for ten years, in the College Heights-Clifton neighborhood of Nashville. During that time, he was very active in our Presbytery, including one year as its Moderator. He also is a member of the Louisville Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. A pastor and preacher at heart, Dr. Durnell will be consulting with our Pastor Nominating Committee following the 11:00 service today. We are honored to have him with us!

For the third Sunday of Advent, Pastor Dave's sermon will be "A Christmas Card from Mary," from Luke 1:26-56.

The entire congregation is invited to the Children's Nativity Pageant at 9:45 am on December 16.

Pastor Dave is available for individual meetings with members of the congregation Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, or on Saturdays when circumstances require it. Email him at [david.stull.handley@gmail.com](mailto:david.stull.handley@gmail.com).

‡ Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of your pew. Write prayer concerns and/or notes to the church office on the cards found in your pew and place in the offering plate.

\* If you are able, please stand.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST**

**Sunday, December 9**

**Fair-Trade Olive Oil & Chocolate** are on sale outside the church office today.

**The Angel Tree gift deadline is today.** Gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army tomorrow morning.

9:45 am **The Children's Choir** will be performing "The Messiah for Young Voices" in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

4:30 pm **Christmas Cantata, "A Service of Lessons and Carols"** featuring our adult, children's, and hand bell choirs, will be held in the sanctuary.

5:30 pm **Christmas Potluck Dinner** in the fellowship hall. The church will provide ham, turkey, dressing, corn casserole, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls, tea, lemonade, and coffee. The rest will be covered dish. If your last name begins with

**A-L**, please bring an extra large vegetable dish

**M-Q**, please bring an extra large dessert

**R-Z**, please bring an extra large salad dish.

Please pre-cut gelatin salads and desserts. Be sure to have your name on every item you bring because many folks have identical bake ware.

**Middle School and Senior High Youth** should attend the Cantata and Dinner.

**Monday, December 10**

10:30 am **Deborah Circle** meets.

5:00 pm **Theology on Tap** at the Guadalajara Grill.

**Tuesday, December 11**

12:30 pm **Martha Circle** meets.

5:30 pm **Yoga Class** in the fellowship hall.

6:30 pm **Night Circle** meets for lesson 4 and then will go out to dinner.

**Wednesday, December 12**

10:00 am **Bible Study**

6:30 pm **Senior Highs** meet at Arby's on Madison St. (bring \$ for dinner)

**Saturday, December 15**

11am-6pm **Photo Make-up Sessions.** Call the church office to schedule your photo.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Children's Nativity Pageant** on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10 am in the sanctuary - all children are invited to participate and should arrive at 9:45 am in order to select a costume. Afterwards

refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Advent Calendar Booklets** are on the table outside the church office and in the vestibule.

**Memorial Poinsettias** - The church will order memorial Christmas poinsettias. Please notify the church office by Monday, Dec. 17 to have names in memorial or in honor (along with donors) listed in the bulletin on Dec. 23. Donations for the poinsettias should be made to the FPC Memorial Garden fund.

**Maplemere Christmas Caroling** - you are invited to join us for some old fashioned Christmas Caroling in the Maplemere neighborhood on Thursday, December 20. Meet at David & Susan Elliott's home, 115 Maplemere Dr. between 5-5:30 pm. Refreshments will be served at the home of Mark & Marcia Williams 6:30-6:45 pm.

**Christmas Eve Candle-lighting Services** will be at 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. There will be special music, scripture readings, meditation, and candle-lighting.

**The church office has re-chargeable gift cards** from Kroger that support our youth programs with a 4% return to the church on all your Kroger purchases. To date we have received \$7,096.85.

**CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Food baskets for the needy will be packaged and delivered on Saturday, December 22, beginning at 9 am. Food items may be left in the fellowship hall (coat rack & storage area) or the church office. Volunteers will be needed on Fri. Dec. 21 beginning at 4 pm to sort/count food, and on Sat. Dec. 22 with packing and delivering baskets.

| <b>IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH:</b> | <b>PLEASE PROVIDE THESE ITEMS:</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| A                                     | Peanut butter (28 oz) & Jam (18 oz)  |
| B-C                                   | 5 cans beans (15 oz cans, pinto, navy, pork-n-beans, black-eyed peas)          |
| D-G                                   | 5 cans peaches (1 lb. cans)  |
| H-J                                   | 5 jars applesauce (50 oz jars or 5 multi-packs of applesauce)                  |
| K-L                                   | 5 cans soup  |
| M-N                                   | 2 bags apples  |
| O-R                                   | 5 cans meat (tuna, chicken, spam, etc.)<br>Or 5 multi-packs of Vienna sausages |
| S-Z                                   | 4 cans corn (15 oz. cans) and fresh, whole almonds (1 lb.)                     |



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of discipleship!*

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