

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Erin Baddour	Bob Lakey	Jim Studdard
Donna Beard	Kelly Mayfield	Becky Thornton
Evelyn Chapman	Dot Peyton	Hazel Townsend
William Dabney	Frank Racy	Carl Turner
Elise Mathis Eads	Jean Ridenour	Chris Turner
Joan Erwin	Susan St. John	Brad & Paige Warmath
Mary Ann Gulley	Carolyn Scruggs	Bart White
Shirley Hensley	Marlyn Seagrave	

FUMC welcomes again classical guitarist, Howard Vance and his wife; flutist, Beverly Elliott Vance to our worship services today. Howard has studied, performed, taught, and composed for three decades. He opened the Howard Vance Guitar Academy in 1974. Beverly brought home a school flute in 1967, and hasn't put it down since. She teaches music as a faculty member of the Vance Academy and typesets Howard's flute and guitar publications. To find out more about the Vance's, visit their website at [www.howardvance.com](http://www.howardvance.com).

### Calendar for December 15 - December 21, 2019

#### Sunday, December 15

- 8:30 am Morning Song Worship-CLC
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
- 11:00 am Radio Broadcast of Traditional Service-WKBL 1250AM
- 4:00 pm Youth Progressive Dinner - Fellowship Hall

#### Tuesday, December 17

- 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting - Go Classroom

#### Wednesday, December 18

- 4:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Youth Gathering
- 6:00 pm Handbell Practice
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

#### Thursday, December 19

- 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

#### Saturday, December 21

- 9:00 am Bread of Life Food Pantry - Covington



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# Covington First United Methodist Church

*Are We There Yet?*

# JOY

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Third Sunday of the Advent Season

**Matthew 11:2-11**

**“Joy”**

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**11:00 a.m.**

# Order of Worship

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*Liturgical Color - Purple*

PRELUDE *Musical Selections of the Season* Howard and Beverly Vance

WORDS OF WELCOME Carole Mathis

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (BASED ON ISAIAH 35)

Leader: God of Glory, we rejoice in the good news of your promises.

**People: Come into our parched world and shower us with your gushing, abundant water of life.**

Leader: Enter into our brokenness, and renew us with the strength of your love.

**People: Be born anew in our hearts and in our world.**

**All: Come, Lord Jesus; come.**

\*OPENING PRAISE *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH 238

ADVENT TIME OF WORSHIP *Joy - Are We There Yet?*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY Philip, Emily, Alice, and Delia Sigler

— Children Dismissed to Children's Church —

NAMING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

TIME OF PRAYER (WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER)

ANTHEM *Songs of Promise* Choir with Keith Phelps Solo  
arr. Martin Director, Bonnie Wright

OFFERTORY PRAYER Carole Mathis

OFFERTORY *Musical Selections of the Season* Howard and Beverly Vance

\*DOXOLOGY

**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.**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

I heard the bells on Christmas day, their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good will to men.

Then ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night to day,  
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head "There is no peace on earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail with peace on earth, good will to men."

MESSAGE IN SONG *O Holy Night* Rylee Ford

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11:2-11

SERMON "Joy" Rev. Dan Camp

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus*

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown, when Thou camest to earth for me;  
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for Thy holy nativity.  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming Thy royal degree;  
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth, and in great humility.  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for Thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing, at Thy coming to victory,  
Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room,  
There is room at My side for thee."  
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for Thee.

\*BLESSING Rev. Dan Camp

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on 'Irby'* Justin Hanson, Organ  
arr. Parks

\*Please stand as you are able.

