

# Holy Comforter Newsletter

December 25, 2011—January 7, 2012

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## SERVICE HOURS

**Sunday Holy Eucharist : 10:00 AM**

**Tuesday Holy Eucharist & Unction: 10:00 AM**

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 6:00 PM**

## OFFICE HOURS

**M-Th 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**F 8:30 AM—1:00 PM**

## FOOD PANTRY HOURS

**M & W 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Th 9:00 AM-Noon**

## STAFF

### Interim Rector:

The Rev. Dr. David Perkins ext. 302

### Priest Associate—Ministry in the Deaf Community:

The Rev. Jay L. Croft

### Administrative Assistant:

Diane Harbin ext. 300

### Secretary/Receptionist:

Eleshia Lusane ext. 301

### Choir Master/ Organist:

Joel Gregory

### Sexton:

Samuel Bates

### Housekeeper:

Mary Jane Flowers

### Nursery Worker:

Pat Lewis

## VESTRY

### Senior Warden:

Terri Via

### Junior Warden:

Elva Goldman

### Treasurer:

Rose Lollar

### Clerk:

Jeri Tippet

### Members:

Leanne Barber

Dennis Gibson

Bil Hitchcock

Nelya McKenzie

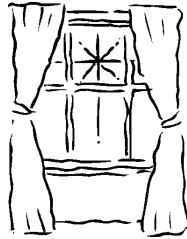
Ann Montgomery

Rand Neeley

Zola Powers

## Thinking Outside the Box (While Loving the Box) December 15, 2011

By: The Rev. Dr. David W. Perkins



If you look in *The Book of Common Prayer*, you might find it striking that the first major section addresses the calendar for the church year (pp. 15-33). Why would a book of worship and prayer begin in that way? The

Christian year obviously is central to our worship and brings us into a different experience of time, a cyclical, ripe superimposition of sacred time over the linear time of a calendar year.

The church year begins with Advent and moves to Christmas and Epiphany. Epiphany begins at sundown on January 5, the end of Christmas. Friday, January 6, Epiphany Day, launches a season in which we remember and reenact Jesus' manifestation in his public ministry. The word "epiphany" means a shining forth or upon.

The Gospels tell us that the earliest moments of Jesus' manifestation were to the Magi and the shepherds. Then at age 12, he was manifest to the religious leadership in the Temple (Luke 2). At about age 30, he was manifested to John the Baptist in his baptism.

We pray for Jesus to shine forth in our experience during this season. One of the Collects in *The Book of Common Prayer*

is especially important during Epiphany. It is the Collect of the Day for the first Sunday after Christmas and a suggested collect in *The Order of Worship for Evening* for use in Christmastide, Epiphany, and other Feasts of the Incarnation.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word;

Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.* (BCP, 213).

During this season, which extends until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent on February 22, join me in making this your prayer. First, that Christ may shine forth in our hearts, that we may see and experience more fully the Christ already present. And, then, we pray that Christ's light and love may shine through in our words, actions, and personalities to those who pine away in the darkness of a spiritual wilderness bereft of the love and grace of God.

God's Peace,

Interim Rector

### Lectionary Readings: Year B, Christmas Day

#### Sunday, December 25:

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-12

John 1:1-14

#### .....Daily Office.....

Year Two, 3 Advent

#### Tuesday, December 27:

Exodus 33:18-23

Psalm 92

John 21:19b-24

#### Wednesday, December 28:

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Psalm 124

Revelation 21:1-7

### Lectionary Readings: Year B, The Holy Name

#### Sunday, January 1:

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 2:15-21

#### .....Daily Office.....

Year Two

#### Tuesday, January 3:

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 68

Ephesians 4:17-32

John 6:15-27

#### Wednesday, January 4:

Joshua 3:14-4:7

Psalm 89:1-29

Ephesians 5:1-20

John 9:1-12, 35-38

### Crisis Information

For Pastoral Care, call the following in the order listed until you make contact:

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334-244-3558 (W)



Diocese of  
Alabama  
Cycle  
of Prayer

### Sunday, December 25

- Church of the Nativity, Huntsville
- St. Stephen's, Birmingham
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- All ministries to infants and young children

### Sunday, January 1

- St. Stephen's, Smith Station
- Church of the Epiphany, Leeds
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- The Board, officers and members of the Episcopal Church Women
- The Trustees of the University of the South

### PRAYER FOR

### HOLY COMFORTER

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of Holy Comforter Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Please Pray For:



**Parishioners:**  
June Brinkley  
Marietta Sexton  
Ami Simpson

**Friends/ Others:**  
Jane Barkley  
Janice Cole  
Steve Endicott  
Vicky Harris  
Robin Laird  
Nancy McGriff  
Bruce Olsen

Alfred Reeves  
Trip Rowley  
Ray Shirley  
Bobby Skelton  
Delores Smith  
Al Zdanis



January 1, 8, 15, 22  
February 5, 12, 19  
April 15, 22, 29  
May 10, 24, 31  
June 3, 10, 17, 24  
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
August 5, 12, 19, 26  
September 9, 16, 30  
October 7, 14, 21, 28  
November 4, 11, 25  
December 2, 9, 26, 30

### Weekly Schedule: December 25-31, 2011

#### Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM Choir  
9:30 AM Bookstore Open  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
11:15 AM Coffee Hour  
Bookstore Open

\*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

#### Monday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED

#### Tuesday, December 27

NO Holy Eucharist (Chp)

NO Bible Study

6:00 PM EFM (Hen)

#### Wednesday, December 28—No Newsletter

NO Holy Eucharist &  
Healing (Chp)

NO Choir

### Weekly Schedule: January 1-7, 2012

#### Sunday, January 1

9:00 AM Choir  
9:30 AM Bookstore Open  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
Ben Alford  
11:15 AM Coffee Hour  
Bookstore Open  
11:30 AM Sign Language Service (Chp)

\*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

#### Monday, January 2

OFFICE CLOSED

#### Tuesday, January 3

10:00 AM Morning Prayer (Chp)

NO Bible Study

6:00 PM EFM (Hen)

#### Wednesday, January 4—Newsletter

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist &  
Healing (Chp)/ Ben Alford

6:45 PM Choir

Please make a note of the dates the church office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's holiday: Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.



Today in the town of David a Savior  
has been born to you: he is Christ the  
Lord. ~ Luke 2:11

**From: The Holy Comforter Church Staff**

**To: The Holy Comforter Church Family**

God gave His greatest gift to us  
on that first Christmas Day  
and may the wonder of it  
always guide and light your way...  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*David*      *Diane*

*Eleshia*      *Samuel*      *Mary*



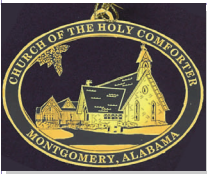
### *Christmas Eve Service*

**5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist w/ sign language interpretation**  
Coffee hour following service

### *Christmas Day Service*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Make your plans for worship on Christmas morning. The choir is preparing a beautiful mass, "Mass of the Nativity" by Richard Shephard, to be sung on Christmas morning. Please make plans to join in this service of joy on Christmas morning! Also, there will be no deaf service on Christmas day.



#### Holy Comforter Christmas Ornaments

We have a great last minute gift idea! We have Christmas ornaments bearing the likeness of The Church of the Holy Comforter on sale in the office. These boxed, gold-finished, brass ornaments will make wonderful gifts for family and friends any time of year, but most especially for Christmas. Each ornament sells for \$10.00, and all proceeds go to the Resurrection Garden Fund to help with the cost of perpetual upkeep of the grounds.



The 2012 pledges are slowly coming in and we presently have a total of 69 pledge cards for a total of \$252,142. If you have not already done so, please get your pledge cards in soon so the 2012 budget can be completed. Also, please turn in your pledge money by December 29<sup>th</sup> for it to be posted in this calendar year. Any money received after that date will be posted to 2012.

**We give special thanks to the following people who have turned in their pledge cards for 2012:**

Joe & Kathy Albree, Alex Alkire, Becki Alkire, Leanne Barber, Tim & Kathy Barrowman, Jacqueline Beazley, Tiger Bell, Nancy Boston, Roger & Maryem Brewer, Bette Bryan, Ann Carlton, Jay Croft, Barbara Dailey, Robert Dailey, Marvin & Joan Driver, Dennis & Judy Endicott, Dennis & Mary Gibson, Elva Goldman, Mac & Rosine Hall, Dede Harbin, Anita Hardy, Sarah Herbert, Lamar Higgins Bil Hitchcock, David Hughes, Ruth Hyde, Ray & Kay Jacoby, J.D. & Barbara Johnson Melanie Kelley, Carol Kendrick, Marty Kyker, Philip Lasater, Rose & Scott Lollar, Mary Virginia Martin, Ollie McAdam, Nelya McKenzie, Rick & Dabney McKenzie, Alden & Mary Lois Monroe Ann Montgomery, Jean Murray, John & Gena Parker, Michael Paul, John Porter Mac & Douglass Porter, Zola Powers, Maggie Prestridge, Frances Ralston, Betty & Stu Rolfsen, Ron & Katey Russell, Terry & Amy Seanor, Mark & Maurice Semler, Marietta Sexton, Charlotte Shewmake, Ami Simpson, Betty Smith, Robert & Elaine Smith, Joyce Smith, Ann Speaks, Rod & Frances Steele, Martha & Howard Stripling, Terry Teague, Charlie and Claudene Thomas, Jeri Tippit, Becky Toulmin, Katie & Henry Ufford, Terri Via, Louis & Ellen Wood, Evie Yonker, Barbara Zdanis.

Dear Holy Comforter Family,

I want to thank each and everyone of you for the prayers, food, cards, phone calls and visits made during my recent surgery.

God bless you all,  
Charlie Thomas



### TREE OF LIFE PROJECT

Loved ones live forever in the hearts of the beloved. Now, your loved one can also live and be remembered through a tree on the campus of Holy Cross School. A living tree is a beautiful way to leave a legacy for someone you love. In honor or memory, a gift of a tree can touch the lives of children and family for many years to come. Prices vary by type of tree dedicated. The price includes a plaque installed to let others know the name of your loved one. Please contact Elizabeth Fritz at 395-8222 or visit our website, [www.holycrossmontgomery.org](http://www.holycrossmontgomery.org) under Support HCES for more information about this special opportunity.



Dear All,

Thanks to all my Holy Comforter family for the wonderful cards, notes, calls and prayer. They are most appreciated. I love you all and miss you so much. Just keep the prayers coming—I need them. Recovery is very slow. I am still not walking or using my left side, but I am well situated in a nice big room with my own furniture. A happy, healthy New Year to all!

Betty Read  
Harbor Chase  
4801 Whitesport Circle  
Huntsville, AL 35801



## The Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan To Be Invested and Seated As the 11th Bishop of Alabama On January 7th

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, will officiate at the service to invest and seat the Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan as the 11th Bishop of Alabama. The Rt. Rev. Henry Nutt Parsley Jr., the 10th Bishop of Alabama, will pass the pastoral staff to Bishop Sloan during the service, to be held at 11a.m. on Saturday, January 7, at the Cathedral Church of

the Advent in Birmingham. Bishop Sloan, who has served as our bishop suffragan since 2008, was elected to serve as our diocesan bishop on July 16. Under the canons of the Episcopal Church, a majority of the bishops exercising jurisdiction and diocesan standing committees must consent to the bishop-elect's assuming office as diocesan bishop within 120 days of receiving notice of the election. The Presiding Bishop's office has notified our diocesan office that Bishop Sloan has received the required majority of consents.

Our diocesan Standing Committee cordially invites everyone to attend the service and the reception that will follow. The festal color is red. ***For more information please visit [www.dioala.org](http://www.dioala.org).***



***We would like to send a huge thank you to Mac Porter and his yard person for trimming bushes and working on the parking lot side of the church to clean things up. It looks so much better and we appreciate it so much!***

- \* **January 2—Office closed in observance of the New Year.**
- \* **January 16—Office closed in observance of MLK Day.**
- \* **January 22—Annual parish meeting & luncheon.**

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> <b>Rite II Service</b> Sunday Schedule →	<b>2</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> 10 Morning Prayer (Chp) <b>NO Bible Study</b> <b>6 pm EFM (Hen)</b>	<b>4</b> <i><u>NO NEWSLETTER</u></i> <b>6:00 pm HE &amp; Healing</b> (Chp) <b>6:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Rite I Service</b> Sunday Schedule →	<b>9</b> <b>3pm NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE</b>	<b>10</b> 10 am Morning Prayer (Chp) <b>NO Bible Study</b> 11 am St. Anne's <b>6 pm EFM (Hen)</b>	<b>11</b> <i><u>NEWSLETTER</u></i> 11 am St. Mary's <b>6:00 pm HE &amp; Healing</b> (Chp) <b>6:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Rite II Service</b> Sunday Schedule →	<b>16</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED (MLK DAY)</b> <b>6pm Vestry Meeting</b>	<b>17</b> 10 am HE(Chp) 11 am <b>Bible Study (Lib)</b> <b>6 pm EFM (Hen)</b>	<b>18</b> <i><u>NO NEWSLETTER</u></i> <b>6:00 pm HE &amp; Healing</b> (Chp) <b>6:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Rite II Service</b> <b>Annual Parish Meeting &amp; Luncheon</b> Sunday Schedule→	<b>23</b> <b>3pm NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE</b>	<b>24</b> 10 am HE(Chp) 11 am <b>Bible Study (Lib)</b> <b>6 pm EFM (Hen)</b>	<b>25</b> <i><u>NEWSLETTER</u></i> <b>6:00 pm HE &amp; Healing</b> (Chp) <b>6:45 pm Choir</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Rite II Service</b> Sunday Schedule →	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10 am HE(Chp) 11 am <b>Bible Study (Lib)</b> <b>6 pm EFM (Hen)</b>				

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 9:00am Choir
- 9:00am Sunday School
- 9:30am Bookstore Open
- 10:00am HE\* (Chu)
- 11:15am Coffee Hour (McQ)
- 11:15 am Bookstore Open
- 11:30am Sign Language Service (Chp)

\*Nursery provided

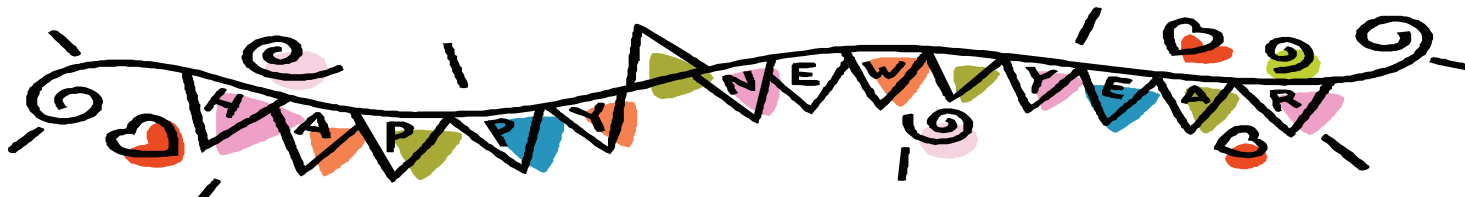
**TUESDAY SCHEDULE**

- 10:00am Holy Eucharist (Chp)
- 11:00am Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

- 6:00pm Holy Eucharist (Chp)
- 6:45pm Adult Choir Practice

- ChLib Children's Library
- Chu Church
- Chp Chapel
- DOK Daughters of the King
- EFM Education for Ministry
- HE Holy Eucharist
- Hen Henderson Hall
- Kit Kitchen
- Lib Library
- McM McMaster Hall
- McQ McQueen Room
- SS Sunday School
- Y Youth



# January

## The Church of The Holy Comforter Episcopal

### Assisting with Our Worship — January 2012

Worship Attendants	January 1 The Holy Name	January 8 1 Epiphany	January 15 2 Epiphany	January 22 3 Epiphany	January 29 4 Epiphany
Acolytes	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lectors	Mac Hall, Henry Ufford	Jeri Tippit, Philip Lasater	Katey Russell, Michael Paul	Julie Speaks, Joe Albree	John Porter, Betty Smith
Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Bette Bryan, Dennis Endicott	Randy Bryan, Philip Lasater	Rick McKenzie, Ann Montgomery	Rand Neeley, Zola Powers	Steven Speaks, Terri Via
Reps of Congregation	Amy Seanor, Elva Goldman	Rose Lollar, Julia Neeley	Maryem Brewer, Kathy Barrowman	Joan Driver, Bette Bryan	Marty Kyker, Tammie Urmann
Ushers	Alex Alkire, David Hughes	Scott Lollar, Rand Neeley	Roger Brewer, Tim Barrowman	Marvin Driver, David Hughes	Alden Monroe, Henry Ufford
Altar Guild	Team I: Ann Speaks, Bette Bryan, Claudene Thomas, Libby Bryan, Leanne Barber, Kathy Barrowman	Team II: Carol Kendrick, Maryem Brewer, Judy Endicott, Mary Lois Monroe, Elva Goldman	Team III: Dabney McKenzie, Rosine Hall, Melanie Kelly, Jeri Tippit, Tammie Urmann	Team IV: Ann Montgomery, Barbara Johnson, Rose Lollar, Charlotte Shewmake	Team I: Ann Speaks, Bette Bryan, Claudene Thomas, Libby Bryan, Leanne Barber, Kathy Barrowman
Flower Guild	Jeri Tippit	Katie Ufford	Ann Speaks, Evie Yonker	Zola Powers	Roy Paul
Altar Bread	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson	Barbara Johnson
Second Mile	N/A	Haynes Kelley	N/A	Rod and Frances Steele	N/A
Coffee Hour	Dabney McKenzie, Gena Parker	Ann Speaks, Julie Speaks	Charlotte Shewmake, Ami Simpson	Annual Parish Meeting & Luncheon – St. Anne's Guild	Evie Yonker, Amy Seanor
Vestry Person of the Day	Zola Powers	Elva Goldman	Ann Montgomery	Amy Seanor	Steven Speaks
Home Communion Provider	Rosine Hall	Phillip Lasater	Joe Albree	Dennis Endicott	Mac Hall

**January**  
::: Birthdays :::

1 Dabney McKenzie  
 5 Donald Wall  
 5 Hillary Barrowman  
 7 Blake Barber  
 7 Taylor Lollar  
 7 William Davis  
 9 Terri Via Mendheim  
 13 Ann Montgomery  
 19 Maggie Paul  
 20 Mac Porter  
 22 Allison Kendrick  
 22 Kathryn Kendrick  
 23 Kathy Albree  
 23 Samuel Bates  
 25 Mary Lois Monroe  
 25 Yavet Carlton  
 25 Virginia Barber Kerger  
 25 Jeff Lollar  
 31 Philip Lasater

::: Anniversaries :::

4 Mac and Douglass Porter  
 19 Al and Barbara Zdanis