

WELCOME

Please help us be hospitable to you by filling out the white COMMUNICATION CARD and dropping it by the WELCOME CENTER in the main foyer.

Here are a few items that are good to know about our worship gatherings:

The WORSHIP GUIDE will lead you through the worship services. We try to use elements of liturgy from a variety of ages and Christian traditions to help people of all ages, stages and tastes actively participate in worship.

NURSERY for children up to 2 years is available in *Building B Pre-school Wing* (Main Floor) for the entire morning every Sunday.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR - ages 2 & 3) is available in *Building B Pre-school Wing* (Main Floor) for the entire morning every Sunday.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW) for children age 4 through grade 3 meets in Rooms A102 and A104 downstairs. After the Children's Time, children return to their families, then leave the Sanctuary during the doxology where they will be escorted by CW Staff. Following 8:30 worship, parents of children ages 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children from Room A104. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classroom. Following 10:50 worship, parents must pick up their children from A102 or A104 downstairs.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the foyer.

WHEELCHAIR SEATING is available in the center aisle, or an usher will be glad to remove a sanctuary chair for your convenience.

THE WELCOME CENTER in the foyer is staffed before and after each service with friendly, helpful people who provide directions, information, and answers.

PRAYER FOCUS: Let's pray for God to bring good from all these recently revealed cases of impropriety by powerful men in media and business. May the Lord reveal how His way is best.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS: PORTUGAL: Pray for Eduardo & Cindi Angelos as they minister in Lisbon, focusing on planting pioneer churches, reaching the lost, training new Christians and releasing them to be leaders.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Friendship International and the international women who take part. Pray that the friendships they make with American Christians may be a witness leading them to Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Lots of fun happening this month!

Youth Staff Christmas party (Dec. 12), WFMV Christmas Party (Dec. 13), Caroling (Dec. 17), Guys' Night (Dec. 20), Girls' Night (Dec. 20), Ski Retreat (Jan. 26-28). Check out the youth bulletin board in Building C for more details.

NURSERY

Today/This Week

8:30 Worship G Proctor/L Roberge/K Roberge
S Sweigard

Sunday School S Boileau/M Swaim/R Weinberger

10:50 Worship P Diddle/J Lamiy/B Underwood
C Winter

6:00 Worship J Bowers/H Miller

Wed. Evening L Branan/K Winter

Next Week

D Flanigan/K Jamison/N Riffell
J Thompson

J Cline/T Kidwell/LL Rao

M Branan/B Davis/R Gouge
S Gouge/G Stidom

M Dargan/A Warnock/C Winter


R Cook/A Diddle


The Hanging Of The Greens

A beautiful service of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Join in the celebration tonight at 6:00 p.m.

- CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD are on display in the foyer display case. Come and see these nativities that belong to church members, representing 19 countries.
- THE 2017 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDES ARE HERE! Please pick up your copy in the foyer on your way out of worship today.
- CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY: Each year at our 6:30 Christmas Eve service, our children present a *Live Nativity Scene*. This year the display will be in the foyer area. If your child (age 4 through grade 5) would like to participate, please sign up at the Welcome Center today, including an e-mail address where you can receive your child's assignment and costume need. Sign-up deadline is December 10.
- PRAYER FOR UNBELIEVERS: Come join us in praying for lost loved ones / family members on Monday night, December 4, 7:00 p.m. at Margaret Dargan's home, 191 Academy Dr., Wilmore.
- MARRIAGE 30 DAYS OF PRAYER GUIDE is available to you on the "News" section of the church website. Kick off 2018 using this helpful resource.
- THANK YOU! For your prayers, cards and food brought to us during my recent surgery and recovery. We are so grateful. - Nellie (& Ralph) Kester

 **Ladies' Christmas Party** December 4
6:30 p.m. @ Weinbergers
202 Riney B Way, Nicholasville
Ladies - please bring your favorite appetizer to share. Questions? Call Rachel Weinberger at 859-576-0397.

 You are invited to join us for Grace Branan's drop-in bridal shower on Saturday, December 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Metcalf home, 20 Veterans Drive, Wilmore. Grace is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Amazon. Questions? Call Cheryl or Marlee Faul (865-622-1756).

 **WFMC 2017 ANGEL TREE OPTIONS**
Option 1 helps the Community Service Center of Wilmore/High Bridge purchase a van to collect supplies for needy area families.
Option 2 helps provide Bibles through the local Gideon ministry. Choose your ornament and follow the instructions on the tree in the foyer...and thank you for giving to the work of the Lord.

Merry Christmas to our Church Staff
The Finance Team invites you to help honor our church staff of 12 with Christmas gifts. Mark your check "Gifts for Staff" and place in the enclosed "Christmas" envelope. The deadline to participate is next Sunday, December 10. Sincerely in Christ,
The WFMC Finance Team



MONDAY NOON PRAYER & FASTING - DECEMBER 4

WFMC SANCTUARY

Please plan to join us in the church sanctuary tomorrow, December 4, to pray for all the Christmas celebrations to bring people to Christ.
People need the Lord!



Nursery Help Needed

We are so grateful for the host of volunteers who commit one service per month to work in our nursery. If you would like to be part of the nursery team, we need more adult helpers! Please contact Carol Blankenship at: cblankenship@wfmc.net.

THE BLOOD DRIVE is coming to WFMC! Mark your calendars and come give the gift of life Wednesday, December 13, 3:00-7:00 p.m. in the church foyer.



Sunday School Potluck Breakfast December 17, 9:40 a.m. Building C Great Hall



*Each family please bring:
a breakfast casserole, fruit, or bread, etc.
The church will provide the drinks.*

CHURCH SCHEDULE

LOOKING AHEAD THROUGH CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

- 12/3 First Sunday in Advent - Christmas Choir Celebration 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Hanging of the Greens 6:00 p.m.
 - 12/10 Second Sunday in Advent - Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
World Religions Elective 9:40 a.m.
Children's Choir Christmas Musical 6:00 p.m.
 - 12/17 Third Sunday in Advent - Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
SS Potluck 9:40 a.m.
Christmas Caroling 6:00 p.m.
 - 12/22 Church offices closed through January 1, 2018
 - 12/24 Fourth Sunday in Advent
Christmas Worship 9:30 & 10:50 a.m.
No Sunday School or Children's Worship
Christmas Eve Worship 5:00, 6:30, 11:00 p.m.
 - 12/31 Worship Services 9:30 & 10:50 a.m.
No Sunday School or Children's Worship
No Evening Worship
 - 1/7/2018 Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Sunday School and Children's Worship Resumes
Music Rehearsals Resume
- John Wesley Covenant service, 6:00 p.m.



TODAY

8:00 a.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B106
 8:30 a.m. **Morning Worship I-Sanctuary Choir**
 9:40 a.m. **Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Fellowships**
 Connections Class—A200
 10:50 a.m. **Morning Worship II-Sanctuary Choir**
 3:30 p.m. *Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir*—Asbury University
 4:30 p.m. *Heaven's Harmony*—B100
 Marriage Ministry Team B202
 4:45 p.m. *Youth Choir*—B101
 5:30 p.m. Pre-Service Prayer—B106
 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship- Hanging of the Greens**
 7:15 p.m. HS Afterglow @ Saunders, 401 E Margaret Dr., Wilmore
 MS Afterglow in Building C hosted by Wittenbergs

MONDAY

5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C
 10:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study @ Metcalf home, 20 Veterans Dr.
 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Night Out @ 202 Riney B Way, Nicholasville
 7:00 p.m. Prayer for Unbelievers @ Dargan, 191 Academy Drive

TUESDAY

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
 7:15 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C Great Hall
 8:00 a.m. Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200
 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study @ Moore home, 117 Hawthorne Dr, Nich.
 6:15 p.m. *Blessings Handbell Choir*—Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (16 and older)—Building C
 7:30 p.m. *Joyful Bells Choir*—Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C
 4:55 p.m. Bible Quizzing—B100s
 6:00 p.m. *Friendship Company* —B101; *Young Musicians* —B100
 6:30 p.m. FMY (Free Methodist Youth)—Building C
 7:00 p.m. Adult Prayer Meeting—B200/201
 CLC (Christian Life Club) 2 yrs old —5th grade
 2 yrs. - K: Building B Preschool Wing
 1st - 5th grade: A100 Wing
 Nursery/Childcare—Building B Preschool Wing
 8:15 p.m. BOA—B103

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Moms Who Pray—201 Asbury Drive
 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ladies' Volleyball—Building C

FRIDAY

5:20 a.m. A.M. Ramblers —Building C

SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
 10:15 a.m. Diversicare Worship Service
 3:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Open Gym

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

Words:
 JOSEPH MOHR (1792-1848)

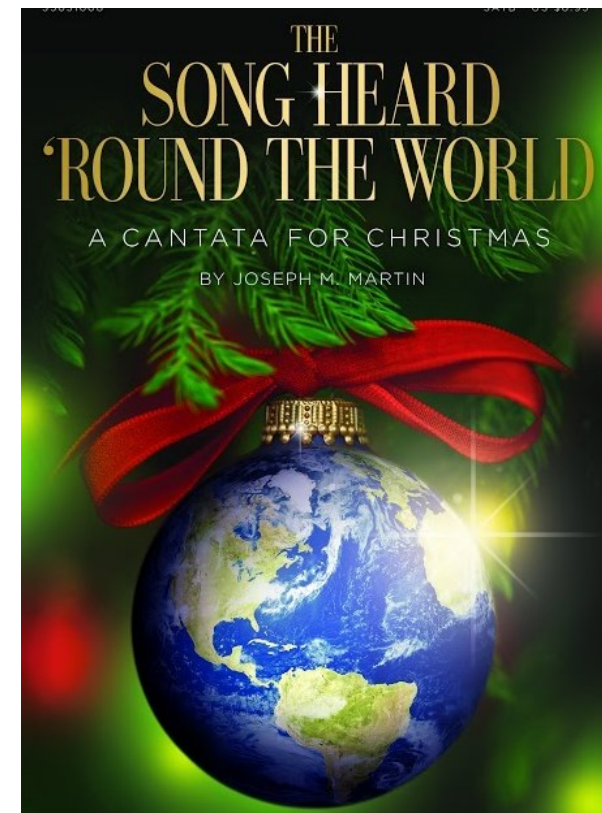
Tune: STILLE NACHT
 FRANZ GRÜBER (1787-1863)
 Arranged by
 JOSEPH M. MARTIN (BMI)

CONGREGATION

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night,
 all is calm, all is bright round yon
 shep - herds quake at the sight. Glo - ry
 vir - gin moth - er and Child! Ho - ly In - fant so
 streams from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing,
 ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 "Al - le - lu - ia, Christ the Sav - ior is
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."

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ALL-CHURCH CAROLING - DECEMBER 17
 Join us as we visit the elderly of our church and bring them the songs and carols of Christmas. We meet in Building C at 6:00 p.m., join a caroling group, and then car-pool to 5-7 homes.
 We will then return to Building C for hot dogs, chips and hot chocolate. *Please bring a plate of cookies to share!*



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AN ADVENT PRAYER

Veni, Veni [Come, O Come] Emmanuel. Come and ransom Israel!
We are waiting. Lord, have mercy. We are praying in the night. We are yearning.
Come, Messiah. We are longing for the Light.
Come, Desire of humankind. Make us all one heart and mind.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING

Prepare the way of the King. Let every nation rejoice now and sing.
The promise is true, and Love and Light are coming to you.
Prepare, make straight the way. Messiah is coming. Could this be the day?
Could this be the day when hope is restored; when all the earth can greet the Lord?
Prepare, for Jesus is near. Now cast away burdens and wipe every tear.
Be filled with good cheer. Redemption is nigh. A star, a sign is rising on high. Come, Thou
Long-expected Jesus. Come and set Your people free. Come, Emmanuel, Lord of Israel.

GESU' BAMBINO (BABY JESUS)

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night, was born the Child,
the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light. The angels sang. The shepherds sang.
The grateful earth rejoiced; and at His blessed birth, the stars their exultation voiced.
O come, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord.
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night, that gave the world its
Christmas Rose, its King of love and light. Let every voice acclaim His name.
The grateful chorus swell. From paradise to earth He came that we, with Him, might dwell.
O Come, let us adore Him. Christ the Lord.

REJOICE! CHRIST IS BORN!

Christmas people gather near and put away all doubt and fear. Shout and sing.
Be of good cheer. Rejoice for Christ is born! Sing unto the Lord with joyful noise!
Bring unto the Lord a tuneful voice! Ring the news. Let the world rejoice!
Rejoice, for Christ is born!
Shepherds go and see the One. Delight at all that love has done;
for God has given us a Son. Rejoice for Christ is born!
Hodie! Christus natus est! (Today, Christ is born!)
Come rejoicing. Sing, for Christ is born! People come and gather round; and join as one
with joyful sound. Come with me to David's town. Rejoice, for Christ is born!
Glory be to God on high. Let all creation now reply. Lift your voices to the sky.
Rejoice, for Christ is born!

A UNITY CAROL

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North; but one great fellowship of
love throughout the whole wide earth. Join hands then, people of the faith, whatever your
race may be. All those who serve the God of love are surely kin to me.
We are one in Christ. We are all God's children. Though we are many, we are one in love's
embrace. We sing one song, one "alleluia," and with one voice of praise, we celebrate God's
grace. Alleluia! Santo! Santo! Santo! (Holy! Holy! Holy!)
Christ alone is worthy of our praise!
We are one in Christ. We are all one people; washed in Love's light, our many colors shine
as bright as day. We have one faith. One hope unites us;
and with one voice of praise, we glorify God's name.

MUSIC OF THE MORNING STAR

We are music of the Morning Star. Sing alleluia! Sing noel. Alleluia, sing!
We are ready, Lord, teach us peace. In this moment, Lord, give us peace.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace)
Silent night... (see words and music for congregational part on back page of worship folder)

WORSHIP GUIDE

God is so glad you've set aside this time to worship Him. He inhabits the praise of His people. As we gather, please take a moment to ask God to prepare us for worship - to open our ears and minds to His voice, and to freely apply His word to our hearts and lives. Please also take a moment now to silence all electronic devices so that the Lord might have opportunity to freely speak to all.

GATHERING

<i>Away in a Manger (Hymnal 158)</i>	<i>arr. Raymond Haan</i>
<i>Gentle Mary Laid Her Child</i>	<i>arr. Paul Manz</i>
<i>What Child Is This? (Hymnal 137)</i>	<i>arr. Kenneth Varner</i>
<i>People, Look East (An Advent Hymn)</i>	<i>arr. James Mansfield</i>

Welcome to Worship!

If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, please fill out the Communication Card and turn it in at the Welcome Center in the foyer, where you'll receive a nice gift - our way of saying, "We're honored by your visit." Returning guests and regular attendees, please note your attendance and requests on the Communication Card, then place it in the offering plate.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR) for children ages two and three, is available in the Building B Pre-school Wing (Main Floor) for the entire worship service time.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW) for children age four through grade three is not meeting today. Please stay with your parents and enjoy the Christmas Choir.

SONGS OF ADVENT

<i>Hymnal 120</i>	<i>The Advent of Our God</i>
<i>Hymnal 124</i>	<i>Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>

CALL TO PRAYER

<i>Hymnal 154</i>	<i>What Can I Give Him?</i>
<i>What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;</i>	
<i>If I were a wise-man I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.</i>	
	<i>(CCLI Member)</i>

PRAYER

Pastor Daryl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS



The Song Heard 'Round the World

A Cantata For Christmas

by Joseph M. Martin

Presented by the Christmas Choir

Don Zent, rehearsal accompanist; Johnson Cannon, narrator

A Joyful Journey of Carols

Featuring Traditional Catalan, English, Czech, Bohemian, Hebrew, French,
West Indies and East African melodies and carols

Hear the Song Heard 'Round the World

Traditional Catalonian melody

An Advent Prayer

Traditional Russian melody

Prepare the Way of the King

Traditional English melody

CHILDREN'S TIME

Cheryl Schell

Gesu' Bambino [Baby Jesus]

Kristin Hiatt, soloist

Rejoice! Christ is Born!

Traditional Finnish Folk melody

A Unity Carol

Incorporating "In Christ There is No East or West" & Traditional Brazilian carol

Music of the Morning Star

Incorporating tunes: SIYAHAMBA, AFRICAN NOEL, KUMBA YAH

Prayer for Peace

Incorporating tunes: WHOLE WORLD, DONA NOBIS PACEM, STILLE NACHT



BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Felix Mendelssohn, *arr.* Ellen Lorenz

Wake, Awake! (An Advent Hymn)

Special thanks to...

Cheryl Schell for directing and rehearsing the Children's Ensemble

Don Sweigard & Andy Miller for their extra help with the recorded accompaniment

A JOYFUL JOURNEY OF CAROLS

Bring Joy! Bring joy to the house of the Lord.

Joy to the World the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing.

Come and join the celebration. Sing for joy! Every nation, all creation, sing for joy!

Rejoice with voices strong; with a jubilation song. On this day, the world rejoices.

Give your praise and lift your voices. Let all the earth break forth with joy!

Arise and shine. Your light will come on Christmas day, on Christmas day.

Arise and shine, and greet the Son on Christmas day in the morning.

Rejoice, rejoice! Prepare the way for Christmas day.

Declare your praise on Christmas day in the morning.

Unto us a child is born; Christ, the Lord. He will be God's holy One.

Soon the earth will see the sign; Light divine. In the east a star will shine.

Songs of peace and hope are sounding; tidings of great joy abounding.

Angels soon will soar on high. Gloria! All the world in joy reply. Rise and shine!

Come hear the music, glorious music.

Sing glad noel! People are singing. Steeples are ringing; glad tidings tell.

Stars shine the glory; beaming the story. Great jubilation comes to the nations.

Sing alleluia! Rejoice!

Unto us a Son is given. To us a Child is born. He shall rule in peace forever.

Zion will be restored. Sing with jubilation! Sing out in expectation!

Sing to every nation! Sing out the glad noel. Gloria! In excelsis Deo!

The virgin Mary had a baby boy; and they say that His name was Jesus.

He come from the glorious kingdom.

Sing glory to God in the highest. Sing Peace and goodwill to all the earth.

Sing hallelujah! Come walk with me now to Bethlehem.

Rejoice, all you children of the Lamb.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns, Let choirs their songs employ; while fields and

floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy. Bring joy!

HEAR THE SONG HEARD 'ROUND THE WORLD

Hear the song heard 'round the world, 'cross the heavens ringing.

Soon a Child of royal birth will set the earth to singing.

Every heart prepare the way. This could be our dancing day.

Let the people sing. Let the steeples ring.

Rejoice with music; wondrous, glorious music.

See the glow of distant light. Lo, a star is beaming; Shining in the solemn night,

all the world redeeming. By its fire the world is healed. God's great glory is revealed.

Let the candles shine with a light divine.

Rejoice with music; wondrous, glorious music.

Feel the wonder in the air. Join the celebration. Spread the good news everywhere.

Share the jubilation. Raise the shout with voices strong.

Fill the earth with tuneful song. Go forth and tell. Sing a glad noel.

Rejoice with music; wondrous, glorious music! Alleluia!