

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

TODAY

- 8:00a Pre-Service Prayer—B106
- 8:30a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 9:45a Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Fellowships
Connections Class—A200
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 3:30p Chimes of Joy—B102; Tintinnabulation Handbells—Asbury University
- 4:45p Heaven's Harmony B100; Youth Choir —B102
Christmas Choir—Sanctuary
- 5:30p Pre-Service Prayer—B106
- 6:00p Hanging of the Greens—Sanctuary

MONDAY

- 10:00a Ladies' Bible Study—Metcalf home, 20 Veterans Dr.
- 7:00p Leviticus Bible Study—Francis Asbury Society

TUESDAY

- 6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
- 7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C
- 9:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200
- 9:30a Ladies' Bible Study—B203
- 6:15p WeBelieve Handbell Choir—Sanctuary
- 7:30p Blessings Handbell Choir—Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

- 12:00n Prayer & Fasting—Sanctuary
- 4:55p Bible Quizzing—B104
- 6:00p FMY (Free Methodist Youth)—Building C (Dinner 6:30p)
- 6:00p Young Musicians—B100; Friendship Company—B101
- 7:00p Adult Prayer Meeting—B200/201
Grace for Grief—B106
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
BOA—B107
- 8:15p

THURSDAY

- 12:00 Noon PrimeTimers Senior Adult Luncheon—Building C

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 9:00a Christmas Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 6:00p Wilmore Old Fashioned Christmas—Downtown Wilmore
Hot Chocolate Outreach

LARGE PRINT LARGE PRINT SONG SHEETS AND WORSHIP INSERTS are available at the foyer Welcome Desk each Sunday for your use. As the hymnal words get smaller, pick up a copy!

Advent's Memorable Moments—Helping Us Hear

Pastor Daryl

Luke 1:5-20



Advent's Memorable

VIDEO RECORDINGS OF ALL MESSAGES ARE AVAILABLE AT WILMOREFMC.ORG



PRAYER SEEKING SALVATION: *Lord Jesus, I know I have sinned against You. I believe that You died for me, and I place my trust in You. Forgive my sins and save me from the judgment to come. Help me to turn from my sin and live a life wholly devoted to You.*

PRAYER SEEKING SANCTIFICATION: *Lord Jesus, I recognize my need for holiness. Purify me of all that is unlike You, fill me with Your Holy Spirit until I am totally Yours, and set me apart for Your purposes from this day forward.*

If you seek or have found salvation or sanctification today, please let a member of the pastoral staff know. We're here to help you on your journey with Jesus.

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WFMC!

If you are “new,” this is for you!

COMPLETING THE WELCOME CARD allows us to welcome you personally. Please fill it out and drop it off at the Welcome Center. The attendant there will give you a nice gift.

THE WORSHIP GUIDE in this folder leads through the service. We try to use elements, liturgy and music from a variety of Christian traditions to help lead people of all ages, stages, and tastes into God’s presence. Worship is, by nature, participatory, so please join in prayer, word, giving, and song, and respond to the voice of the Holy Spirit however He leads.

NURSERY for children up to 2 years is available all morning in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR, age 2 and 3) is available all year for both morning worship services in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (CW, age 4 through grade 3) After the Children’s Time, children are escorted by CW Staff to room B205. Following 8:30 worship, children ages 4 through Kindergarten will be checked into their Sunday School room, B207. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classrooms, A100 and A106. Following 11:00 worship, parents must pick up their children from room B205.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

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

PRAYER FOCUS: Let’s pray that the Lord would be born anew in us all, and also in those we love who have yet to receive Jesus, during this Advent season.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—BRAZIL: Pray for Dan and Hope Owsley, serving at the Free Methodist Theological Seminary in Sao Paulo, Brazil and carrying out numerous other ministries of teaching and mentoring.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for the Wilmore-High Bridge Community Center, director Koby Miller and all who receive monthly food boxes.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Keep an eye on posted schedules for December. It can look a bit different than normal months. There will be no Sunday night fellowships. Our Youth Christmas Party will be on December 18.

NURSERY:

	TODAY / THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
8:30 Worship	B Arnold/J Bowers/J Li/A Miller	M Dietrich/J Evans/C Rumble C Shafer
Sunday School	L Branan/L Roberge	T Kidwell/S Wiggam
11:00 Worship	S Branan/BK McMillen/E Padgett F Shingledecker	D Raymond/E Walsh/J Walsh
6:00 Worship	H Branan/M Branan/A McFall	No Nursery—Caroling Social
Wed. Evening	M Dargan/S Joiner	A Diddle/R Zent

Tonight:

The Hanging Of The Greens

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

Next Sunday Morning, December 8: Musical Celebration of Christmas

The Sanctuary / Christmas Choir will present a variety of anthems for the Season. Please join us for this annual “Musical Celebration of Christmas” as we celebrate the joy of Christmas in song.

• 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 almost 20 countries.

• LIVE NATIVITY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: We need children age 4 through grade 5 to present our Nativity between the 5:00 and 6:30p services on Christmas Eve. Sign up at the Welcome Center by December 8 so costume instructions can be given. Questions? Ask Cheryl Schell.

• OUTSIDE THE WALLS MINISTRY AND OUR YOUTH are giving Christmas stockings to the Senior Citizens Center. Would you consider donating: word search puzzle books, adult coloring books, hygiene products, gloves, hats, socks...anything that fits in a stocking that an older person might use. Leave them in the “Seniors” basket in the foyer—due today.

• CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE: Our church is providing two options to give:
1) Wunders: A \$50 gift provides kits for girls overseas with feminine products to last 3 years. Take an African-print bag from the foyer tree for giving details.
2) The Salvation Army: This program helps provide Christmas for kids in Jessamine County. Take a tag from the foyer tree, then place an unwrapped present under the tree by December 3.

• LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED to join us for food, fun, and fellowship Monday, December 2 at 6:00p at Los Altos in Wilmore. We’d love to see you! Questions? Text Ginny Proctor at 859-553-9784.

• CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Which service do you think you’ll attend? It would help us know how best to plan if you would simply write, “5:00,” “6:30,” or “11:00” on your Welcome Card today.

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS at Asbury University this week:
Wednesday, Dec. 4—Christmas Music Chapel, Hughes, 10:00a
(Concert Band, Men’s Glee Club, Women’s Choir)
Thursday, Dec. 5—Jazz Ensemble & Handbell Choir, Student Center, 11:00a
Friday, Dec. 6—Songs of the Season, Hughes Auditorium, 7:30p
(Chorale, Orchestra, Poems and Stories)

ALL-CHURCH CAROLING DECEMBER 8
Join us as we visit the elderly of our church and bring them the songs and carols of Christmas. Meet in Building C at 6:00p, join a caroling group, and then car-pool to 5-7 homes. We then return to Building C and fellowship over a salad bar, chili dogs, hot chocolate and cold drinks.



Please bring a plate of cookies or hand-held treats to share!

PRIMETIMERS 60+ CHRISTMAS LUNCH, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 12:00 NOON, BUILDING C

Please plan to join us for this great time of fellowship! Our own Rose Evans will provide a musical program filled with favorite carols and hymns. Those with last names beginning with A-J bring a dessert; K-P bring a salad; Q-Z bring an entree. Drinks will be provided.

ADULT HELPERS NEEDED!

We are so grateful for the host of volunteers who commit one service per month to work in our nursery. If you are an adult and would like to be part of the nursery team, please write “Nursery” on your Welcome Card so we can contact you with more information.



The WFMC Finance Team invites the congregation to honor our church staff with Christmas gifts. Mark your gift “Gifts for Staff” and place them in the basket at the Welcome Center (envelopes are available there) or give online marking the “Staff Gift” box, by December 11. Gifts in excess of pre-determined amounts will be given to Benevolence.



Hot Chocolate Outreach

Wilmore Old Fashioned Christmas, December 7
One-hour shifts from 5:30p to 8:30p
We will also be distributing outreach materials.
Write “Chocolate” on your Welcome Card if you can serve a one-hour shift.



DECEMBER FOOD ITEM: CONDENSED SOUPS — TOMATO & CHICKEN NOODLE

Our Food for Kids program is in full swing! Each Wednesday night our teens assemble bags of food that is distributed by our schools to families in need of help over the weekends. Drop off food donations in the foyer basket.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Cheryl Schell

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a complete list, check the Worship Folder or www.wilmorefmc.org

WORSHIP IN GIVING

God didn't send Jesus to us in hopes of getting some cash offering from us in return. He sent Jesus to us to demonstrate His giving nature – the very same nature He'd like to create in us. Giving is a grace that God wants to create and perfect in us. Giving is a response of love. God loves us and so He gave. If we love Him, certainly, we'll give in return.



MUSIC MINISTRY

How Should a King Come?
Ladies' Trio *arr. Tom Fettke*

MESSAGE

Advent's Memorable Moments - Helping Us Hear Pastor Daryl

HOLY COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

The First Noel (Hymnal 136) *arr. Kenneth Varner*

👂 Help for the hearing impaired is available. See an usher for assistance.

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

O Come, Little Children *arr. Diane Bish*
Variations on "I Saw Three Ships" *arr. Jason Payne*

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Christmas Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
who came in the beauty of the child at Bethlehem.
I believe in Him whose star glorified the Judean hills,
although there was no room for Him in the inn.
I believe in Him whose cradle was His mother's arms,
while shepherds watched in wonder.
I believe in Him who came to save us from sin,
and lead us into the peaceable Kingdom.
To Jesus Christ be all glory, both now and forever. Amen.

SONGS OF ANTICIPATION OF THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

Hymnal 120 *The Advent of Our God*
Hymnal 150 *O Hearken Ye*
Hymnal 131 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (stanzas 1, 4)
Hymnal 121 *The Word Made Flesh*
Hymnal 123 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 126 *A Nativity Prayer*
O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born is us today. (CCLI Member)

PRAYER

GOD'S WORD TO US

Luke 1:5-20

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE ADVENT OF OUR LORD

A Brief Service of Joyful Expectation

Suggested Hymn Stanzas

To facilitate an uninterrupted flow from stanza to stanza, the suggested stanzas have been marked with an arrow: ►

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, stanzas 1, 2
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, complete
Joy to the World!, stanzas 1, 4

WORSHIP LEADER: Who shall come in the fullness of time to
 gladden the hearts of men?
 Who shall bring new joy to the world
 and the poor and lonely defend?
 Who shall come on a cold winter's night,
 when the world is hushed and still?
 Only the silent stars keep watch as a
 promise is fulfilled.
 Just as a Child newly born He shall come
 to a stable rough with sod.
 'Tis gentle Jesus, Prince of Peace, the
 blessed Son of God!

WORSHIP LEADER and PEOPLE:

We await Him with reverent hearts,
 O come Lord Jesus, come!

"Who Shall Come" by Mary E. Caldwell

123 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The virgin will . . . give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel. Isa. 7:14

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a rest for four measures, followed by a melodic line: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). Below the staff are four numbered lyrics:

- 1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And
- 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our
3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All

Below the lyrics is an optional introduction for the first verse only, marked *mp*. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff with a piano introduction (8va) and a bass clef staff. The introduction is marked *mp* and includes a wavy line indicating a tremolo effect on the first few notes.

TEXT: Latin Hymn, *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, 1710;
 translated by John M. Neale, stanzas 1, 2, altered;
 Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3, 4, altered

VENI EMMANUEL
 L.M. with Refrain

MUSIC: Adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore; arranged by Tom Fettke

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ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
spir - its by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
or - der all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge
peo - ples in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels

here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
show, And cause us in her ways to go.
cease, Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.

*Refrain
parts optional*

Re - joice! Re -

joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

*Optional transition to
"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

accel. poco a poco *cresc.* *no rit.*