

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

TODAY

- 8:00a Pre-Service Prayer—B106  
8:30a Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing, children under 4 years  
9:45a Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Fellowships  
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing  
11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary  
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing children under 4 years  
3:30p Tinnabulation Handbells—AU/McCreless; No Chimes of Joy  
No Heaven's Harmony or Youth Choir  
5:30p Pre-Service Prayer—B106  
6:00p Evening Worship—Immanuel—The Sign, Isaiah 7:10-16  
7:00p Middle School @ Weinbergers, 305 E Main Street  
9/10 @ Swaims, 204 LeBeau Drive, Nicholasville  
11/12 in Building C hosted by Daisy Zhao  
7:45p Young Adults Christmas Party@ Winters, 229 S Lexington Ave

MONDAY

- 10:00a Ladies' Bible Study at Metcalfs, 20 Veterans Dr.

TUESDAY

- 6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200  
7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast—C  
9:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200  
1:15p Silver Bells —Sanctuary  
7:15p Finance Team—A200

WEDNESDAY

- 4:45p Bible Quizzing—B104  
6:30p FMY (Free Methodist Youth) Christmas Party—Building C  
7:00p 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

THURSDAY

- 7:00p Prayer for Family, Friends, Nation @ Dargan, 191 Academy Drive

FRIDAY

- 10a-12n Moms Pray & Play—Building C

SATURDAY

**HAZARDOUS WEATHER PLAN:** Schedule changes for church events can be found in the news feed on the front page of the church website and also on local TV news, typically one hour prior to service times.



*A MANGER SUITE*

Music by Michael W. Smith | arr. David Hamilton

Christmas Choir  
Heaven's Harmony  
Vocal Ensemble  
RoseMary Nowitzki, Narrator

*The Promise*

*Son of God*  
Christy Liang, soloist

*Sing Noel, Sing Hallelujah*

*Christmas Angels*

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**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.



*A Manger Suite*

**WILMORE**  
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

A COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS JESUS' VISION AND VALUES  
DECEMBER 10, 2023  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**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 foyer 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) THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP** today. Regular Children’s Worship (age 4 through grade 3) begins again next Sunday, December 17.

**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 for those in Ukraine who suffer from Russia’s aggression—pray for a quick and peaceful end to that conflict.

**WORLD MISSION FOCUS—CREATIVE ACCESS:** Pray for the missionaries we support who work in closed countries, finding creative ways to share Christ in difficult and even threatening circumstances. Pray for their children as well.

**HOME MISSION FOCUS:** Pray for Lexington Rescue Mission, pastoral care coordinators Thomas Wallace and Donna Junker, and all who come to the mission for spiritual care. Pray for the discipleship group and chapel services.

**YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS:** Our annual Christmas Party and Talent Show is this week! There will be no youth programs the following 2 weeks. Enjoy your break! I pray you truly get to experience Immanuel.

<b>NURSERY:</b>	<b>TODAY/THIS WEEK</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
8:30 Worship	M Dietrich/J Evans/L Evans D Flanigan	A Crabtree/L Evans/D Flanigan K Winter
Sunday School	T Kidwell/S Wiggam	J Lovell/D Roxberry
11:00 Worship	D Raymond/E Walsh/J Walsh	R Gouge/J Madill/G O’Neal
6:00 Worship	B Bowers/J Bowers/C Maynard	Caroling Social-no nursery
Wed. Evening	A Diddle/R Zent	No Wednesday evening activities

**ALL-CHURCH CAROLING DECEMBER 17**



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

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

- **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 Communication Card today.
- **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 4 year olds through 5th graders to present our Nativity between the 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. services on Christmas Eve. Sign up at the Welcome Center by TODAY so costume instructions can be given. Questions? Ask Cheryl Schell.
- **PRAYER FOR OUR NATION & FAMILIES:** Come this Thursday night, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Dargan, 191 Academy Drive. We meet to pray for our nation, family and friends who need Christ as Savior. Welcome!
- **WFMC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Mark your calendar for the next class, January 13, 2024, Saturday seminar, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. The class gives a comprehensive introduction to our church, denomination, and beliefs. Come and investigate - no commitment is required to simply take the class. Interested? Write “Membership” on the Welcome Card.
- **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH MATERIALS / BOOKS** are available on the table in the foyer. Please take all you can give away to those who need Jesus.



**5:00 and 6:30 p.m.** Worship with word, candlelight, scripture, children’s time and carols. Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months.

**6:00 p.m.** Children’s Live Nativity - foyer  
**11:00 p.m.** Worship with Holy Communion, candlelight and carols. No nursery care provided.



**DECEMBER FOOD ITEM:**

**CAMPBELLS SOUP—TOMATO OR CHICKEN NOODLE**

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.

**Evening Worship Tonight!**  
Music Ministry — Hale Quartet  
Pastor Daryl—Immanuel—The Sign, Isaiah 7:10-16



The WFMC Finance Team invites the congregation to honor our church staff members with Christmas gifts. Mark your gift “Gifts for Staff” and place them in the basket at the Welcome Center or give online marking the “Staff Gift” box, by today (December 10) if possible. Gifts in excess of pre-determined amounts will be given to Benevolence.

- **YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Young Adults! Join us for a Christmas party tonight, December 10, 7:45 p.m. at the Winter’s house, 229 South Lexington Ave. Questions? Call/Text Kelly Winter at 859.935.5109.
- **WORK TRIP TO JESSAMINE COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER** Saturday, December 16. Come one, come all. Call Dennis Adams for info.



**THERE IS A WRAPPED GIFT BOX** placed at the foot of the sanctuary trees that contains sealed letters written to deceased loved ones reflecting on celebrating Christmas without their physical presence by their side. If you would like to participate, please write a Christmas card or letter to a deceased loved one, seal it and place it in the gift box. The purpose is to give folks an opportunity to include a loved one in the present as we reflect on Christmases past, knowing the hope of a future time celebrating once again in the presence of our living Savior.

**ALL WHO HAVE SERVED THE YOUTH** this past semester (hosting an afterglow, cooking a meal, etc.) are invited to join us for our potluck Christmas party and talent show Wednesday, December 13.

**THANK YOU!** *The Community Service Center of Wilmore-High Bridge thanks the members of WFMC for their generous gifts during this holiday season! The requests for Thanksgiving boxes increased over last year, and 77 boxes and turkeys were distributed to Wilmore families! Thank you for helping cover the cost! Your generosity has also made it possible to add two-pound packages of ground beef for each household as well as the Christmas hams in December! Thank you so much for making it possible for the CSC to continue to say "yes" to those Wilmore-High Bridge families who have real financial need! -Koby Miller and the CSC Leadership*

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2023-JANUARY 1, 2024**

Mail will be collected, of course, and pastors will still be available. Thanks so much for helping to plan ahead.



## SONGS OF THE SHEPHERDS' JOY

*Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow!*

arr. Mark Hayes

Christmas Choir | Faye Montgomery, accompanist

*Echo Carol*

John D. Horman

Victoria Hall, Josiah Saunders, Jessie Thompson-percussionists

Heaven's Harmony | Erin McLaughlin, piano

*Joy to the World!*

arr. Rob Howard

Heaven's Harmony

## CHILDREN'S TIME:

Pastor Dwight

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For a complete list, check the Worship Folder or [www.wilmorefmc.org](http://www.wilmorefmc.org)*

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

"What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part. What can I give Him? Give Him my heart." It's not what we give, it's how we give it. Let's give to God of ourselves and of our finances in sincere appreciation of all He's given to us. As a part of our gift, let's give Him our hearts.



## A MANGER SUITE

*Choral Celebration—To follow along please see the back side of the worship folder*

## SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymnal 125

*Joy To The World (Stanzas 1&2)*

## POSTLUDE

arr. James Mansfield

*People, Look East (A French Advent Carol)*

## 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

*Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

arr. Kevin Norbury

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (Hymnal 141)*

arr. Douglas Court

*Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymnal 132)*

arr. Stephen Bulla

Victoria Hall, bassoon

## ADVENT WREATH

## SONGS OF ADVENT JOY

Insert

arr. David Schwoebel

*"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"*

Christmas Choir | Congregation

Jerry Guthrie, trumpet

Hymnal 137

*What Child Is This?*

Hymnal 161

*Our Day of Joy Is Here Again*

## CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 134

Emmanuel

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;*

*God with us, revealed in us:*

*His name is called Emmanuel.*

(CCLI Member)

## PRAYER

Pastor Daryl

## GOD'S WORD TO US

*Luke 2:15-20*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

# Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

Choir: Venite adoremus, venite adoremus, venite adoremus, Dominum.

## Choir and Congregation

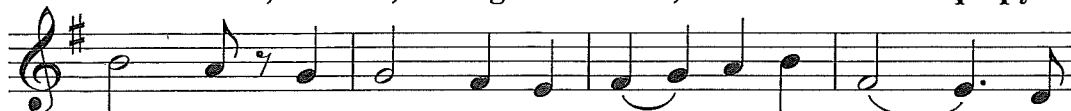


All: 1. Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri -

All: 1. A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um -

Choir: 2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul -

All: 3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py

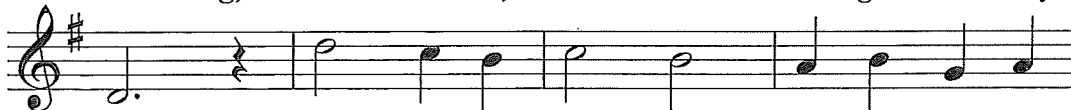


um - phant, Oh, come, ye, Oh, come ye, to Beth - le-

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ta - tion; sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a -

morn - ing, Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry



hem. Come and be - hold him, born the King of

hem. Na - tum ve - de - te Re - gem an - ge -

bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the

giv'n. Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -



an - gels; Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come let us a -

lo - rum. Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do -

high - est; Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Oh, come, let us a -

pear - ing: Oh, come, let us a - dore him. Oh, come, let us a -



dore him, Oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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Choir: Venite adoremus, Dominum.

From *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful* (CGA1133).

Text: John Francis Wade, c. 1711-1786; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880.

Music: *ADESTE FIDELES*, John Francis Wade, c. 1711-1786. Arranged by David Schwoebel.

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## What Child Is This? 137

*They spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child. Luke 2:17*

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

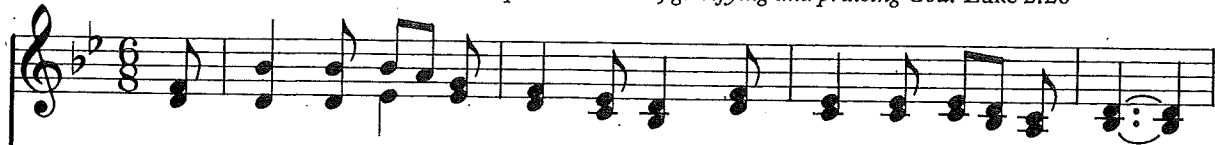
## Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:

This, this is Christ the King, The Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

# Our Day of Joy Is Here Again 161

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. Luke 2:20*



1. Our day of joy is here a - gain, With love and peace and song;
2. When dark-ness lay up - on this earth, A glo - rious light did shine;
3. Now to the man - ger let us go To wor - ship and a - dore
4. How won - der - ful that God's own Son Should so Him - self a - base!



Come, let us join th'an - gel - ic strain With voic - es clear and strong.  
 God sent a Gift of price - less worth And showed His love di - vine.  
 The ten - der Babe up - on the straw, Our Sav - ior ev - er - more.  
 He thrust the might - y from their throne, And gave the low - ly grace.



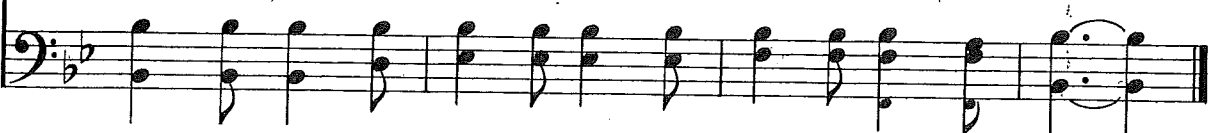
## Refrain



Glo - ry to our God, we sing, Glo - ry to our Lord and King;



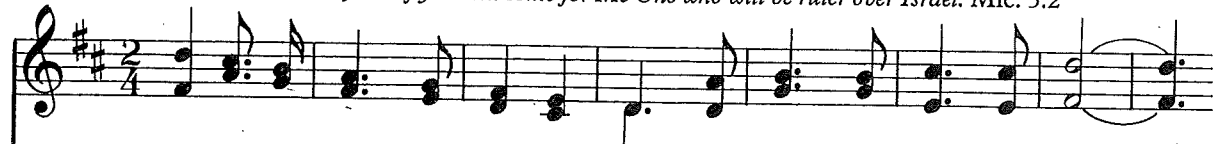
Peace, good-will with all a - bide This ho - ly Christ - mas tide.



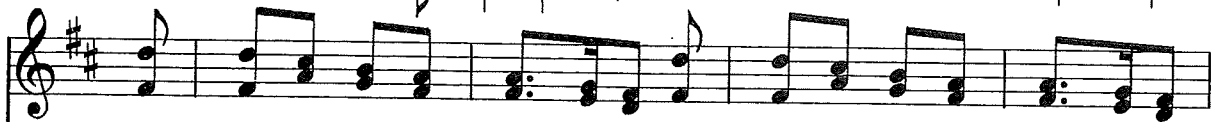


## Joy to the World! 125

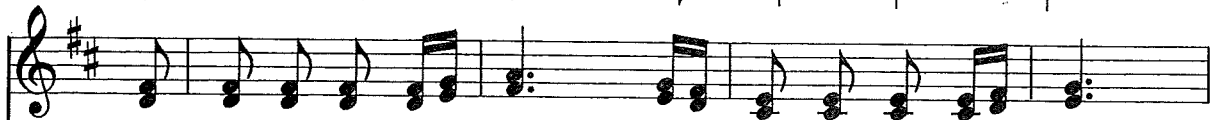
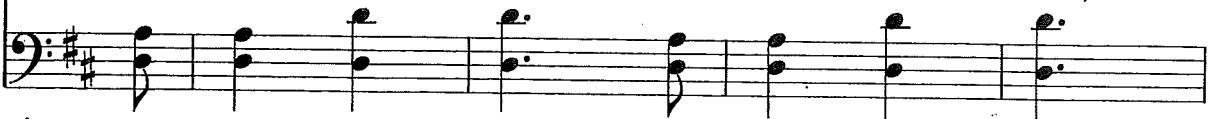
Bethlehem . . . , out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Mic. 5:2



- 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Northorns in - fest the ground;
- 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



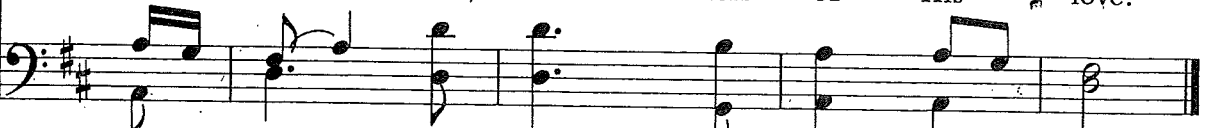
And heav'n and na - ture sing,      And heav'n and na - ture sing,  
Re - peat the sound - ing joy,      Re - peat the sound - ing joy,  
Far as the curse is found,      Far as the curse is found,  
And won - ders of His love,      And won - ders of His love,  
1. And heav'n and na - ture sing,



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And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
Far as, far as the curse is found.  
And won - ders, won - ders of His love.



ture sing,

Choral Ending on the following page.

TEXT: Isaac Watts  
MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, arranged by Lowell Mason;  
Choral ending arranged by Tom Fettke

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