

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

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
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 12:10p Dedication of Covered Portico
- 6:00p Christmas Caroling Social—Building C

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
- 7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast—C
- 9:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200

WEDNESDAY

- 4:45p Bible Quizzing—B104
- 6:00p 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
- 8:05p 805 Live Young Adult Bible Study—B202

THURSDAY

- 11:30a Homeschool Lunch—C202
- 6:00p Grandparents Who Pray—Bethel Pointe Clubhouse

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 8:00a Men's Breakfast @ Comfort Inn



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- 17 Youth Christmas Party—6:30p
- 20 Men's Breakfast @ Comfort Inn—8:00a
- 21 **Fourth Sunday in Advent:** Morning Worship—8:30a & 11:00a
No Sunday School, Youth or Adult Bible Fellowships, Children's Worship, or Evening Worship
- 22 Public Schools Christmas Break (2 weeks)
Church office closed this week
- 24 **Christmas Eve Worship**—5:00p, 6:30p, 11:00p
- 28 Morning Worship Services—8:30a & 11:00a
No Sunday School, Youth or Adult Bible Fellowships, Children's Worship, or Evening Worship
- 29 Church office closed this week

Colors of Christmas - Purple
Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor Daryl

VIDEO RECORDINGS AND PRINT VERSIONS 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.



WILMORE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH
A COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS JESUS' VISION AND VALUES
DECEMBER 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WPMC!

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) CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (CW, age 4 through grade 3) After the Children’s Time, children are escorted by CW Staff to room B205. Following worship, parents of 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 for all those suffering because of the shooting at Kentucky State this week, along with those who suffer from needless violence all around the world.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—Africa: Pray for Mike Reynen, FM Area Director for Africa, as he collaborates with church leaders and encourages the missionary teams. Wife Vickie continues to encourage women’s ministries in Kenya.

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: This Wednesday, December 17th is our potluck Christmas party. Check your email for details!

NURSERY:

	<u>TODAY/THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
8:30 Worship	M Dietrich/J Evans/C Rumble C Shafer	A DiFranco/L Evans/A Hall E Randall
Sunday School	P Brown/T Kidwell	No nursery - no Sunday School
11:00 Worship	D Raymond/E Walsh/J Walsh	L Barbosa/M Ramos/G Schumacher
6:00 Worship	No nursery – Caroling Social	No nursery - no evening worship
Wed. Evening	M Henderson/D Zhao	5:00p & 6:30p Nursery

• THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP December 21 or December 28 to give our Children’s Worship ministry teams a little break. Thank you to all who serve on the Children Worship teams!

• OUR WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL SABBATICAL begins next Sunday. Our Sunday school classes and Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships do not meet for three Sundays—December 21 and 28 and January 4.

• JOY—ZWEIFEL PORTICO DEDICATION TODAY With an estate gift we have received, we will soon be constructing a drive-under portico at the entrance of Building A. Since family members are here today, we will be dedicating that in a short ceremony immediately following the 11:00a service in the foyer. Welcome!

• ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS: Welcome to "Grandparents Who Pray" on Thursday, December 18 at the Bethel Pointe Clubhouse, 100 Academy Dr, Wilmore. Come at 6:00p to participate in our potluck dinner, or at 7:00p for our time of prayer as we share prayer requests and pray for our families.

• CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE—ICCM BURUNDI: The mission project is supplying chickens for the children of our FMC impoverished pastors and church leaders. Take a “chicken tag” off the tree and follow the instructions.

• 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.

• END OF YEAR GIVING: Please note that in order for tithes, gifts and offerings to be tax-deductible for the year 2025, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY: Kids age 4—grade 5 are welcome to join the nativity presented between the 5:00p and 6:30p Christmas Eve services. Sign up at the Welcome Desk by Monday, December 15 so costume instructions can be given. Questions? Ask Cheryl Schell.



HELP OUR KIDS CELEBRATE WILMORE'S 150TH BIRTHDAY!

WPMC will host an event on February 7, 9:00a—11:30a, much like a one-day VBS, to help children learn about the importance of Christian faith in the life of our town. We need guides (adults and teens) to take the kids around to different activities. If you are willing to be a guide or help in the kitchen for the finale, please scan the QR code or sign up at the Welcome Desk today!
<https://vbspro.events/p/0c6c86>



WPMC HAZARDOUS WEATHER PLAN: Schedule changes for church events due to hazardous weather can be found on the front page of the church website, typically one hour prior to service times. Check the News Feed at the bottom of the homepage, or tune in to TV channels 18, 27, and 36.

ALL-CHURCH CAROLING TONIGHT - DECEMBER 14



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 several 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!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH MATERIALS / BOOKS are available on the table in the foyer. Please take all you can give away to those who need Jesus.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FOR ALL MEN, YOUNG & NOT SO YOUNG:

Saturday, December 20, 8:00a

Comfort Inn 100 All Star Way, Nicholasville.

To give our hosts a number, write “Breakfast” on your Welcome Card (and number attending) if you can come.



THE WPMC FINANCE TEAM invites you to honor our church staff with Christmas gifts. Mark your gift “Staff Gift” and place in the basket at the Welcome Desk (envelopes are available there) or give online marking the “Staff Gift” box, by today, December 14. Gifts in excess of pre-determined amounts will be given to our Benevolence Fund.



5:00 and 6:30p - Worship with word, candlelight, scripture, children’s time and carols. Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months. (Children’s nativity before the 6:30 service).

6:00p - Childrens’ Nativity (foyer)

11:00p - Christmas worship with Holy Communion, candlelight and carols. No nursery care provided.



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DECEMBER 22, 2025—JANUARY 2, 2026

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

WORSHIP GUIDE

December 14, 2025

CHILDREN’S TIME: Pastor Dwight
CHILDREN’S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR: ages 2—3) is available in the Building B preschool wing for the entire worship service time.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
For a complete list, check the Worship Folder or www.wilmorefmc.org

WORSHIP IN GIVING
Along with our tithes and offerings, let’s offer ourselves anew to Jesus today, that He might have the freedom to do whatever He’d like in us and through us. Believe it or not, the Christmas gift He really wants from us is...us!



MUSIC MINISTRY Greg Gilpin
Goin’ Now to See the Baby
Youth Choir

DOXOLOGY* Hymnal 625 (OLD HUNDREDTH)
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.

MESSAGE Pastor Daryl
Colors of Christmas - Purple

POSTLUDE arr. James Conely
Celebrating the First Nowell (Hymnal 136)

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, O Come, Emmanuel (Hymnal 123) arr. Brent Olstad
What Child is This? (Hymnal 137) arr. Brent Olstad
Joy to the World! (Hymnal 125) arr. Brent Olstad
Amanda Bailey & Erin McLaughlin, flute; Hannah Miller, piano

ADVENT WREATH
8:30a—William Howard Family
11:00a— Clint Baldwin Family

SONGS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
Hymnal 121 The Word Made Flesh
Hymnal 132 Angels We Have Heard on High
Hymnal 152 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Hymnal 141 O Little Town of Bethlehem

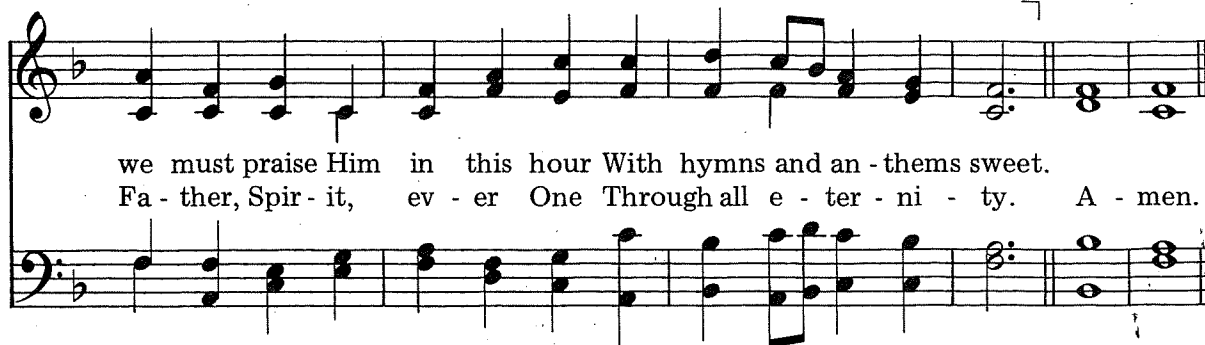
CALL TO PRAYER What Can I Give Him?
Hymnal 154
What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise-man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.
(CCLI Member)

PRAYER Pastor Daryl

GOD’S WORD TO US Matthew 2:1-12 (Page 681)
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.

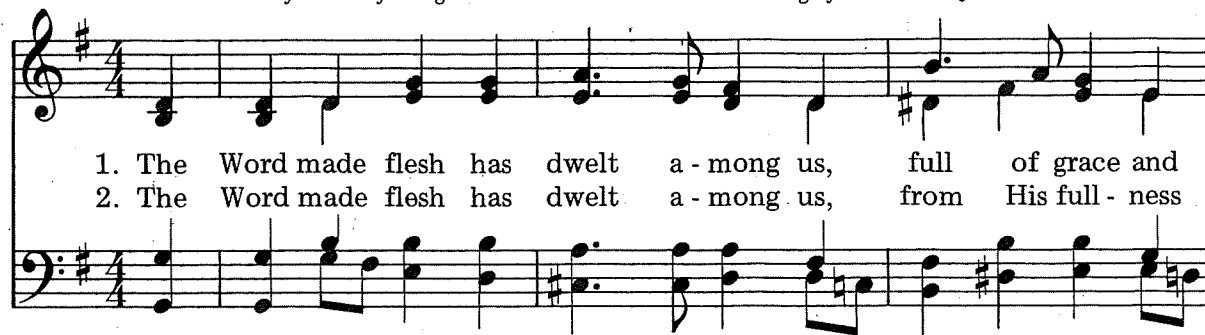
The Colors of Christmas - Purple



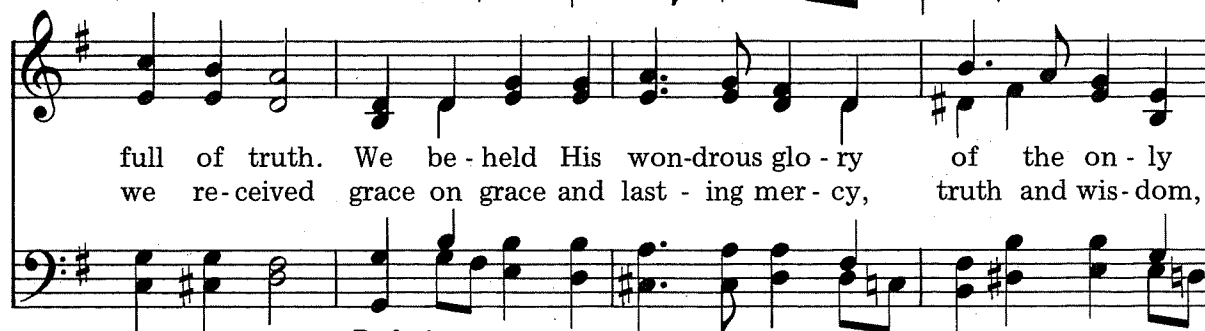
we must praise Him in this hour With hymns and an - thems sweet.
Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er One Through all e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

The Word Made Flesh 121

From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. John 1:16

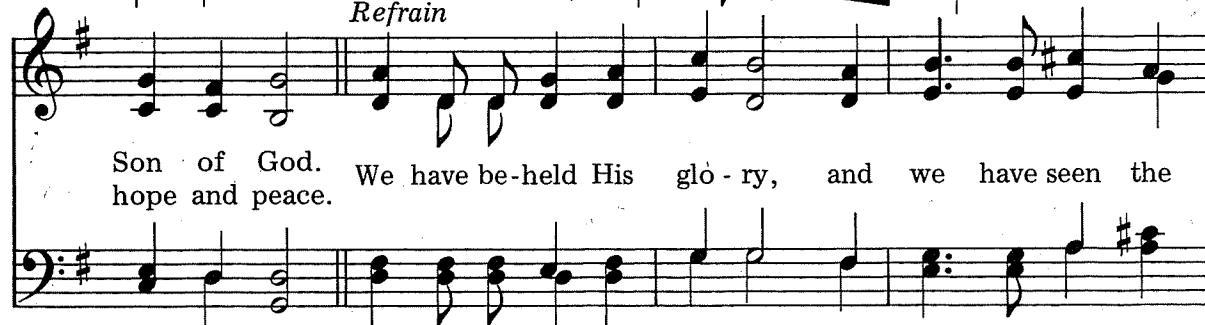


1. The Word made flesh has dwelt a - mong us, full of grace and
2. The Word made flesh has dwelt a - mong us, from His full - ness

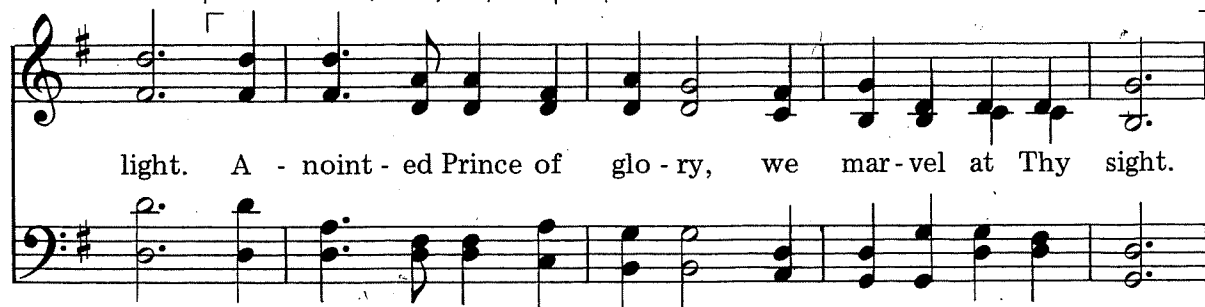


full of truth. We be - held His won - drous glo - ry of the on - ly
we re - ceived grace on grace and last - ing mer - cy, truth and wis - dom,

Refrain



Son of God. We have be - held His glo - ry, and we have seen the
hope and peace.



light. A - noint - ed Prince of glo - ry, we mar - vel at Thy sight.

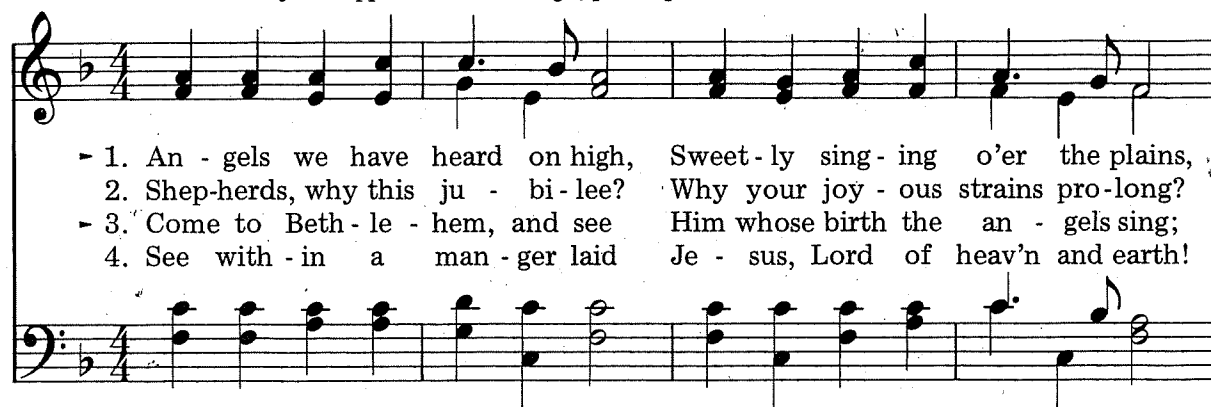
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arranged by Joseph Barlowe

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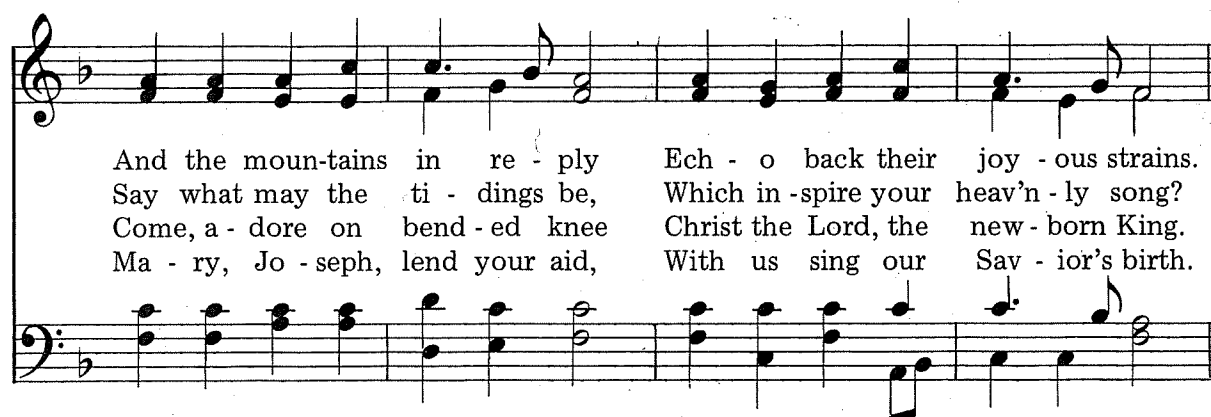
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132 Angels We Have Heard on High

The heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God. Luke 2:13



1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of heav'n and earth!



And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in-spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, With us sing our Sav - ior's birth.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o,



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o.

Segue to "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

TEXT: Traditional French carol
 MUSIC: Traditional French melody

GLORIA
 7.7.7.7. with Refrain

152 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

He will be their peace. Mic. 5:5

1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day Their old fa - mil - iar
 2. I thought how, as the day had come, The bel - fries of all
 3. And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on
 4. Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor
 5. Then ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, The world re - volved from

car - ols play, And wild and sweet the words re - peat Of
 Chris - ten - dom Had rolled a - long th' un - bro - ken song Of
 earth," I said, "For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of
 doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right pre - vail, With
 night to day - A voice, a chime, a chant sub - lime Of

Optional transition to "Come On, Ring Those Bells"

peace on earth, good will to men.
 peace on earth, good will to men.
 peace on earth, good will to men."
 peace on earth, good will to men."
 peace on earth, good will to men! will to men!

faster

TEXT: Henry W. Longfellow
 MUSIC: Jean Baptiste Calkin

WALTHAM
 L.M.

153 Come On, Ring Those Bells

Your King comes to you. Zech. 9:9

Unison

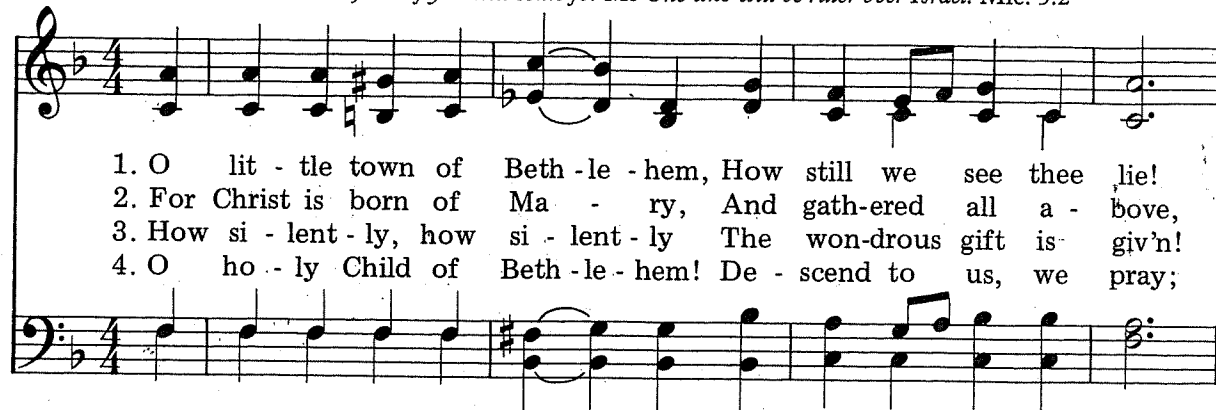
Come on, ring those bells, light the Christ - mas tree, Je - sus is the King

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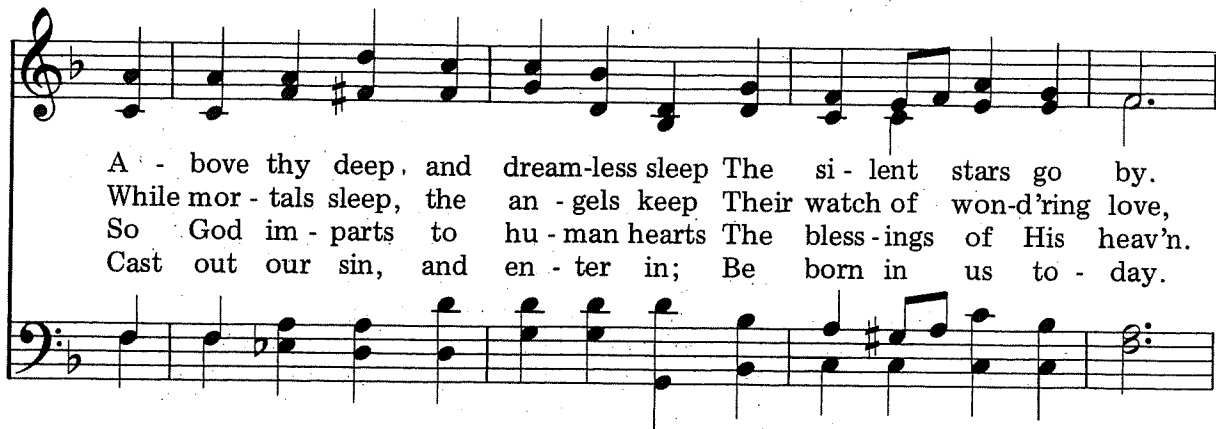
RING THOSE BELLS
 Irregular meter

O Little Town of Bethlehem 141

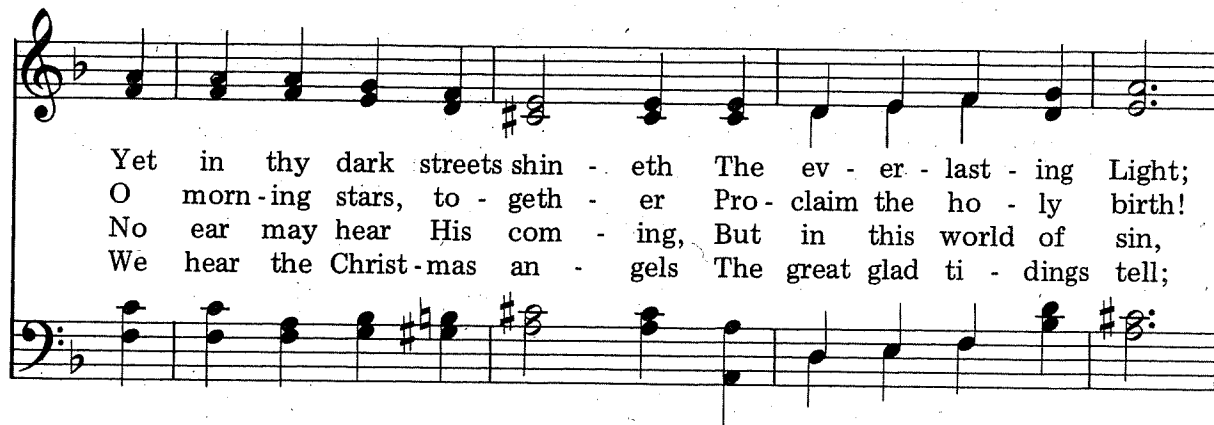
Bethlehem . . . , out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Mic. 5:2



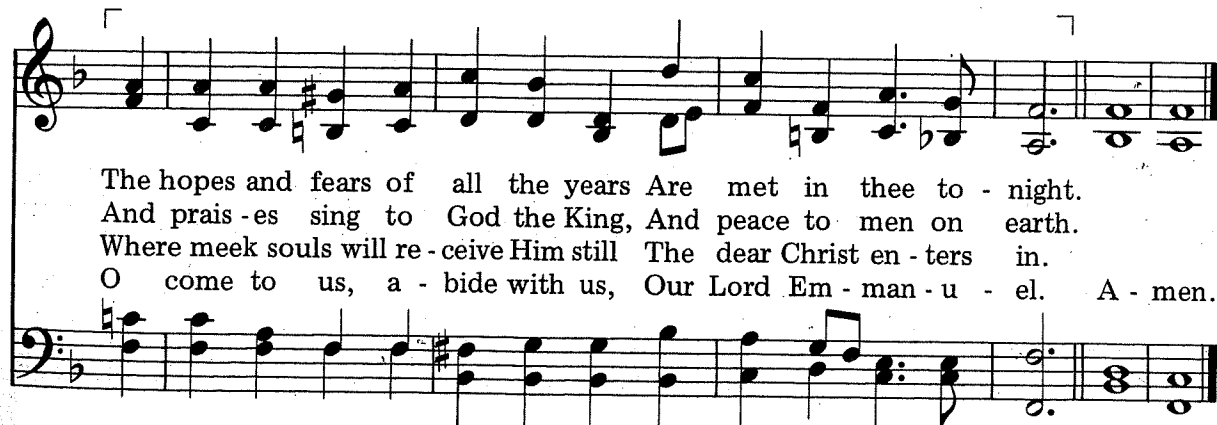
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep, and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love,
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
 Cast out our sin, and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;

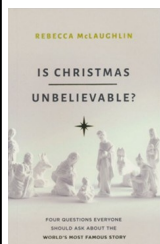


The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el. A - men.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH RESOURCES

AVAILABLE TODAY!

The following resources are in the foyer and are free for you to take and give away to family and friends who need Jesus this Christmas.

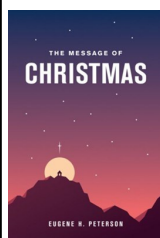


Is Christmas Unbelievable?

Understand rationally why the Christmas story is fact, not fantasy! McLaughlin outlines the evidence that Jesus was a real person, explains the reliability of the biblical accounts, shows why the virgin birth isn't as unbelievable as it seems, and shares how these historic events infuse our postmodern lives with meaning and joy.

Special Delivery

What if there was a gift from God that proved to be exactly what we needed - one we'd never outgrow or that would get superseded by a newer model? This Christmas-themed outreach book is sure to brighten the holidays of the spiritually curious and inspire those wishing to learn more about Christ's gift of forgiveness and everlasting joy!



The Message of Christmas

The Message of Christmas is a booklet that shares the biblical story of Christmas in the engaging language of *The Message* Bible. It is the perfect way to personally share the hope of Christmas with anyone curious about the meaning of Christmas. The passages of Scripture highlight the nativity narrative and the love and hope given to humanity through Jesus' birth.

The Very First Christmas

Sized just right for Christmas stockings! Introduce 3- to 8-year-old readers to the wondrous events that led up to Jesus' birth and his miraculous arrival. They'll love this colorful, whimsically illustrated account of the angels' announcement, the shepherds in the fields, the baby in the manger, and more.



Nativity Cross Ornament

The ornament itself tells the story of Christmas, but attached to each is a QR code that leads to a video of the Christmas story, suitable for both children and adults.

Estonia 2026!

WPMC Mission Trip



- WPMC mission trip to Estonia, described as “The least religious country in Europe.”
- July 19-30, 2026
- Serving with Võru Methodist Church and Brent & Colleen Weaver
- Led by Ruth Gouge and Andy Bowen
- Applications available at the Welcome Desk
- To hear more about the trip, join us next Sunday, December 21, in B-201, 9:45 a.m.