

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 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
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 6:00p Heaven's Harmony Christmas Musical—Sanctuary
- 7:45p Young Adults Christmas Party @ Winters

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 4:55p Bible Quizzing—B104
- 6:00p FM Youth: Christmas Party 6:30-8:30; gym opens at 6p
- 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

- 6:00p Grandparents Who Pray @ Roxberrys, 114 Anderson Way

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



- 12/15 **Third Sunday in Advent**
Children's Musical—6:00p
- 12/18 Youth Christmas Party
- 12/22 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**
Morning Worship—8:30a & 11:00a
No Sunday School, Youth or Adult Bible Fellowships, Children's Worship or Evening Worship
- 12/23 Church office closed through January 1, 2025
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Worship 5:00p, 6:30p, 11:00p
- 12/29 Worship—8:30a & 11:00a
No Sunday School, Youth or Adult Bible Fellowships, Children's Worship or Evening Worship
- 1/5/2025 John Wesley Covenant Service, 6:00p

Advent's Memorable Moments—Impossible News

Pastor Daryl

Luke 1:26-38



Advent's Memorable Moments

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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FREE METHODIST CHURCH

A COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS JESUS' VISION AND VALUES

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

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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 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: Pray for those suffering because of what has happened in Syria in these last days, and especially for the Christians—that the new regime would be more friendly and stable than the old.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—COLOMBIA: Pray for Thad and Nikki Roller serving in church-planting, discipleship, and prayer ministries in Bogota and wider Latin America. Pray for their daughters, Lily and Evie.

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: Don't forget this week is our potluck Christmas party! We will have food, fun and our annual talent show.

NURSERY:

	<u>TODAY / THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
8:30 Worship	A Dedman/L Evans/R Proctor	D Flanigan/A Montoya/J Montoya Z Stiger
Sunday School	J Lovell/D Roxberry	K Diddle/H Miller/D Simpson
11:00 Worship	L Barbosa/M Ramos/G Schumacher	E Maynard/M Miller/B Wag,ler
6:00 Worship	B Bowers/E Cannon/C McGlothlin A Warnock	R Branan/C Blankenship/B Howard R Saunders
Wed. Evening	M Henderson/R Powdrill	No evening activities



HEAVEN'S HARMONY CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

TONIGHT DECEMBER 15 6:00p

Join us for this Dickens-like story that reminds us of the foretelling of Jesus' birth. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and support our children's choir.

- **THERE IS CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY, but none on December 22 or December 29** to give our Children's Worship ministry teams a little break. Thank you to all who serve on the Children Worship teams!
- **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH MATERIALS / BOOKS** are available on the table in the foyer. Please take all you can give away to those who need Jesus.
- **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE:** Our church is providing the opportunity to give to FMC 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.
- **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.
- **GRANDPARENTS WHO PRAY** will meet Thursday, December 19 for a potluck at 6:00p, and 7:00p for praise and prayer at the home of Don and Devon Roxberry, 114 Anderson Way, Wilmore.

- **YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Young Adults! Join us for a Christmas party tonight, December 15, 7:45p at the Winter's house, 229 South Lexington Ave. Questions? Call/Text Kelly Winter at 859.935.5109.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL SABBATICAL** starting next Sunday, December 22. Our Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Fellowship leaders are taking a Christmas sabbatical, giving them three Sundays (Dec. 22, 29 and Jan 5) of rest. Take a moment to thank your leaders for their hard work.

- **END OF YEAR GIVING:** Please note that in order for tithes, gifts and offerings to be tax-deductible for the year 2024, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 23, 2024-JANUARY 1, 2025

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



VAN FUND UPDATE: We have raised over \$45,000 so far toward our goal of \$100,000 to purchase 2 "gently used" vans. Thank you for your giving! To contribute, mark your offering, "Van Fund."



THERE IS A WRAPPED GIFT BOX placed at the foot of the sanctuary tree that contains letters/cards written to deceased loved ones reflecting on celebrating Christmas without their physical presence by your side. If you would like to participate, please write a Christmas card/letter or find a small memento to be placed in the wrapped box. The purpose is to give you a visual reminder of a loved one in the present as we reflect on Christmases past, knowing the hope of a future time celebrating with them in the presence of our living Savior. You may place items in the box before or after a service. They will remain in the box unread.



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 - Children's Nativity (foyer)

11:00p - Christmas worship with Communion, candlelight and carols. Note that no nursery care is provided.

SPRING RENEWAL WEEK IS JANUARY 19-22! Mark your calendars now and plan on attending these four days of services. Pray for Vic Hamilton who will be sharing the Word, and pray for our church body that we will commit to giving God the space and time in our lives to speak a new word to us through this renewal week.

Sunday School Potluck Breakfast

**January 5, 9:40 a.m.
Building C Great Hall**



Each family please bring a generous dish to share - casseroles, breakfast sandwiches, sweet rolls, fruit, etc.

Coffee, milk and juice provided.



**JOHN WESLEY COVENANT WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 6:00P**

Join us for a centuries-old, yet timeless service practiced by John Wesley in 1755 and adapted from the 1663 writings of Puritan Richard Allienne. It is a service of serious, personal re-commitment to

Christ's lordship in our lives. If you wish to read through and prepare your heart ahead of time, you can find copies of the liturgy on the website news feed—www.wilmorefmc.org.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Pastor Daryl

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORSHIP IN GIVING

"Lord, receive our gifts this morning. We take our hands off of them, and offer them to you to use as You will. Guide us...guide our church leaders, our pastors and board and every team and team leader in our handling of money...because all of these dollars...every dime...belongs to You. We seek Your mind in this and in all things, in Christ we ask, amen."



MUSIC MINISTRY

Walk in the Light
Youth Choir

arr. André Thomas

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 626 (FAIRHILL)

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

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Noel Fanfares

arr. Charles Callahan

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

Now is Born the Divine Christ Child

arr. Kevin McChesney

The First Noel (Hymnal 136)

arr. Bill Ingram

O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymnal 145)

arr. Kevin McChesney

Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir

ADVENT WREATH

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS PROPHECY AND PROMISE

Hymnal 128

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Hymnal 160

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymnal 127

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

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 in us today.

(CCLI Member)

PRAYER

Pastor Daryl

GOD'S WORD TO US

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:26-38

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160 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse. Isa. 11:1.

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I have in mind;
 3. This Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of old have sung.
 With Mar - y we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.
 Dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor The dark-ness ev - ery - where.

It came, a Flow - er bright, A - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right She bore to men a
 True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and death He

win - ter, When half - gone was the night.
 Sav - ior, When half - gone was the night.
 saves us And light - ens ev - ery load.

TEXT: German carol, 16th century; translated by Theodore Baker, stanzas 1, 2 and Harriet Krauth Spaeth, stanza 3
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1599; harmonized by Michael Praetorius

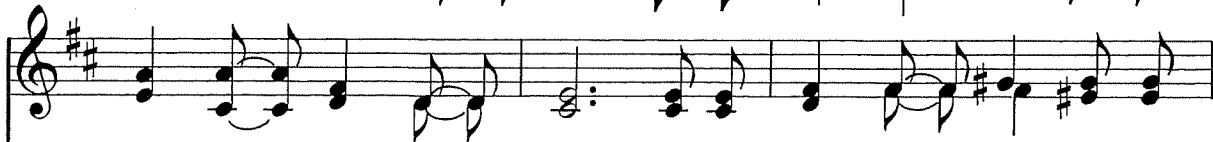
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Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne 127

He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. John 1:11



1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy king - ly crown When Thou
 2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, Pro -
 3. The fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest In the
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word That should
 5. When the heav'n's shall ring and the an - gels sing At Thy



cam - est to earth for me; But in Beth - le - hem's home was there
 claim - ing Thy roy - al de - gree; But of low - ly birth didst Thou
 shade of the for - est tree; But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou
 set Thy peo - ple free; But with mock - ing scorn and with
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, Let Thy voice call me home, say - ing,



found no room For Thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty. O
 come to earth, And in great hu - mil - i - ty. O
 Son of God, In the des - erts of Gal - i - lee. O
 crown of thorn They bore Thee to Cal - va - ry. O
 "Yet there is room— There is room at My side for thee." My



'come to my heart, Lord Je - sus—There is room in my heart for Thee!
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus—There is room in my heart for Thee!
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus—There is room in my heart for Thee!
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus—There is room in my heart for Thee!
 heart shall re-joyce, Lord Je - sus, When Thou com - est and call - est for me!

