

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 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
5:30p Pre-Service Prayer—B106
6:00p Christmas Caroling and Social—Building C

MONDAY

TUESDAY

- 6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
No Youth Prayer Breakfast
9:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200

WEDNESDAY

No Wednesday Evening Activities

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Church office is closed through January 1, 2024

SATURDAY

THE JESSAMINE COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER has some urgent needs for donations and help with their community Christmas Dinner. To contribute and volunteer please go to their website or Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/jchcky/>

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.



Immanuel: Dwelling Among Us
Exodus 25:1-9; 40:34-38

Pastor Daryl

VIDEO AND PRINT 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.



WILMORE
FREE METHODIST CHURCH

A COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS JESUS' VISION AND VALUES
DECEMBER 17, 2023
THIRD 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, age 4 through grade 3) After the Children’s Time, children are escorted by CW Staff to A102. Following worship, parents of children ages 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children from room A102. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classroom. Following 11:00 worship, parents must pick up their children from A102 which is the lower level of Building A.

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 God to give an extra measure of grace to all who anticipate holidays apart from loved ones this year.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—PORTUGAL: Pray for Eduardo and Cindi Angelo, FM missionaries based in Lisbon and ministering in Portugal, Spain, and W. Africa. Their focus is church planting, reaching the lost, and training new Christians.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Timothy Porter, (Director of the Free Methodist Chaplain’s Association) and all of the chaplains in our denomination. Pray for wisdom to meet the needs of those who come for advice and comfort.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Praying that you enjoy your Christmas break! I encourage you to use your free time to practice the spiritual disciplines we learned about over the semester. Maybe even find ways to do them as a family and start new traditions.

NURSERY:

	<u>TODAY/THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
8:30 Worship	A Crabtree/L Evans/D Flanigan K Winter	J Evans/M Ezell/A Montoya J Montoya
Sunday School	J Lovell/D Roxberry	No Sunday School
11:00 Worship	R Gouge/J Madill/G O’Neal	E Maynard/M Miller/B Wagler
6:00 Worship	Caroling Social-no nursery	Christmas Eve Nursery 5:00p & 6:30p
Wed. Evening	No Wednesday evening activities	No Wednesday evening activities

• 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.

• 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.

• SUNDAY SCHOOL SABBATICAL: starting next Sunday, December 24, our Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Fellowship leaders are taking a Christmas sabbatical, giving them three Sundays (Dec. 24, 31 and Jan 7) of rest. Take a moment to thank your leaders for their hard work.

• THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (CW) December 24 and December 31. Regular Children’s Worship (age 4 through grade 3) begins again on January 7, 2024.

• END OF YEAR GIVING: Please note that in order for tithes, gifts and offerings to be tax-deductible for the year 2023, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

• CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE Wednesday, January 10, 2:30-7:00 p.m. in the church foyer. If you are healthy, 17 or older (16 with parental consent) and weigh 110 pounds or more, you may be eligible to give.



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. (Children’s nativity before the 6:30 service).

6:00 p.m. - Childrens’ Nativity (foyer)

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

**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.



ALL-CHURCH CAROLING TONIGHT! 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

**Sunday School Potluck
Breakfast**

January 7, 9:45 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.



LET’S HIT THE SLOPES!

Annual High School Ski Retreat
Weekend of January 20, 2024

More details and registration information will be sent via Remind. Questions?

Contact Caitlin cgothay@wfmc.net



**JOHN WESLEY COVENANT WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:00 p.m.**

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.wilmrefmc.org.



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.

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

Proverbs tells us that the righteous give without sparing. This isn't just about our gifts and offerings to God, of course, but it includes them. It's the heart of the giver that's important to God. The righteous, in God's eyes, see needs and then do all they can to meet them.



MUSIC MINISTRY

arr. Bill Wolaver & Tom Fettke
Good News of Great Joy
Ladies Ensemble

MESSAGE

Pastor Daryl
Immanuel: Dwelling Among Us

POSTLUDE

arr. Diane Bish
Caroling, Caroling

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

Advent Carols (Hymnal 118 & 123) *arr. Linda McKechnie*
O Come, All Ye Faithful (Hymnal 145) *arr. Brad Nix*
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen *arr. Nathan DiGesare*
Sussex Carol (On Christmas Night All Christians Sing) *arr. Mark Hayes*

ADVENT WREATH

SONGS OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Hymnal 121 *The Word Made Flesh*
Hymnal 143 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
Hymnal 128 *It Came upon a Midnight Clear*
Hymnal 152 *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
Hymnal 119 *O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful*

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

Caitlin Gothay

GOD'S WORD TO US

Exodus 25:1-9; 40:34-38

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

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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

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153 Come On, Ring Those Bells

Your King comes to you. Zech. 9:9

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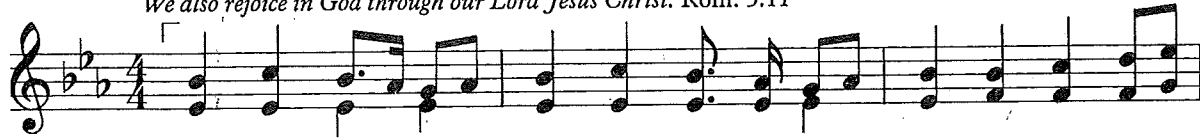
Come on, ring those bells, light the Christ-mas tree, Je - sus is the King

TEXT and MUSIC: Andrew Culverwell
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RING THOSE BELLS
 Irregular meter

119 O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:11



1. O thou joy - ful, O thou won - der - ful Grace - re - veal - ing
 2. ☩ thou joy - ful, O thou won - der - ful Love - re - veal - ing
 3. O thou joy - ful, O thou won - der - ful Peace - re - veal - ing



Christ - mas - tide! Je - sus came to win us From all sin with -
 Christ - mas - tide! Loud ho - san - nas sing - ing And all prais - es
 Christ - mas - tide! Dark - ness dis - ap - pear - eth, God's own light now



in us; Glo - ri - fy the ho - ly Child!
 bring - ing: May Thy love with us a - bide!
 near - eth: Peace and joy to all be - tide!



TEXT: Johannes D. Falk, stanza 1; Source unknown, stanza 3;
 translated by Henry Katterjohn

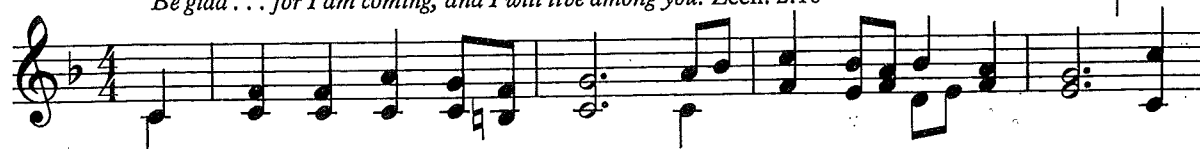
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O SANCTISSIMA
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120 The Advent of Our God

Be glad . . . for I am coming, and I will live among you. Zech. 2:10



1. The Ad - vent of our God With ea - ger hearts we greet; And
 2. All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free; With



TEXT: Charles Coffin; translated by John Chandler, altered

MUSIC: Aaron Williams

A higher setting may be found at No. 21

ST. THOMAS
 S.M.