

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

TODAY

- 8:00a Pre-Service Prayer—B106
- 8:30a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 9:45a Estonia Mission Trip Informational Meeting—B201
No ABF/YBF/SS
- 11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
No Evening Worship Tonight

MONDAY—FRIDAY

Church office closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

- 5:00p Christmas worship with candlelight, scripture, children’s time and carols. Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months.
- 6:00p Children’s Live Nativity - foyer
- 6:30p Christmas worship with candlelight, scripture, children’s time and carols. Nursery / child care is provided through age 48 months.
- 11:00p Christmas worship with Holy Communion, candlelight and carols. No nursery care provided.



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

- 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

JANUARY

- 4 Morning Worship—8:30a & 11:00a
Sunday School Breakfast Potluck—9:45a
John Wesley Covenant Service—6:00p
- 5 Church office opens

Colors of Christmas - Green
John 1:1-5

Pastor Daryl

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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 21, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.

THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (CW) December 21 and December 28. Regular Children’s Worship (age 4 through grade 3) begins again on January 4, 2026.

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 celebrating the Savior’s birth in the midst of poverty, war, sickness and persecution. For their sake and ours, let’s pray for the return of the “Peace of Jerusalem.”

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—Colombia: Pray for Thad and Nikki Roller, serving in church-planting, discipleship, and prayer ministries in Bogota, Colombia and wider Latin America. Thad serves as FM Assistant Director for the region. Pray for their daughters Lily and Evie.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Timothy Porter, (the chaplain supply ministry of the Free Methodist Church), 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: But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you GOOD NEWS that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2:10-11

NURSERY:

	<u>TODAY/THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
8:30 Worship	A DiFranco/L Evans/A Hall E Randall	D Flanigan/A Montoya/J Montoya Z Stiger
Sunday School	No nursery/Sunday School	No nursery/Sunday School
11:00 Worship	L Barbosa/M Ramos/G Schumacher	T Adams/E Dobie/M Miller
6:00 Worship	No nursery/evening worship	No nursery/evening worship
Wed. Evening	5:00p & 6:30p Nursery	No nursery/evening activities

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

• **THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TODAY** or on December 28, in order 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** starts today. Our Sunday school classes and the Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships do not meet this Sunday, or the next two (December 28 and January 4). 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 2025, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

• **WPMC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Mark your calendar for the next class, January 10, 2026 Saturday seminar, from 9:00a—12:00n. 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? Questions? Write “Membership” on your Welcome Card.

• **CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE** Wednesday, January 21, 2:30-7:00p 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.

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!



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.



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. We will also send a message on the PNN.



5:00p 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 6:30p service).

6:00p Childrens’ Nativity (foyer)

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

Sunday School Potluck
Breakfast

January 4, 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.



JOHN WESLEY COVENANT WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 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—just search “Wesley Covenant.”



DECEMBER FOOD ITEM:

CONDENSED SOUP (TOMATO OR CHICKEN NOODLE)

Each weekend, 70 bags of nonperishable foods are provided for Jessamine County kids that attend Wilmore Elementary, Jessamine Early Learning Village, Head Start, West Jessamine Middle, and Providence School. Items may be placed in the foyer basket to the left of the Welcome Center.

PRAYER

Pastor Dwight

GOD'S WORD TO US

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

John 1:1-5
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CHILDREN'S TIME:

Pastor Caitlin

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR: ages 2—3) is available in the Building B preschool wing for the entire worship service time.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW) There is no Children's Worship for today and December 28. Children's Worship will return January 4, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Thank You, Father, for giving us the best gift ever in Your Son, Jesus. Compared with all You've given to us, the gifts we give to You seem so small. Yet we give them here this morning in love and appreciation for Your amazing grace. Would You use all we give today to help others find Your Son as their Savior, and would You receive our offerings as the acts of heartfelt worship they are.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Music by Jay Rouse

Who Is He in Yonder Stall? (text- Hymnal 168)
Fiskeaux/Hall Family

MESSAGE

Pastor Daryl

Colors of Christmas - Green

HOLY COMMUNION

POSTLUDE

arr. Jason Payne

Toccata on "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

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

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (Hymnal 129) arr. Mark Hayes
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (Hymnal 127) arr. Linda McKechnie
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Hymnal 133) arr. Brad Nix

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.

ADVENT WREATH

8:30a—Stephen Sandberg Family
11:00a— Andy Bowen Family

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

Hymnal 162
Hymnal 136
Hymnal 144
Hymnal 151
Hymnal 138
The Birthday of a King
The First Noel (stanzas 1 & 2)
How Great Our Joy!
Good Christian Men, Rejoice
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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)

162 The Birthday of a King

I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely. Jer. 23:5

Unison

1. In the lit - tle vil - lage of Beth - le - hem, there lay a Child one
 2. 'Twas a hum - ble birth - place, but oh, how much God gave to us that

day, And the sky was bright with a ho - ly light o'er the
 day, From the man - ger bed what a path has led, what a

Refrain - Parts optional

place where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia! O how the
 per - fect ho - ly way.

an - gels sang. Al - le - lu - ia! How it rang! And the

sky was bright with a ho - ly light, 'twas the birth - day of a King.

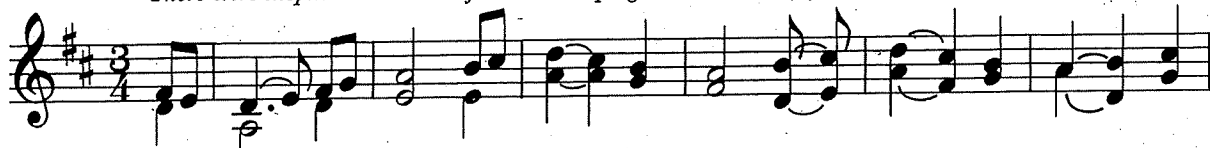
TEXT and MUSIC: William Harold Neidlinger;
 arranged by Robert F. Douglas

NEIDLINGER
 10.6.10.7. with Refrain

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136 The First Noel

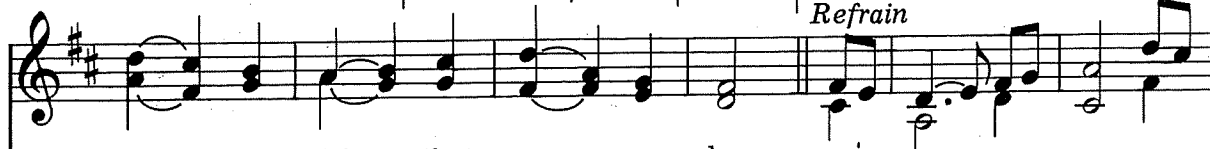
There were shepherds . . . in the fields . . . keeping watch over their flocks. Luke 2:8



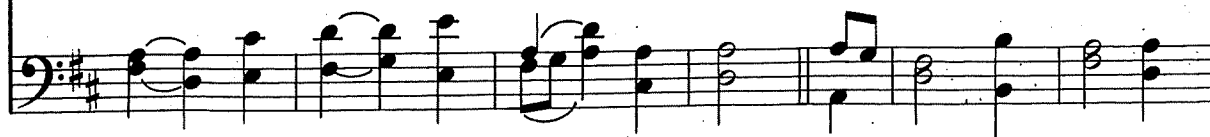
1. The first No - el, the an-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east, be -
3. And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth - le - hem it
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up -
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our



fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep, On a
yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
took its rest; And there it did both stop and stay, Right
on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres - ence Their
heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
with His blood man - kind hath bought.



el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



TEXT: Traditional English carol
MUSIC: W. Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833; arranged by John Stainer

THE FIRST NOEL
Irregular meter

144 How Great Our Joy!

I bring you good news of great joy. Luke 2:10

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tid - ings brought an
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, In Beth - le - hem a
 3. There shall the Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall re -
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, That ev - er joy our

an - gel bright.
 Child to - day.
 deem us all. How great our joy! Great our joy!
 hearts shall fill.

Joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

TEXT: Traditional German carol
 MUSIC: Traditional German melody; arranged by Hugo Jüngst

JÜNGST
 Irregular meter

Optional transition to "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

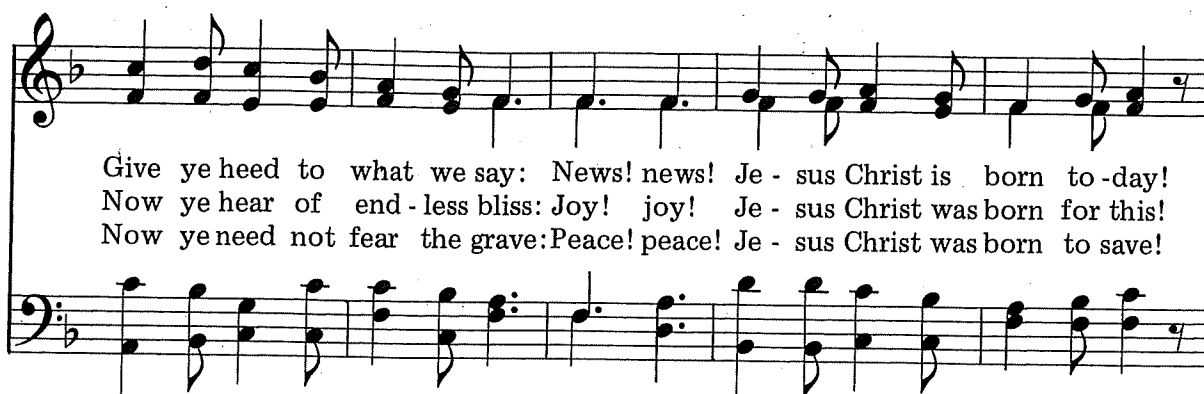
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Good Christian Men, Rejoice 151

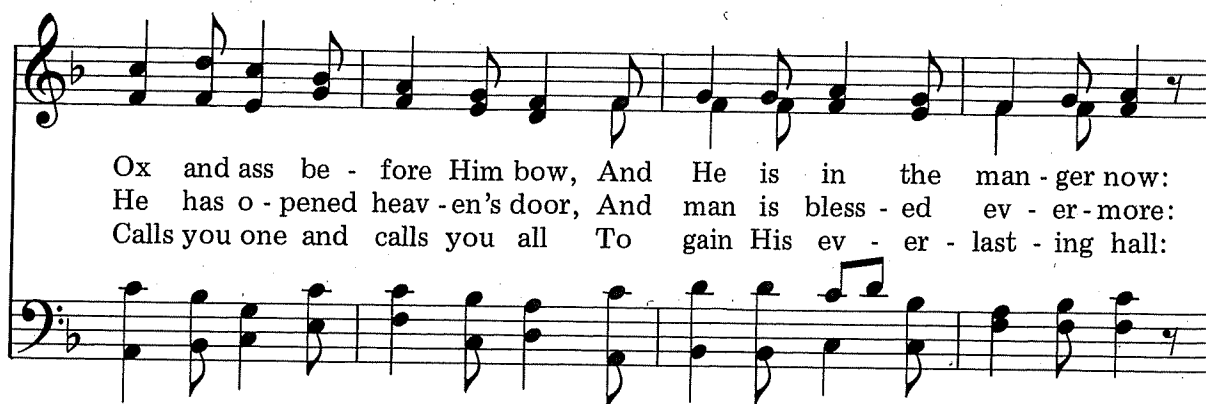
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Luke 1:47



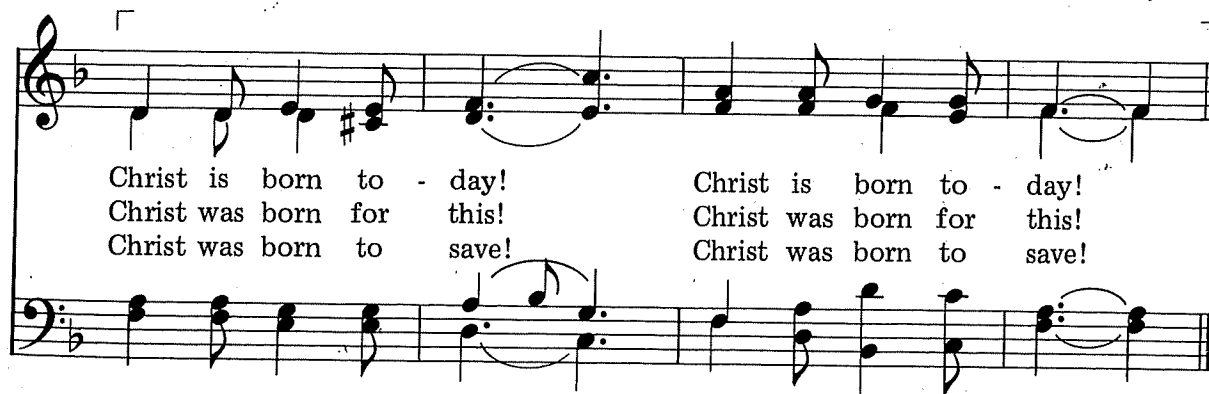
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice With heart and soul and voice;



Give ye heed to what we say: News! news! Je - sus Christ is born to-day!
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Joy! joy! Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! peace! Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now:
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more:
 Calls you one and calls you all To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall:



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

TEXT: Latin carol, 14th century; translated by John M. Neale
 MUSIC: German melody, 14th century; harmonized by John Stainer

IN DULCI JUBILO
 Irregular meter

138 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Let them shout from the mountaintops. Let them give glory to the Lord. Isa. 42:11-12

Unison

Refrain: Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;

Fine

Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night, Be-
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When, lo! a-bove the earth Rang
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born And

D.C.

hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a, ho-ly light.
out the an-gel cho-rus That hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
God sent us sal-va-tion That bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

TEXT: Traditional Spiritual, stanzas written by John W. Work II

MUSIC: Traditional Spiritual; arranged by Bill Wolaver

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GO TELL IT
Irregular meter

Communion Liturgy

Invitation:

*You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins,
who live in love and peace with your neighbors, and who intend to lead a new life,
following the commandments of God and walking in His holy ways,
draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort;
and humbly kneeling, make your honest confession to Almighty God.*

General Confession:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all people,
we confess that we have sinned, and we are deeply grieved
as we remember the wickedness of our past lives.
We have sinned against You, Your holiness and love,
and we deserve only Your indignation and anger.**

**We sincerely repent, and we are genuinely sorry
for all wrongdoing and every failure to do the things we should.
Our hearts are grieved, and we acknowledge that we are hopeless
without Your grace.**

**Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father,
for the sake of Your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who died for us.
Forgive us. Cleanse us.**

**Give us strength to serve and please You in newness of life,
And to honor and praise Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Collect:

*O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who with great mercy
has promised forgiveness to all who turn to You
with hearty repentance and true faith, have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from our sins, make us strong and faithful in all goodness
and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer For Inner Cleansing:

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**