

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

TODAY

8:00a Pre-Service Prayer—B106
8:30a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
No ABF/YBF/SS
11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing

No Evening Worship

MONDAY—FRIDAY

Church office closed

TUESDAY, 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.



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 **Worship—8:30a & 11:00a**
All Church Potluck Breakfast—9:45a
John Wesley Covenant Worship—6:00p

Advent's Memorable Moments—More Impossible News

Pastor Daryl

Matthew 1:18-25



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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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) THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP today. Regular Children’s Worship (age 4 through grade 3) will meet again on Sunday, January 5, 2025.

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 be sure to pray for those members of our Christian family who’ll celebrate Christmas under conditions of persecution. Pray that Jesus would meet them in reassuring, comforting, and even miraculous ways.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—UNITED STATES: Pray for Dan and Katy Beth Searls, representing WGM in the Southeast, traveling to colleges and conferences to encourage young people to consider God’s call to overseas missions

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: *I am praying that all youth and their families have a restful and joyful Christmas. Take time to share stories, make memories, and celebrate the King!*
- Pastor Caitlin

NURSERY:

	<u>TODAY / THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
8:30 Worship	D Flanigan/A Montoya/J Montoya Z Stiger	G Crabtree/J Crabtree/E Padgett K Padgett
Sunday School	No nursery	No nursery
11:00 Worship	E Maynard/M Miller/B Wagler	R Cooper/A Dotterweich
6:00 Worship	No nursery/evening worship	No nursery/evening worship
Wed. Evening	No nursery/evening activities	No nursery/evening activities

• **SUNDAY SCHOOL SABBATICAL:** Starting today and the next 2 Sundays, our Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Fellowship leaders are taking a Christmas sabbatical, giving them three Sundays (today, Dec 29 and Jan 5) of rest. Take a moment to thank your leaders for their hard work.

• **THERE IS NO CHILDREN’S WORSHIP (CW)** today and December 29. Regular Children’s Worship (age 4 through grade 3) begins again on January 5, 2025.

• **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.

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

• **SCHOOL OUTREACH THANKS:** The school outreach team would like to thank you for continuing to support the Food for Kids ministry. This past semester, our church supported 80 students and their families weekly and an additional 75 students and families monthly in 7 Jessamine County schools. Because God has blessed us so abundantly, it is our privilege to be able to pass the blessings on to our neighbors. We are grateful!

• **WFMC MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Mark your calendar for the next class, January 11, 2025 Saturday seminar, from 9:00a.-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.

• **CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE** Wednesday, January 22, 12:30-5:00p. in Building C. If you are healthy, 17 or older (16 with parental consent) and weigh 110 pounds or more, you may be eligible to give.

• **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. Available through the end of December.

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS 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.



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.



Come and Worship 5:00 6:30 11:00

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. No nursery care is provided.



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. You may place items in the box before or after a service. They will remain in the box unread.

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, 9:45a
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 Caitlin

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR) for children ages 2 and 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 29. Children's Worship will return January 5, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORSHIP IN GIVING

In these last few days before Christmas, as we rush here and there to get those perfect, last minute gifts, let's take a moment to remember the most perfect gift ever given. In Jesus, God gave salvation to humanity. In return, He asks that we love Him and give Him ourselves to do with as He chooses. Will you do that this Christmas?

"Lord, this Christmas we give You ourselves. Do with us as You choose, we pray."



MUSIC MINISTRY

Sing *Unto the Lord*
Christy Liang, soloist

G. F. Handel

MESSAGE

Advent's Memorable Moments - More Impossible News

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Hymnal 151)
arr. James Mansfield

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

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

Overture from "Unto Us a Child Is Born"
Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow
Masters in This Hall
Toccata on REGENT SQUARE (Hymnal 131)

J.S. Bach, arr. Franklin Ritter
Spiritual, arr. James Mansfield
English Carol, arr. Dan Edwards
arr. Lani Smith

ADVENT WREATH

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Hymnal 133
Hymnal 136
Hymnal 155
Hymnal 138

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
The First Noel (stanzas 1, 2, 6)
Once in Royal David's City
Go, Tell It on the Mountain

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 126
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in—be born in us today.

A Nativity Prayer
(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.

Matthew 1:18-25

155 Once in Royal David's City

He will reign on David's throne. Isa. 9:7

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly cat - tle
2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and Lord of
3. Je - sus is our child-hood's pat - tern, Day by day like us He
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him Thro' His own re - deem - ing

shed, Where a moth - er laid her Ba - by In a
all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble, And His
grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, Tears and
love; For that Child so dear and gen - tle Is our


man - ger for His bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall: With the poor, and mean, and
smiles like us He knew: And He feel - eth for our
Lord in heav'n a - bove, And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle Child.
low - ly Lived on earth, our Sav - ior ho - ly.
sad - ness, And He shar - eth in our glad - ness.
on To the place where He is gone.

138 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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

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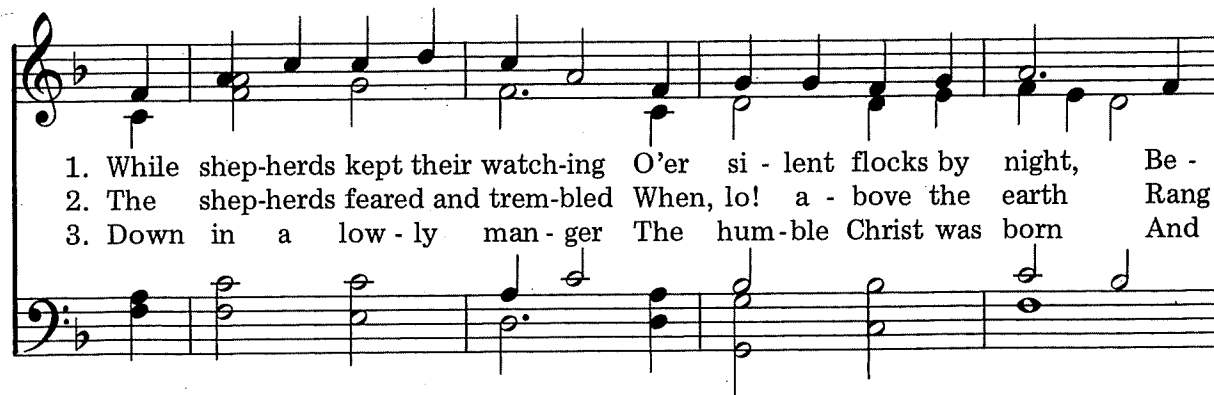


Refrain: Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;

Fine

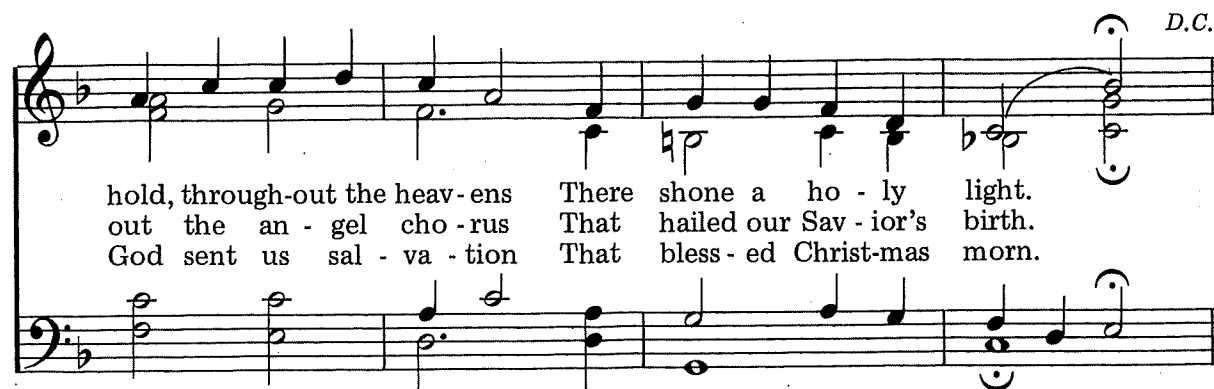


Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born.



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

GO TELL IT
Irregular meter

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