

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 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
Connections Class—A200
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 11:00a Morning Worship—Sanctuary
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing children under 4 years
- 3:30p Chimes of Joy—B102; Tintinnabulation Handbells—Sanctuary
- 4:45p Heaven's Harmony B100; Youth Choir B101
Christmas Choir—Sanctuary
- 5:30p Pre-Service Prayer—B106
- 6:00p Evening Worship—*Hanging of the Greens!*
- 7:00p Combined Afterglows — Building C

MONDAY

- 10:00a Ladies' Bible Study at Metcalfs, 20 Veterans Dr.
- 6:00p Ladies' Night Out @ Fazolis, Nicholasville
- 7:30p Jessamine Community Band @ Jameson Recital Hall, Asbury

TUESDAY

- 6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
- 7:15a Youth Prayer Breakfast—C
- 9:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200
- 9:30a Ladies' Bible Study—B203
- 1:15p Silver Bells —Sanctuary
- 6:15p WeBelieve Handbell Choir—Sanctuary
- 7:30p Blessings Handbell Choir—Sanctuary
- 7:30p Trumpet Senior Recital / David Atkinson @ Jameson, Asbury

WEDNESDAY

- 12:00p Prayer & Fasting—Sanctuary
- 4:45p Bible Quizzing—B104
- 6:00p FMY (Free Methodist Youth)—Building C (Dinner 6:30p)
Young Musicians—B100; Friendship Company—B101
- 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
BOA—B107
- 8:15p

THURSDAY

- 12:00p Senior Adults Christmas Luncheon—Building C

FRIDAY

- 10a-12n Moms Pray & Play—Building C
- 12:00n Bible Quiz Team departs for Michigan

SATURDAY

- 9:30a Christmas Choir/Heaven's Harmony Rehearsal—Sanctuary

HAZARDOUS WEATHER: Schedule changes for church events can be found in the news feed on the front page of the church website and on local TV news, typically one hour prior to service times.



Immanuel - God With Us
Matthew 1:18-23

Pastor Daryl

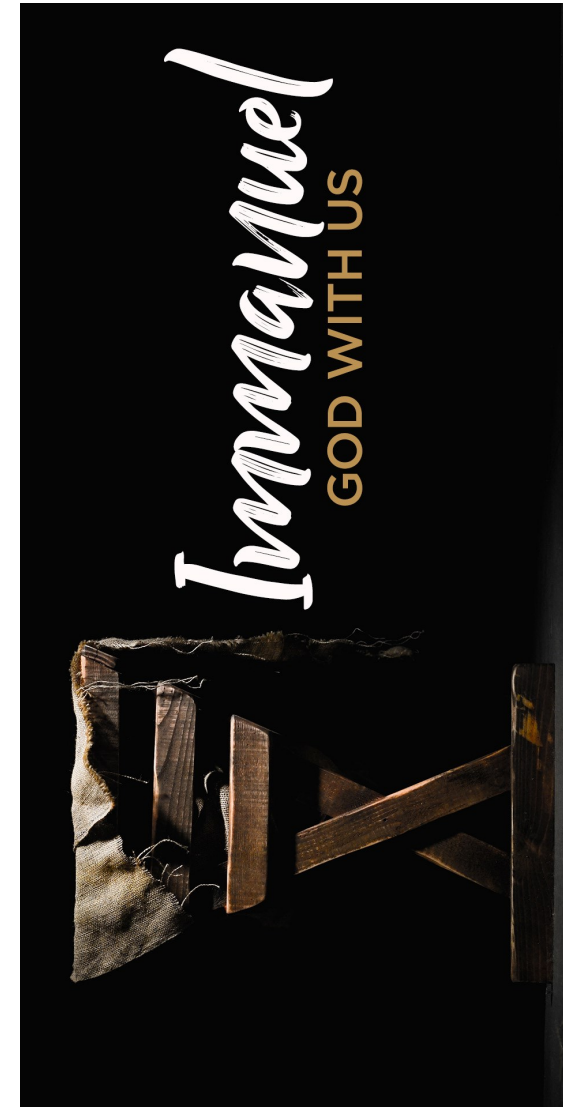
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PRAYER SEEKING SALVATION: *Lord Jesus, I know I have sinned against You. I believe that You died for me, and I place my trust in You. Forgive my sins and save me from the judgment to come. Help me to turn from my sin and live a life wholly devoted 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 3, 2023
FIRST 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 those we know who struggle during the holidays. Pray for those grieving, those sick, those separated from families.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—ESTONIA: Brent and Colleen Weaver serve with OMS in Estonia where Brent works in disciple-making and Colleen serves as Director of Discipleship for OMS.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Assurance for Life as they counsel women and men facing unexpected and often crisis pregnancies. Pray that the staff will have godly wisdom and that they will be protected from burnout.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Pray for students finishing up their semesters. Pray for teachers and administrators and all who interact with young people regularly that God would give them the strength they need for each day.


NURSERY:	TODAY/THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
8:30 Worship	B Arnold/L Branan/S Branan J Bowers	M Dietrich/J Evans/L Evans D Flanigan
Sunday School	H Arputharaj/A Dotterweich	T Kidwell/S Wiggam
11:00 Worship	J Elayaraj/BK McMillen/E Padgett F Shingledecker	D Raymond/E Walsh/J Walsh
6:00 Worship	V Anderson/H Branan/M Branan E Cannon	B Bowers/J Bowers/C Maynard
Wed. Evening	M Dargan/M Henderson	A Diddle/R Zent

Tonight: The Hanging Of The Greens
A service of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.
Join in the celebration tonight at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10
Musical Celebration of Christmas

The adult Christmas Choir and Heaven’s Harmony children’s choir will present a variety of anthems for the Season, including a musical work entitled “A Manger Suite.” Please join us for this annual “Musical Celebration of Christmas” as we celebrate the joy of Christmas in song, led by our children and adult choirs! There will be no Children’s Worship.


- **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 Communication Card today.
- **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.
- **LIVE NATIVITY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE:** We need 4 year olds through 5th graders to present our Nativity between the 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. services on Christmas Eve. Sign up at the Welcome Center by December 10 so costume instructions can be given. Questions? Ask Cheryl Schell.
- **2023 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDES** for adults and youth are available at the Welcome Center.
- **MISSION WORK TRIP TO JESSAMINE COUNTY HOMELESS SHELTER** on Saturday, December 16. Come one, come all. Call Dennis Adams for info.
- **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE:** The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas for children in Jessamine County. The tree in the foyer has tags on it for you to take—please place your unwrapped present under the tree by this evening.
- **LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED** to join in food, fun, and fellowship Monday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Fazoli’s in Nicholasville (1016 North Main Street). Welcome! Questions? Text Ginny Proctor—859-553-9784.

 **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.

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERTS AT ASBURY UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK:
Monday – Jessamine Community Band, 7:30 p.m. Jameson Recital Hall
Tuesday – Senior Trumpet Recital: David Atkinson, 7:30 p.m., Jameson Recital Hall



The WFMC Finance Team invites the congregation to honor our church staff members with Christmas gifts. Mark your gift “Gifts for Staff” and place them in the basket at the Welcome Center or give online marking the “Staff Gift” box, by December 10 if possible. Gifts in excess of pre-determined amounts will be given to Benevolence.

 **WHEN ATTENDING THE HANGING OF THE GREENS** service tonight please remember to bring an angel ornament (or several).

PRIME TIMERS 60+ CHRISTMAS LUNCH
DECEMBER 7, 12:00 NOON, BUILDING C
Please plan to join us for this great time of fellowship! Our own Rose Evans will provide a musical program filled with all our favorite Christmas carols and hymns. Those with last names beginning in A-F bring a salad, G-L a casserole, M-S a dessert, and T-Z a vegetable. Bread, meat and drinks will be provided by the Prime Timers team.



ALL WHO HAVE SERVED THE YOUTH this past semester (hosting an afterglow, cooking a meal, etc.) are invited to join us for our potluck Christmas party and talent show Wednesday, December 13.



CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

12/3	Hanging of the Greens 6:00 p.m. <i>Bring your angel ornament!</i>
12/4	Ladies’ Night Out
12/6	Noon Prayer & Fast
12/7	Senior Adult Christmas Luncheon
12/10	Second Sunday in Advent Christmas Choir Celebration 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m.
12/13	WFMYouth Potluck Christmas Party, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
12/14	Prayer for Unsaved Family / Nation
12/17	Third Sunday in Advent-Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Christmas Caroling and Social, 6 p.m.
12/22	Church offices closed through January 1, 2024
12/24	Fourth Sunday in Advent-Morning Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>No Sunday School or Children’s Worship</i> Christmas Eve Worship 5:00, 6:30, 11:00 p.m.
12/31	Morning Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>No Sunday School or Children’s Worship</i> <i>No Evening Worship</i>
1/7	Morning Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. <i>All Church Potluck Breakfast, 9:45 a.m.</i> <i>No Evening Worship</i>
1/21	John Wesley Covenantant Worship Service, 6:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Cheryl Schell

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Samuel once told King Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice. To listen to the Lord and do what He says is better than offerings of sheep." Even though Saul gave his offerings, his heart was far from God. We please God when our giving is heartfelt – so however we give of our wealth to the Lord, let's do so from the heart.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Children, Let's Wait for the Baby
Youth Choir

Thomas Keesecker

SONG OF ADVENT

Hymnal 123 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanza 1)
*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

MESSAGE

Immanuel - God With Us

Pastor Daryl

HOLY COMMUNION

Redemption (Hymnal 123)
Blessings Handbell Choir

arr. Alex Guebert

POSTLUDE

arr. F. Mendelssohn & E. J. Lorenz
Wake, Awake! (An Advent Chorale)

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

Greensleeves Swing (Hymnal 137)
Christmas Carillon

arr. William Gross
arr. Margaret R. Tucker

Blessings Handbell Choir

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.

SONGS OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Hymnal 120
Hymnal 124
Notebook E8

The Advent of Our God
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Love Has Come

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 134
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us:
His name is called Emmanuel.

Emmanuel

(CCLI Member)

PRAYER

Pastor Dwight

GOD'S WORD TO US

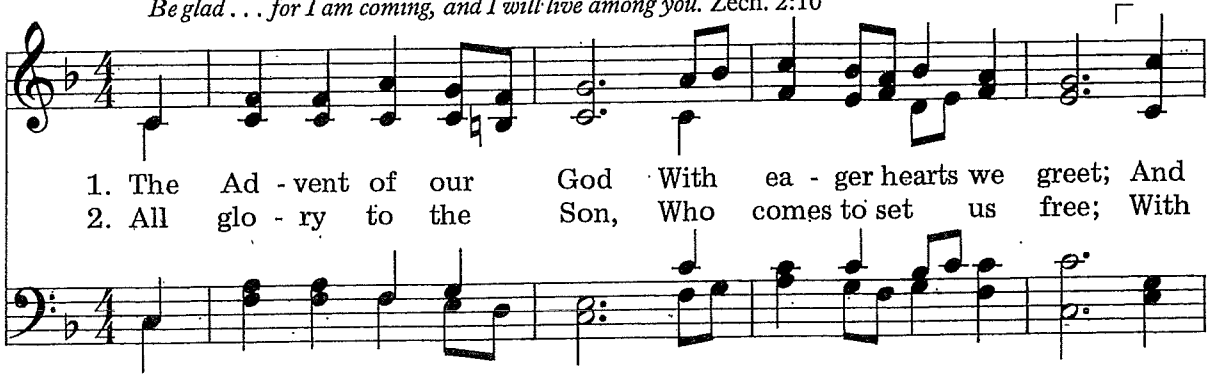
Matthew 1:18-23

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

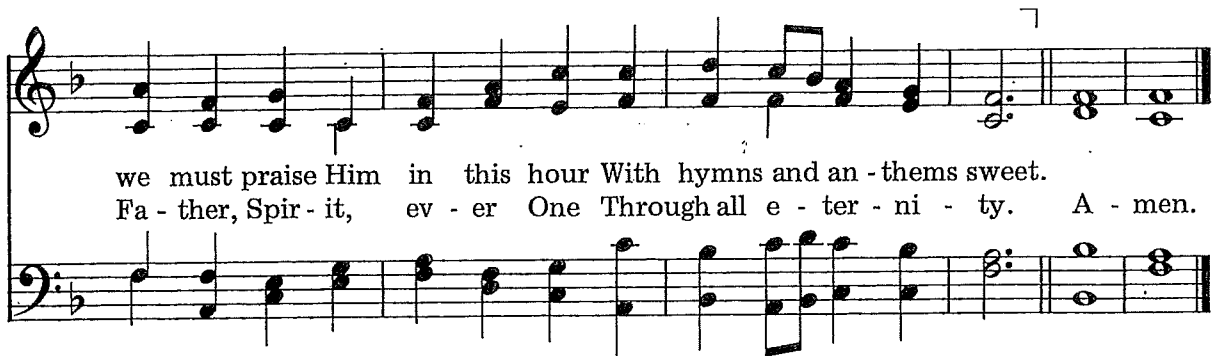
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120 The Advent of Our God

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



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.

124 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives. Isa. 61:1



-1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
-2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child, and yet a King,



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth. Thou art;
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.



TEXT: Charles Wesley
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness
A lower setting may be found at No. 89

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*Optional transition to
"Joy to the World"*



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Love Has Come E 8

1. Love has come— a light in the dark-ness! Love ex - plodes in the
 2. Love is born! Come share in the won - der; Love is God now a -
 3. Love has come— He nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -

Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of His moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us;

Hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 What is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the

you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas; Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

TEXT: Ken Bible

MUSIC: French carol melody; attributed to Saboly, 17th c.; arranged by Tom Fettke

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BRING A TORCH
 Irregular meter

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