

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

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 with Pastor Daryl & Annette—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
4:45p Heaven's Harmony B100; Youth Choir —B101
5:30p Pre-Service Prayer—B106
6:00p Christmas Caroling — meet in Building C
7:00p Christmas Caroling Social—Building C

MONDAY

10:00a Ladies' Bible Study @ Metcalfs, 20 Veterans Drive
(contact Judy Metcalf for Zoom link / 859-858-4063)
6:00p Ladies' Night Out—El Rio Grande/Nicholasville

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—C202
6:15p We Believe Handbell Choir—Sanctuary
7:00p Men's Basketball
7:30p Blessings Handbell Choir—Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:00 noon Prayer & Fasting—Sanctuary
4:45p Bible Quizzing—B104
6:00p FMY (Free Methodist Youth)—Building C (Dinner 6:30p)
6:00p Young Musicians & Friendship Company Christmas Party
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


10:00a Common Threads Prayer Shawls—B107
12:00n TOPS—A200

FRIDAY

10a-12n Moms Pray & Play—Building C
12:00n Bible Quizzers depart for Michigan

SATURDAY

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

 **WFMC 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. Check the News Feed at the bottom of the homepage, or tune in to TV channels 18, 27, and 36.

Season of Wonders

By Joe M. Martin
Foreword

When we ponder the miracles surrounding the birth of Jesus, we discover in abundance the lavish character of God's love. Soaring above our human understanding is an amazing grace that unexpectedly wraps divinity in swaddling clothes.

Beyond our dreams we find an artful mercy that decorates the dust of a rustic stable with everlasting light.

We encounter the glory of God pouring over the walls of heaven and filling the darkness with angel choirs and dancing stars.

We stand amazed at the mystery and majesty of God's awesome power and His infinite tenderness.

Perhaps most amazing of all are the myriad ways in which celebrating these marvels of old awaken in us today a sense of the divine and fill us with a child-like wonder.

In the singing and hearing of this work, may you draw close to the manger and open your heart to the unexpected glories of this season of wonders.

RECORDINGS OF ALL MESSAGES ARE AVAILABLE.

Messages (audio, video and print) are available at wilmorefmc.org.
CD's are also available by adding your name to the order clipboard at the Welcome Center, then pick up the following Sunday.



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.

SEASON of
WONDERS
Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas



By
JOSEPH M. MARTIN

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Welcome



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WFMC!

If you are "new," this is for you!

COMPLETING THE COMMUNICATION CARD allows us to welcome you fully. First time guests, 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) There is no Children's Worship today. We will meet again next Sunday, December 11.

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 remember to pray for those who feel especially lonely at the holidays, and also reach out to them in love.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—AFRICA: Pray for Mike and Vickie Reynen, FM Area Directors for Africa, as they collaborate with African church leaders and encourage the missionary team. Vickie works with Kenyan women's ministries.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Refuge for Women, the staff, and the women in need. Pray that human trafficking in all forms will be eradicated. Pray for healing for those who have been used and abused by others.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS:

Remember to pray for peace. Personal peace, relational peace, worldly peace, the peace that only Jesus can give.

And a huge thank you to the youth choir for the beautiful music at Hanging of the Greens last Sunday night!

NURSERY:

	TODAY/THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
8:30 Worship	B Arnold/L Branan/S Branan	H Atputharaj/C Shafer/N Shafer
Sunday School	A Dotterweich/Y Lee/A Simmons	A Coile/A Coile/T Kidwell
11:00 Worship	R Gouge/R Gouge/BK McMillen E Padgett	D Raymond/E Walsh/J Walsh
6:00 Worship	No Nursery—Caroling	B Bowers/J Bowers/C Maynard
Wed. Evening	M Dargan/P Gilmore	A Diddle/G McGlothlin G McGlothlin

• NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW) TODAY. Children ages 4 through grade 3 remain in worship with parents. CW returns next Sunday, the 11th.

• MINISTRY DAY TRIP TO EASTERN KENTUCKY is planned for Thursday, December 15. Please contact Dennis Adams (adamswbd@yahoo.com) or Keith Madill (kjadill5@gmail.com) if you are interested in going.

• REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE in the foyer.

• 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 11 so costume instructions can be given. Questions? Ask Cheryl Schell.

• WFMC MISSION GIVING: During mission week, we needed \$40,000 in designated offerings to meet our goal. Because of your encouraging response, that need has been reduced to \$5,300. Thank you for your generosity!

• CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Which service do you think you'll attend? If you have not already, 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.

• A HUGE THANK YOU...to our Décor Team for all the beautiful Christmas decorations. Beauty and effort both speak loudly of God's character.

• YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Young Adults! Join us for a Christmas party on Sunday, December 11, 7:45 p.m. at the Winter's house, 229 S Lexington Ave. Questions? Call/Text Kelly Winter at 859.935.5109.

• HELP THE HOMELESS Wilmore's plan to provide overnight housing for the homeless (on nights below 20 degrees) involves transporting them to the Jessamine County Homeless Coalition (JCHC) Winter Shelter in Nicholasville. Those without homes meet at 5:00p.m. at Fitch's IGA. A volunteer then transports them to the shelter. If the temperature rises above 20, a transport team returns residents the next morning at 8:00 a.m. If temps remain below 20 degrees, the persons may stay at the shelter.

WFMC has been asked to cover transport for each Monday night / Tuesday morning shift. If you can serve one Monday night and/or Tuesday morning shift (or more) a month (using a church van,) or for more information, please contact the church office ASAP.



Merry Christmas to our Church Staff

The WFMC Finance Team invites you to help honor our church staff with Christmas gifts. Mark your check "Gifts for Staff" and place them in the basket at the Welcome Center, or give online marking the "Staff Gift" box."

Note the Finance Team has established parameters for these gifts and any excess contributions will be used for mortgage reduction. (Due December 11.)

ALL-CHURCH CAROLING TONIGHT!

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 a salad bar, chili dogs, hot chocolate and cold drinks.

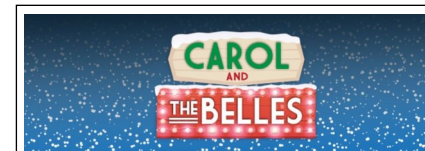
Please bring a plate of cookies or hand-held treats to share!



Welcome Ladies!



Here is your invitation to come (bringing a friend, if you like) and eat together at a local restaurant, just for fun. Join us on Monday, December 5 at El Rio Grande Mexican Restaurant in Nicholasville. Contact Ginny Proctor with any questions, by calling or texting 859-553-9784



HEAVEN'S HARMONY'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 6:00 p.m. Travel back with us to the 1950's for great music, fun costumes and the wonderful message of Christ's birth.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE PROJECTS FOR 2022

1) **Todo Mundo Feliz (TMF - Everyone's Happy)** is a ministry planted at the edge of a slum controlled by drug lords in Santo Andre, Sao Paulo, Brazil. TMF operates programs for children age 6 to 14, introducing them to Jesus, teaching better nutrition, hygiene, educational assistance and a safe place. ICCM funding help is needed more than ever, since, due to changes in local governance, the municipality has withdrawn its support.

2) **Salvation Army:** Every child should experience joy on Christmas morning. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas for children in Jessamine County. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Jesus to others in our community. The gifts for Salvation Army need to be placed under the tree, unwrapped by today.

Pick up an ornament with details from the tree in the foyer.



DECEMBER— HOT CHOCOLATE PACKETS

Each Wednesday night our youth assemble bags of food that is distributed by our schools to families in need of food assistance over the weekend. Donations of food can be dropped off in the Food for Kids basket near the Welcome Center in the foyer. Thank you for your help!

WORSHIP GUIDE

December 4, 2022

Season of Wonders Musical Celebration

SEASON OF WONDERS: CELEBRATING THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Christmas Choir

Faye Montgomery, accompanist; Stuart Thompson, narrator

Carols of Gathering

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Bethlehem Promise, Bethlehem Joy

Rejoice, All Ye Daughters

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Cheryl Schell

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All on a Starry Night

Glory and Wonder

Saw You Never, in the Twilight

The Wonder of Christmas
D Simpson, soloist

O Holy Night
Christy Liang, soloist

POSTLUDE

Carillon on "Come, All Ye Shepherds" arr. Gordon Young

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

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (Hymnal 152) arr. Mark Hayes
Mark Schell, piano

Angels We Have Heard on High (Hymnal 578) arr. Linda Lamb
An English Christmas arr. Michael Helman
Tintinnabulation Handbell Choir

ADVENT WREATH

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

Hymnal 131 *Angels From the Realms of Glory*
Hymnal 150 *O Hearken Ye*

CALL TO PRAYER

Hymnal 154 *What Can I Give Him?*
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)

PRAYER

Pastor Daryl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

WORSHIP IN GIVING

However we give to the Lord today, whether electronically or through the gold foyer boxes, let's give with a song in our heart that celebrates Jesus, the Savior.



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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory 131

Bethlehem, . . . out of you will come a Ruler who will be the Shepherd. Matt. 2:6

- 1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, Bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4. Saints be-fore the al - tar bend-ing, Watch-ing long in hope and fear,

Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro-claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 Seek the great De - sire of na - tions, Ye have seen His na - tal star:
 Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, In His tem - ple shall ap - pear:

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

TEXT: James Montgomery

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart

A lower setting may be found at No. 241

REGENT SQUARE

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*Optional transition to
 "Angels We Have Heard On High"*

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50 O Harken Ye

My soul glorifies the Lord. Luke 1:46



1. O heark - en ye who would be - lieve, The gra - cious ti - dings
2. O heark - en ye who long for peace, Your trou - bled search - ing
3. O heark - en ye who long for love, And turn your hearts to



now re - ceive: The
now may cease. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - sis De - o. For
God a - bove. The



might - y Lord of heav'n and earth, To - day is come to hu - man birth.
at this cra - dle you shall find God's heal - ing grace for all man - kind.
an - gel's song the won - der tells: Now Love In - car - nate with us dwells!



Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, In ex - cel - sis De - o.



TEXT: Wihla Hutson
MUSIC: Alfred Burt

O HEARKEN YE
8.8.6.6.D.

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*The beautiful Christmas Poinsettias
that grace our sanctuary have been lovingly given*

- ☞ Pauline Blanka
In Memory: Husband George Blanka
- ☞ Bryan & Carol Blankenship
In Memory: David Blankenship; Patricia Miller
In Honor: Cathi Blankenship; Lenzie Miller
- ☞ Earle & Dottie Bowen
In Memory: Parents F. Cooper & Edith Nace; Earle & Ruth Bowen
- ☞ Art & Sylvia Brown
In Memory: Ed & Mary Brown; Paul & Louise Uphole
- ☞ Wes & June Eisemann
In Memory: Lynn Cooper
In Honor: Rosie Cooper
- ☞ Skip & Darlene Elliott
In Memory: Carmon & Mildred Elliott; Ken & Mary Montgomery; Marilyn Hylton
- ☞ Charlie & Patti Fiskeaux
In Honor: Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren
- ☞ Sean & Catherine Gaffney
In Memory: Wayne & Jean Gaffney
- ☞ Christian & Caitlin Gothay
In Memory: James Ferguson
In Honor: Baby Gothay
- ☞ Dale Kierstead
In Memory: Glendon & Betty Kierstead
- ☞ Mark & Carol Killam
In Memory: Parents Harvey & Eizabeth Jenkins; Mark & Pauline Killam
- ☞ Ron & Bonnie Koteskey
In Memory: Our parents
- ☞ Bonnie Lashbrook
In Memory: Nephew David Lashbrook
- ☞ Layman's Class ABF
In Memory: Grace Holmes; Tom McGeehan; Mattie Stinnett
- ☞ Steve & Lorrie Liversedge
In Honor: Our four children and their families
- ☞ Charlotte Mattocks
In Memory: Myron E Mattocks, Jr.
- ☞ Nancy McConnell
In Memory: Rex A. McConnell; Winston & Lynn Smith



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- ☞ Colin & Jamie McGlothlin
In Honor: Doug & Carol McGlothlin
- ☞ Arv & Judy Metcalf
In Honor: Our granddaughters
- ☞ Gary & Jane Moegerle
In Memory: Parents P.W. & Dorothy Moegerle; Clifford & Josephine Smith
- ☞ Ted & Jackie Moon
In Memory: Evelyn Marcum
In Honor: Mary Moon Davis
- ☞ John & Karen Oswalt
In Honor: Our children
- ☞ Ken & Christina Proctor
In Honor: Grandtwins Markus Ja'Von Miles & Maia Marie Miles
- ☞ Ben, Renee, Nathan, Nick and Noah Riffell
In Memory: Sam Riffell
In Honor: Paul & Janis Riffell
- ☞ Craig & Rebekah Saunders
In Honor: Parents David & Alberta Saunders; Roger & Hazel McNairn
Sons Josiah Saunders & Nathan Saunders
- ☞ Don Schreiner
In Memory: Rita J. Schreiner
- ☞ Nichole Shafer
In Honor: All CLC teachers and youth volunteers
- ☞ Ken & Renae Thompson
In Honor: Our families
- ☞ Wiggam, Stan & Marna
In Memory: Our Parents
In Honor: Maxine Reynolds
- ☞ Wilmore FMC Office
In Honor: Office Volunteers
- ☞ Becky Wood
In Honor: Stan & Marna Wiggam; Ron & Nadara Welling
- ☞ Wrestling With Truth ABF
In Memory: Lynn Cooper
- ☞ Don & Roberta Zent
In Memory: Donald Fisher; David & Norma Zent
In Honor: Mildred Fisher