WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

TODAY	
8:00a	Pre-Service Prayer—B106
8:30a	Morning Worship—Sanctuary
	Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
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
3:30p	Chimes of Joy—B102
-	Tintinnabulation Handbells—Asbury University
4:45p	Youth Choir—B101; No Heaven's Harmony
6:00p	Evening Worship—Study on Mark / Communion
7:15p	High School Movie Night—C
7:45p	Young Adults Christmas Party @ Winters, 229 S Lexington Ave.
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MONDAY

Ladies' Bible Study at Metcalfs, 20 Veterans Dr 10:00a

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Quizzing—B104 FMY (Free Methodist Youth)—Building C (Dinner 6:30p) 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

805 Live Young Adult Bible Study—B202

THURSDAY

12:00n PrimeTimers Christmas Luncheon—C

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

• WFMC CLASSIFIEDS: We have a classifieds ad section on our church website: www.wilmorefmc.org (lower, right sidebar) where church attendees and local community persons can advertise things for sale or free, housing needs, items lost and found, etc. Check it out!



Men's Breakfast For All Men, Young & Not So Young: Saturday, December 20, 8:00a, Comfort Inn 100 All Star Way, Nicholasville.

We need to give a head count, so if you plan to join us, write "Breakfast" on your Welcome Card and the number attending.



CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENTS

Second Sunday in Advent

Musical Celebration of Christmas—8:30a & 11:00a Evening Worship / Communion— 6:00p Young Adult Christmas Party—7:45p

- 11 Prime Timers Christmas Luncheon—12:00n
- 14 Third Sunday in Advent: Morning Worship—8:30a & 11:00a Christmas Caroling / Hotdog Social—6:00p
- 17 Youth Christmas Party—6:30p
- 20 Men's Breakfast @ Comfort Inn—8:00a
- 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

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

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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.





A COMMUNITY THAT REFLECTS JESUS' VISION AND VALUES **DECEMBER 7, 2025** SECOND 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 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) THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP today. Regular Children's Worship (age 4 through grade 3) will meet again next Sunday, December 14.

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 our brothers and sisters in Christ in other parts of our world who are looking for peace in these days. Pray that the Lord would calm and comfort their hearts, and bring peace to their lives.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS—Brazil: Pray for Dan and Hope Owsley in Saō Paulo, Brazil, where Dan serves as academic dean at the Free Methodist Theological Seminary and both minister through teaching, writing, and mentoring.

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: On Wednesday we prayed through the names of God. Take some time to reflect on who God is and what that means for you and how you share the GOOD NEWS!

NURSERY:		
8:30 Worship	TODAY/THIS WEEK B Arnold/J Bowers/J Li/A Miller	<u>NEXT WEEK</u> M Dietrich/J Evans/C Rumble C Shafer
Sunday School	H Arputharaj/LA Roberge	P Brown/T Kidwell
11:00 Worship	S Branan/BK McMillen F Shingledecker	D Raymond/E Walsh/J Walsh
6:00 Worship	A Diddle/S Joiner/B Wagler	No nursery- Caroling Social
Wed. Evening	A Diddle/R Zent	M Henderson/D Zhao

- THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TODAY for children age four through grade three. Children are welcome to enjoy the Christmas Choir. Also, there will be no Children's Worship December 21 or December 28 to give our Children's Worship ministry teams a little break. Thank you to all who serve on the Children Worship teams!
- YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY: Young Adults! Join us tonight for a Christmas party 7:45p at the Winter's—229 South Lexington Ave. Questions? Call/Text Kelly Winter at 859.935.5109.
- COVERED PORTICO DEDICATION DECEMBER 14 With an estate gift we have received from the Joy family, we will soon be constructing a longawaited covered (drive-under) portico at the entrance of Building A. Since the Joy family will be here next Sunday, we will be dedicating that in a short ceremony immediately following the 11:00a worship service, just outside entrance A (or in the foyer if the weather is inclement). Welcome!

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Our church is providing the following options to give this year:

- 1) ICCM BURUNDI: The missions project is supplying chickens for the children of our FMC impoverished pastors and church leaders. Take a "chicken tag" off the tree and follow the instructions.
- 2) THE SALVATION ARMY: This program helps provide Christmas for kids in Jessamine County. Take a tag from the fover tree, then place an unwrapped present under the tree by today, December 7.
- 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 Welcome Card today.

LIVE NATIVITY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: We need children age 4 through grade 5 to present our nativity scene between the 5:00p and 6:30p Christmas Eve services. Sign up at the Welcome Center by December 15 so costume instructions can be given. Questions? Ask Cheryl Schell.

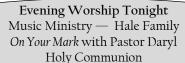




The WFMC Finance Team invites the congregation to honor our church staff with Christmas gifts. Mark HRISTMAS your gift "Gifts for Staff" and place them in the basket at the Welcome Center (envelopes are available there)

or give online marking the "Staff Gift" box, by December 14. Gifts in excess of pre-determined amounts will be given to Benevolence.

HELP OUR KIDS CELEBRATE WILMORE'S 150TH BIRTHDAY! We will be hosting an event on February 7, 9:00a-12 noon. It will be much like a one-day VBS, so 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! https://vbspro.events/p/0c6c86



PRIMETIMERS 60+ CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 12:00 Noon, Building C Ioin with the PrimeTimers for a catered lunch and a delightful new way to see A Charlie Brown Christmas created by



ALL-CHURCH CAROLING DECEMBER 14



Sean Gaffney. All adults are welcome.

Join us as we visit the elderly of our church and bring them the songs and carols of Christmas. Meet in Building C at 6:00p, 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!



CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 22, 2025—JANUARY 2, 2026

Worship folder announcements for the December 21, 28 and January 4 bulletins must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, December 10. Thanks for planning ahead!



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 - Childrens' nativity (foyer)

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



DECEMBER FOOD ITEM:

CONDENSED SOUP (TOMATO OR CHICKEN NOODLE) Each weekend, 70 bags of nonperishable foods are

provided for Jessamine County kids. Items may be

placed in the fover basket to the left of the Welcome Desk.

CHILDREN'S TIME: Cheryl Schell CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR: ages 2—3) is available in the Building B

preschool wing for the entire worship service time.

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HYMNAL 157 and 158

Away in a Manger

Congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Born in Bethlehem

arr. Camp Kirkland

Sanctuary Choir Faye Montgomery, accompanist

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day (Hymnal 152) arr. Kevin McChesney Blessings Handbell Choir

I Saw Three Ships (Traditional English Carol) arr. Remel Derrick Sanctuary Choir

Amanda Bailey | Andy Miller | Hannah Miller - percussion

In Bethlehem arr. Erik Dewar & Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

HYMNAL 137 What Child Is This?"

Congregation

Ring Out, Ye Bells! Garrett, Carlton, Forrest

Sanctuary Choir | Blessings Handbell Choir Andy Miller, percussion

POSTLUDE arr. James Mansfield

People, Look East (An Advent Hymn)

 $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{D}}$ 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

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (A Song for Advent)

The Spirit of Joy (A Song for Christmas)

Mark Schell, organ

arr. David Cherwien

Lani Smith

Polyphonic Carol arr. Mitchell Eithun

Blessings Handbell Choir

ADVENT WREATH

8:30a—Ethan Adams Family 11:00a—Ben Vagase Family

Christmas Is Coming
Sanctuary Choir | Blessings Handbell Choir

SONGS OF JOYFUL CELEBRATION

Hymnal 82O Come Let Us Adore HimHymnal 119O Thou JoyfulHymnal 161Our Day of Joy Is Here Again

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.

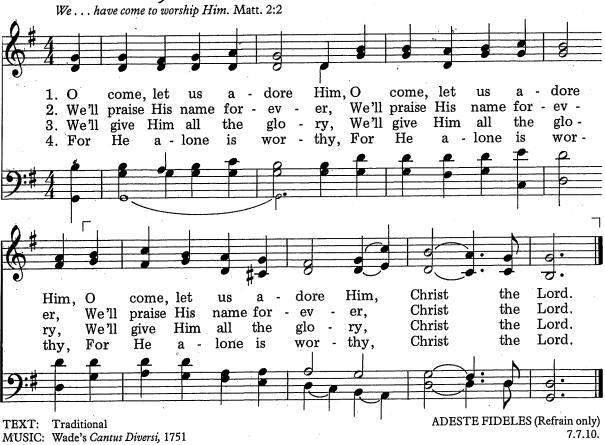
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PRAYER Pastor Daryl

Lo! Newborn Jesus Tom Shelton

Sanctuary Choir | Blessings Handbell Choir

82 O Come, Let Us Adore Him



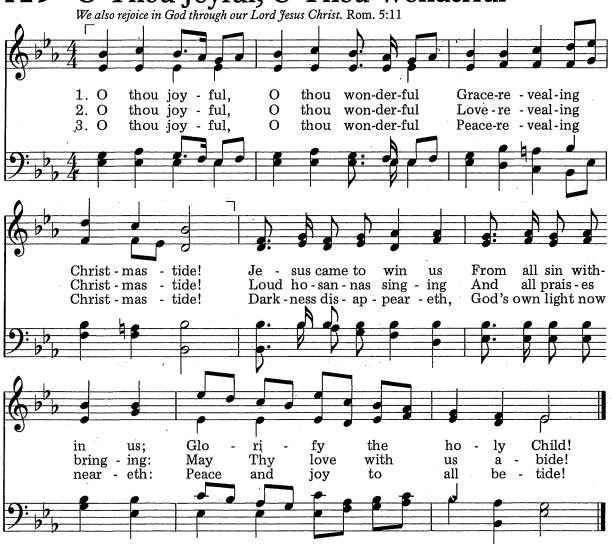




TEXT and MUSIC: Otis Skillings

LORD, WE PRAISE YOU 4.4.4.4.

119 O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful
We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:11



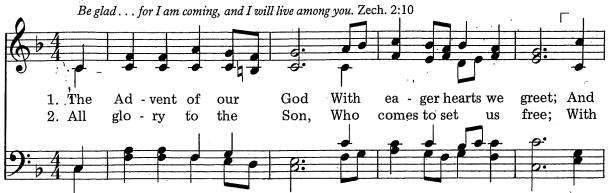
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translated by Henry Katterjohn MUSIC: Tattersall's Psalmody, 1794

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O SANCTISSIMA 4.5.7.6.6.7.

The Advent of Our God



TEXT: Charles Coffin; translated by John Chandler, altered

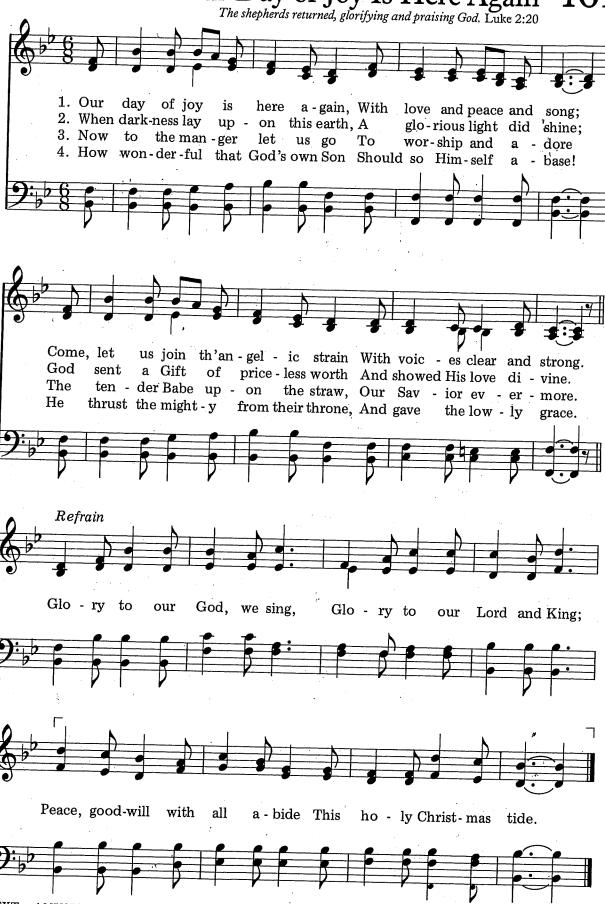
MUSIC: Aaron Williams

A higher setting may be found at No. 21

ST. THOMAS

S.M.

Our Day of Joy Is Here Again The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God. Luke 2:20



TEXT and MUSIC: Andrew L. Skoog

NU GLÄDJENS TIMME C.M. with Refrain

Away in a Manger

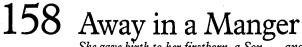
She gave birth to her firstborn, a Son . . . and placed Him in a manger. Luke 2:7

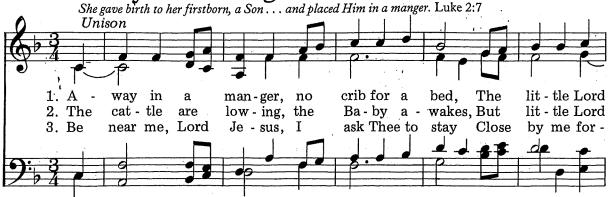


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MUSIC: James R. Murray

AWAY IN A MANGER 11.11.11.11.





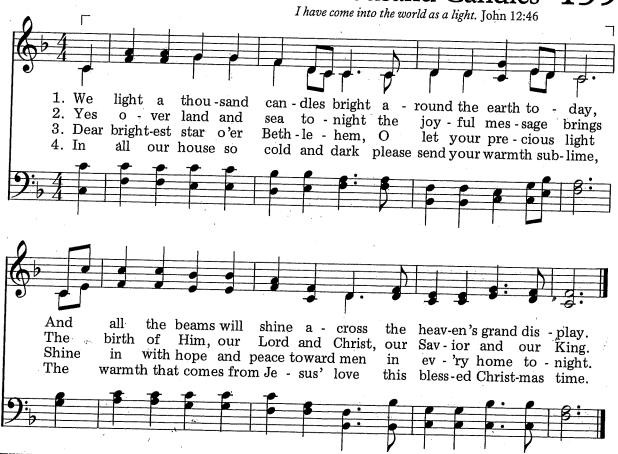
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MUSIC: William J. Kirkpatrick





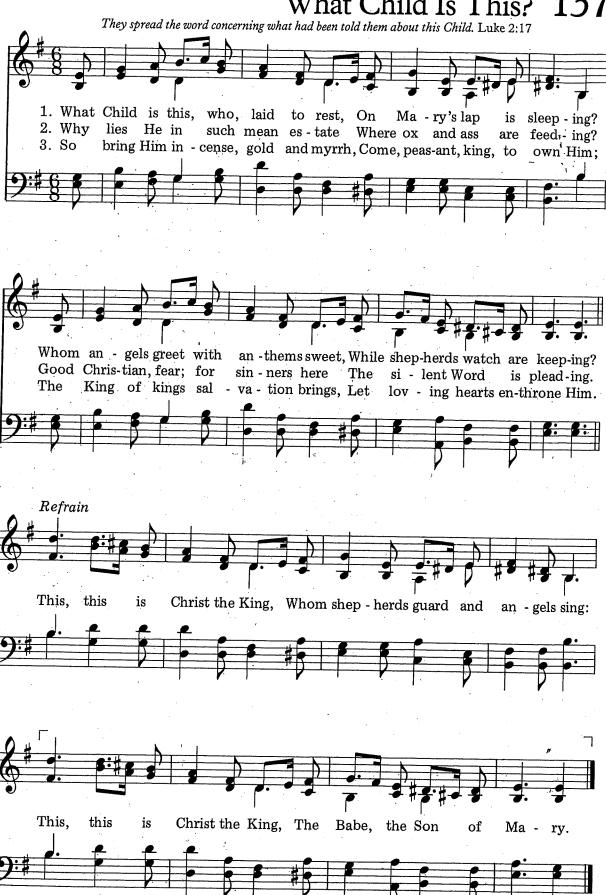
A Thousand Candles



TEXT: Swedish carol; translated by Evie Karlsson MUSIC: Emmy Kohler; arranged by Eugene Thomas

THOUSAND CANDLES

What Child Is This?



TEXT: William C. Dix

MUSIC: Traditional English melody, 16th century

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7. with Refrain

Christmas Choir Songs—Text

Christmas Is Coming

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring! People celebrating the birth of a King. Shouting Hosanna 'til the heaven's ring.

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring!

Christmas is coming, Mary's baby boy, bringing us a message of comfort and joy. Glory hallelujah, what a wonderful thing.

Christmas is coming, let the church bells ring!

Glory filled the heavens. Music filled the night. Shepherds heard the angels sing. Wisemen saw the light.

O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Lo! Newborn Jesus

Lo! Newborn Jesus soft and weak and small, wrapped in baby's bands By His mother's hands, Lord God of all.

Lord God of shepherds flocking through the cold, flocking through the dark To the only ark, the only fold.

Lord God of all things be they near or far, be they high or low; Lord of storm and snow, angel and star.

Lord God of all men my Lord and my God! Thou who lovest me, Keep me close to Thee by staff and rod.

Lo! Newborn Jesus loving great and small, love's free sacrifice, Opening arms and eyes to one and all.

Born in Bethlehem

Hear the bells ring, hear the angels sing, glory, hallelujah to the newborn King. Peace on earth, good will to men, Jesus is born in a Bethlehem.

The shepherds on the hill, the angels in the sky, the baby in the manger, the mother's lullaby; The wisemen from the east, the star that shone so bright, remind us of the joy of this blessed holy night.

I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in on Christmas day, in the morning. And what was in those ships all three on Christmas day in the morning? The virgin Mary and Christ were there on Christmas day in the morning. And all the bells on earth shall ring on Christmas day in the morning. Let us all rejoice again on Christmas day morning.

In Bethlehem

Though the road was long, the time drew near,

Heaven's King on earth would soon appear.

Yet, no bed prepared; no waiting crown. Just a stable near the edge of town. Here the Child was born so far from home to those humble travelers all alone. So they whispered low their soft amen, on that lonely night in Bethlehem.

Come behold the shepherds, oft unseen, chosen first to look though rough, unclean.

'Tis the Christ! Peace on earth begins: He will save his people from their sins. See our Mighty God has done great things! Hear the angel hosts His glories sing: and repeat the sounding joy again on that holy night in Bethlehem. Alleluia!

You are worthy, Jesus, Lord of all, stooping down to grace that cattle stall. You did not recoil to meet us there, all our weakness, shame and grief to share.

So bring down the mighty from their seat; gently lift the humble to their feet, that we all would at Your manger bend to behold that sight in Bethlehem.

Ring Out, Ye Bells!

Ring out, ye bells! All nature swells with gladness at the wondrous story.

Sing children sing!

Tonight a King hath come from heaven's high throne to bless us. The outstretched hand o'er all the land is raised in pity to redeem us.

Ring out! The world was lorn, But Christ is born to change our sadness into glory.

Come at His call; Be joyful all; Away with mourning and with sadness! The heavenly choir with holy fire their voices raise in songs of gladness.

Ring out! No, be not still, but with a will strike all your harps and set them ringing. Ring out! On hill and heath let every breath throw all its power into singing!

Ring out ye bells!



The beautiful Christmas Poinsettias that grace our sanctuary have been lovingly given in Memory of and in Honor of loved ones.

ഗ്ദ Todd & Janet Adams

In Memory: Dr. Rex McConnell In Honor: Nancy McConnell

In Memory: Kiruba Arputharaj

∽ Paul & Mary Blair

In Honor: Reverend & Mrs. Harry Snyder

🗷 Pauline Blanka

In Memory: Husband George

ى Earle & Dorothy Bowen

In Memory: Parents F. Cooper & Edith Nace; Earle & Ruth Bowen

In Honor: Ruth & Steve Hersey; Andy & Lizet Bowen; Richard & Carie Bowen

∽ Art & Sylvia Brown

In Memory: Ed & Mary Brown; Paul & Louise Upole

✓ Jim Carloss

In Honor: Jessamine County Homeless Coalition

ى Skip & Darlene Elliott

In Memory: Carmon & Mildred Elliott; Marilyn Hylton; Ken & Mary Montgomery

♂ Charlie & Patti Fiskeaux

In Honor: Our grandchildren: Lori, Caspian, Perrin, Rowan

🗷 Diana Fleser and Jenny Fleser

In Memory: Pat & Art Fleser

☑ Wes & Susan Folsom

In Memory: Harold & Eileen Folsom; Ed & Elsie Smiley

S Ron Johns

In Memory: Wife Nancy Ann; Daughter Nancy Lynn

ഗ്ദ Ralph & Nellie Kester

In Memory: Our parents
In Honor: Our family

☑ Bonnie Koteskey & Family

In Memory: Ron Koteskey

3 Bonnie Lashbrook

In Memory: Husband Paul; Daughter Lisa

In Honor: Our pastors and staff



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In Memory: Joyce Dickinson; Lyn Neyman; Debbie Penny

✓ Nancy McConnell

In Honor: McConnell Children; Marcie Barnes; Roy & Sue Lauter; Mary Underwood

Sally McGeehan

In Memory: Thomas McGeehan

℧ Ted & Jackie Moon

In Memory: Mary Moon Davis; Evelyn Hale Marcum

☑ John & Karen Oswalt

In Honor: Our children Elizabeth, Andrew, Peter and families

🗷 Don Schreiner

In Memory: Rita J. Schreiner

প্তে Faith Shingledecker

In Memory: Harold & Hettie Shingledecker; Paul Shingledecker

প্তে Pat Shingledecker

In Memory: Paul Shingledecker

∽ Mark & Anna VanHorn

In Honor: Joyce Underwood, Marilyn VanHorn

ഗ Fred Van Tatenhove

In Memory: Connie Van Tatenhove

♥ Nadara Welling

In Memory: Ron Welling

& Larry Winkelman

In Memory: Jan Winkleman

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In Memory: Ron Welling

In Honor: Stan & Marna Wiggam

∽ Don & Roberta Zent

In Memory: Our parents

⊘ Daisy Zhao

In Honor: Pastor Yi Wong

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In Honor: Weekly volunteers