

Pastor's Update, Saturday, December 12, 2020

Happy Saturday WFMC Family!

[Sunday Morning Worship Service \(live-stream becomes live at 10:50 a.m. Sunday morning.\)](#)

**Worship Plans** Tomorrow, December 13, we return to in-person worship and plan to be in-person for the foreseeable future – whatever that is. ☺ If you aren't comfortable attending, if you are especially vulnerable or not feeling well, we will miss you, but please choose the online option. If you do attend in person, please wear masks at least while moving and singing, being careful to keep social distancing protocols in place.

\* Please note that for this Sunday only, it is the 11:00 service, and not the 8:30, that will be livestreamed. This is due to the nature of the children's program, *The King's Birthday*.

**Sunday Worship Time Change** #Asifthingsweren'tconfusingenoughthesedays Please note that for the three Sundays December 20, December 27, and January 3, our in-person worship times change to 9:30a and 11:00a. The 9:30a worship service will be live-streamed for our in-home worshippers. Also, there are no Sunday School classes, YBFs or ABFs. On January 10, everything returns to normal...we think. ☺

**This Week's Worship Folder**, including song-sheets for our in-home worshippers, is attached to this e-mail.

**A Word About Christmas Eve:** Due to space considerations with regard to distancing requirements and honestly, what other area churches are or aren't doing, we thought it wise to offer four Christmas Eve services this year - 4:30p, 6:00p, 7:30p and 11:00p. The three earlier services are the same, each a service of carols, Word and candlelight, considering Jesus as the greatest gift of Christmas. The 11:00 service includes carols, candlelight and Holy Communion.

Nursery/child care provided through 48 months for the 4:30 and 6:00 services only.

There will be a live children's nativity just outside the Building A doors between the 4:30 and 6:00 services. If your child / children are 4 years old - 5th grade and would like to participate, please email Cheryl Schell at [cschell@wfmc.net](mailto:cschell@wfmc.net) by December 15.

\* In an effort to avoid taking seating reservations and while wanting to leave room for those outside our church to join us, it would help if you would [e-mail the office and let us know which service you and yours are planning to attend.](#) Please don't consider this a binding commitment. We know plans can change. This is simply to help in planning.

The 6:00p Christmas Eve service will be live-streamed for our in-home worshippers, and also the B200 overflow seating will be open for the 6:00p service only. The Christmas Eve worship folder will be sent out on December 23.

**Thank You** to all who delivered poinsettias on behalf of the church. Nearly 70 were delivered in record time and you brightened the day for many!

**Resources in the Church Foyer:** Bible reading guides for 2021, Advent devotional guides and many outreach materials especially suited for Christmas are available. Please take as much as you can give away this Christmas.

**And Finally, in the Interest of Keeping Our Sense of Humor About All This (again from the Babylon Bee.)**

*Texas Governor Announces Cowboy Hat Mandate  
December 9th, 2020*

*AUSTIN, TX—Texas Governor Greg Abbott was heard yelling, “Yee-haw!” while firing two revolvers in the air -- the traditional way to announce a new Texas law. This law is a new public safety mandate requiring all citizens to wear a cowboy hat when leaving their homes.*

*"This bill has been a long time coming," said Abbott. "We need to flatten the curve of people being a bunch of Californians. That means everyone needs to wear a proper hat at all times and be a true Texan. Yee-haw!"*

*With this bill, anyone seen out in public without a cowboy hat will be approached by a Texas Ranger, who will say, "You ain't from around here, are ya?" before tossing the offender across the state line.*

*The bill was mainly met with wide support. "Anytime you see someone near you without a cowboy hat, you feel unsafe," said Tex Brewer, a Texan. "You wonder what that guy is up to. Is he going to raise my taxes or take my AR-15? I don't cotton to that."*

*The bill did receive some pushback, though. "Hat's itchy," said one man.*

*There will be some exceptions to the cowboy hat mandate, such as if your hat was just shot off your head in a showdown. There is also a mask mandate, but that only applies when you are robbing a train.*

Peace and Blessings, Sisters and Brothers,

Pastor Daryl

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

TODAY

- 8:30a Morning Worship I—Sanctuary & B200-B201 Overflow  
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 9:40a Children's Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Fellowships  
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing
- 11:00a Morning Worship II—Sanctuary & B200-B201 Overflow  
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing children under 4 years

MONDAY

- 8:30a-12noon HS/MS Virtual Café
- 10:00a Ladies' Bible Study via Zoom;  
(contact Peggy Welch for Zoom link / 859-338-4378)

TUESDAY

- 6:30a Men's Prayer Meeting—A200
- 8:00a Ladies' Prayer Meeting—A200
- 8:30a-12noon HS/MS Virtual Café

WEDNESDAY

- 4:50p Bible Quizzing—B100s
- 7:00p Adult Prayer Meeting  
FM Youth Annual Christmas Party—Building C  
Children Grades K through 5—A106  
Pre-School (4 and under)—Building B Preschool Wing  
Nursery—Building B Preschool Wing

THURSDAY

- 7:00p Grandparents Who Pray @ Roxberry home, 114 Anderson Way

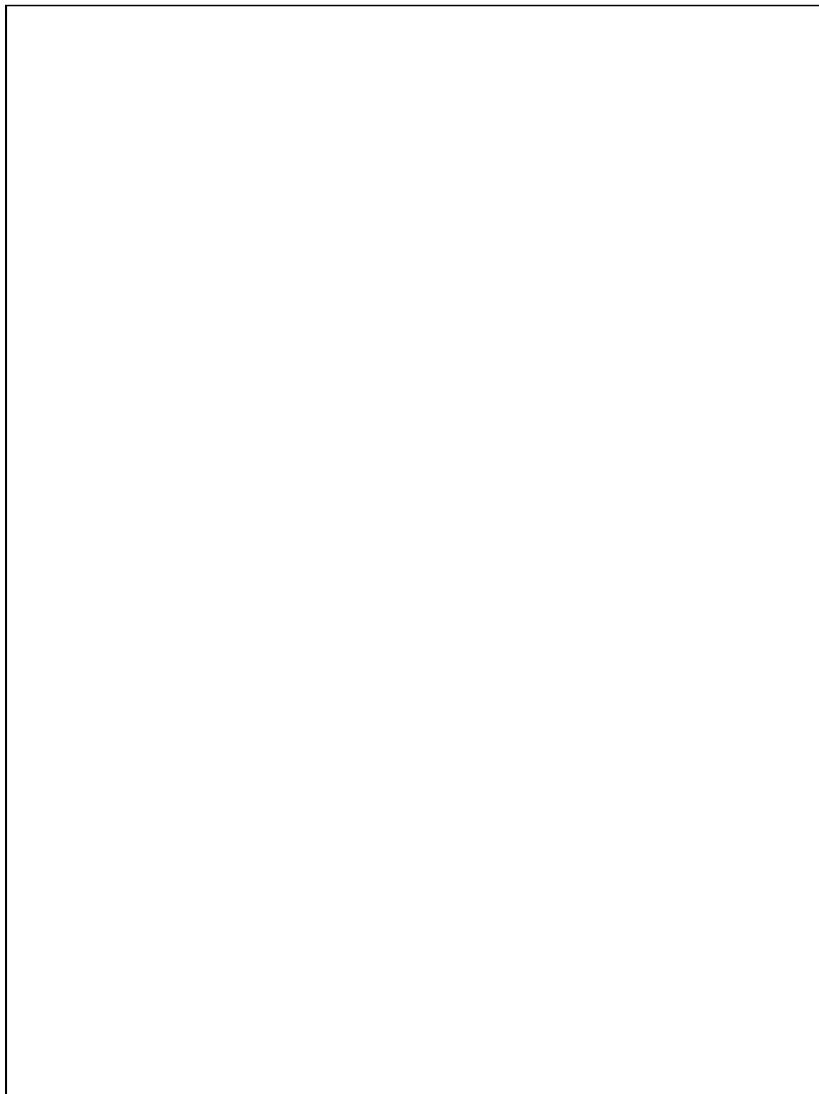
FRIDAY

- 8:30a Youth Prayer Breakfast—Building C
- 9:00a-12:30p HS/MS Virtual Café
- 10:00a-noon Moms Pray & Play—Church playground

SATURDAY



**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.



RECORDINGS OF ALL MESSAGES ARE AVAILABLE.

Note "Message" and date on a Communication Card at the Welcome Center, and pick up your CD the following Sunday. Messages (audio, video and print) may also be downloaded at [wilmorefmc.org](http://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**  
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DECEMBER 13, 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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Welcome to worship at WFMC!  
Here are some helpful notes if you are new.

THE COMMUNICATION CARD is key to allowing us to welcome you fully. Please fill it out and drop it in the gold box after worship. We won't harass you, but we'd love to send a welcoming note.

THE WORSHIP GUIDE in this folder leads through our service. We try to use elements, liturgy, music and sacraments from a variety of Christian traditions to help lead people of all ages, stages, and tastes into God's presence. Worship is participatory, so please join in prayer, word, giving, and song.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE for children up to 4 years is available all morning in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW, age 4 through grade 3) is not meeting today, but will resume on December 20, 9:30 a.m. service only.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available in the foyer.

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 give thanks for the rolling out of these vaccines, but also pray for their safety and effectiveness. A safe and effective vaccine would be a tremendous Christmas gift from the Lord to many people.

WORLD MISSION FOCUS: Pray for those in Central America who are suffering from the impact of hurricanes, especially those in Honduras and Nicaragua. There are several Free Methodist churches there who are struggling very much.

HOME MISSION FOCUS: Pray for Lexington Rescue Mission, pastoral care coordinators Thomas Wallace and Donna Junker, and all who come to the mission for spiritual care. Pray for a quick recovery from a recent fire in their facilities, making much of their day to day ministry challenging.

YOUTH MINISTRY FOCUS: Join us Wednesday night at 7 pm for our last WFMY gathering of 2020. Wear your best Christmas sweater, bring an unwrapped gift for our friends at THVC (see newsletter for ideas) or an offering for Alfred, and come for a time of celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus! Snacks will be provided.

| NURSERY:      | TODAY/THIS WEEK                  | NEXT WEEK                |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:30 Worship  | M Ezell/R Saunders               | D Flanigan/M Woki        |
| Sunday School | A Diddle/T Kidwell               | C Blankenship/D Roxberry |
| 11:00Worship  | M Henderson/G O'Neal<br>E O'Neal | N Elwood/E Walsh/S Walsh |
| Wed. Evening  | L Branan/K Winter                | No Wednesday activities  |

• CONGRATULATIONS TO ETHAN & CHARLOTTE ADAMS on the birth of their daughter Amilia, born December 7. Congratulations as well to grandparents Dennis & Denise Adams.

• CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Due to this morning's Christmas pageant, there is no Children's Worship (age 4 through grade 3) so children can enjoy the Christmas program. We will resume next Sunday December 20 at the 9:30 service only.

• SERVICE TIME CHANGES for December 20, December 27, January 3: Be sure to note that the morning worship service times for the next three Sundays have changed as follows:  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service I  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service II

• CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: Which service do you think you'll attend? It would help us know how best to plan if you would simply write, "4:30, 6:00, 7:30, or 11:00 on your Communication Card and how many in your family plan to attend, or email the church office (office@wfmc.net) indicating your choice of service. Our thanks to those of you who have already emailed the church office in recent weeks.

• LIVE NATIVITY CHRISTMAS EVE! We will have a live nativity on Christmas Eve from 5:15-5:50 p.m. It will be outside so everyone from the 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. services can see it. If your child or children are 4 years old -5th grade and would like to participate, please email Cheryl Schell at [cschell@wfmc.net](mailto:cschell@wfmc.net) by December 15.

• DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDES for 2021 are available for you in the foyer. Please take one for your personal devotional time and let's study His Word together.

• GRANDPARENTS: You are invited to attend "Grandparents Who Pray" this Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Don & Devon Roxberry, R114 Anderson Way, Wilmore. Come share requests for your family and join others in prayer.

• END OF YEAR GIVING: In order for tithes, gifts and offerings to be tax-deductible for the year 2020, they must either be received in the office or postmarked by December 31.

• CHRISTMAS OUTREACH MATERIALS In the church foyer you will find a variety of books suitable for adults and children for you to use as gifts for those you know who don't know Jesus. Take as many as you can give away!

• YOUTH PASTOR POSITION APPLICATIONS: WFMC is now receiving applications for the position of Youth Pastor. The job description and application materials can be obtained by contacting the church office.



The church office will be closed  
December 22, 2020 - January 1, 2021.  
The mail will be collected, and the pastors will still be available, of course.  
Thanks for helping us plan ahead.



### ADVENT SCHEDULE

- 12/20 **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**Christmas Worship 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
*Children's Worship at 9:30 only; No Sunday School*
- 12/22 Church offices closed through January 1, 2021
- 12/24 **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**  
**4:30 p.m.** Worship service of carols, Word and candlelight.  
Nursery/child care provided thru 48 months.  
*Live nativity between 4:30 and 6:00 service.*  
**6:00 p.m.** Worship service of carols, Word and candlelight.  
Nursery / child care provided thru 48 months.  
**7:30 p.m.** Worship service of carols, Word and candlelight.  
No nursery care provided.  
**11:00 p.m.** Worship service with carols, candlelight and Holy Communion. No nursery care provided.
- 12/27 **Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
*Children's Worship at 9:30 only; No Sunday School*
- 12/30 No Wednesday evening activities.
- 1/3/21 **Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
*Children's Worship at 9:30 only; No Sunday School*
- 1/6/21 **John Wesley Covenant Service, 7:00 p.m.**



### Merry Christmas to our Church Staff

WEDNESDAY is the **LAST** day to contribute to the Church Staff Christmas gifts. Use the red stamped envelope and place your gift either in the offering boxes or in the basket at the Welcome Center. - WFMC Finance Team.

### THE JOHN WESLEY COVENANT WORSHIP SERVICE JANUARY 6, WEDNESDAY, 7:00 P.M.

Join us for a centuries-old, yet timeless service liturgy, practiced by John Wesley first 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 News Feed of the church website, [www.wilmorefmc.org](http://www.wilmorefmc.org).

IN THESE STRANGE DAYS, we are worshipping in ways that are as touchless as possible, which means not using hymnals / songbooks, offering plates, or common communion elements. We're not greeting one another with hugs or hand-shakes, and we are wearing masks when less than 6 feet from others indoors and while singing. We're also not singing quite as much as typical, and most of our music ministries groups are on hold. All this, like so many other parts of life, is very different, and we pray the need for it passes quickly. Until then, thank you for loving one another in these ways.

## THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

Greeting

*The First Noel*

*Something In His Eyes*

*Twinkle, Twinkle, Christmas Star*

*Joy to the World*

*Oh, Holy Night*

*We Three Kings*

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*Oh, Come All Ye Faithful*  
with congregation

1. O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels;  
Chorus

2. O sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing all that hear in heaven God's holy  
word.  
Give to our Father glory in the Highest;  
Chorus

3. All hail! Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
O Jesus! for evermore be Thy name adored.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
Chorus

Chorus:

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Participants – Rose, James, Lydia and Jonah Evans; Chloe and Coleman Shafer;  
Lucas, Parker, Wyatt and Bennett Weinberger;  
Jenna & Adam Schell; Ariel, Allie and August Miller; Jake Bowers;  
Wyndham, Dalton, Dexter and Eloise Cannon; Eleanor, Travis and Jaiden Dobie;  
Gabe, Jacob, Ellie and Asher Spencer; Abbie and Nathan Diddle; Pastor Daryl Diddle

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*How Great Our Joy!*

*arr. Linda McKechnie*

### WORSHIP IN GIVING

In this strange, “touchless” season, we are giving our finances in worship through either the gold boxes in the foyer, by mail, or digitally through Engage via this QR code.



## 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

*One Small Child*

*arr. Mark Hayes*

*What Child Is This?*

*arr. Karen Ball*

*Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

*arr. Brad Nix*

### SONGS CELEBRATING OUR KING'S BIRTH *(Please wear a mask if you choose to sing)*

*Love Has Come*

*The Birthday of a King*

*Away in a Manger*

### CALL TO PRAYER

*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*

### GOD'S WORD TO US

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSIC MINISTRY

*arr. Craig Courtney*

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*  
Jonathan Liversedge, soloist

# 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 Fettle

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BRING A TORCH  
 Irregular meter

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# 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.

# 158 Away in a Manger

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

Unison

1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the Ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -

Je - sus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, look  
ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.