

Pastor's Update, Friday, November 20, 2020

Happy Friday WFMC Family!

Sunday Worship (Livestream available starting at 8:30 a.m., Sunday)

[WFMC Livestream Service](#)

[WFMC Truthcasting/podcast message only audio](#)

Worship Plans In response to the governor's request and after much thought, prayer and consultation - not necessarily in that order – we are going to:

- 1) Proceed with in-person worship this Sunday, November 22 (8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services) along with the normal classes, childcare, etc.
- 2) Return to the Virtual / Pre-recorded service format for the following two Sundays, November 29 and December 6.
- 3) Plan to return to in-person gatherings on December 13.

The church campus will be closed to all events to groups of more than ten persons from Monday, November 23 through Friday, December 11.

The office will remain open from 8:30 to 1:00 daily, but the staff certainly has the option of working from home.

Church group events that are held in our homes vary widely across the church. Because of that, (and because they are ultimately private affairs) they are certainly up to the discretion of the host and the group.

In all our responses through this pandemic, we have tried to balance the biblical mandate in Romans 13 which encourages us to honor our civil authorities and that of Hebrews 10 which encourages us to not neglect gathering together for worship. We knew that would be a challenge, and quite frankly, it has been. Still, I believe we've done as well as can be expected, and I think the Lord is pleased with our motives and hearts in it all. He may wind up being the only one who's pleased, but I can live with that. :-)

I appreciate your prayers and your commitment to, not just this church family, but to making a positive difference in our community and world – to showing one another and those around us the 'truth and love' character of Jesus.

Please Remember to Wear Masks while moving, anytime you are within six feet of other people, and while singing in any church gathering on campus.

This Week's Worship Folder (along with song-sheets) is attached to this e-mail.

Please Note That the WFMC Website is undergoing repairs (maybe it has COVID?) so, given all the changes going on with scheduled and until we can get the normal site repaired, a temporary / alternative page has been created and is accessible at the normal address. The normal (and even improved!) site will return soon.

And Finally, in the Interest of Keeping Our Sense of Humor About All This:

*"Christmas Money-saving Tip: Be sure to bring up politics at your Thanksgiving dinner.
Doing so will likely save you money on Christmas presents."*

Peace and Blessings, Sisters and Brothers,

Pastor Daryl

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22, 2020

TODAY

- 8:00a Pre- Service Prayer—B106
- 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
- 3:30p Youth Handbell Choir—Sanctuary

MONDAY

- 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
- 9:30a Ladies Bible Study —B200
- 6:30p Blessings Handbell Choir— Sanctuary
- 7:00p Francis Asbury Society Bible Study w/ John Oswalt—B200/201

WEDNESDAY

Church Office Closes at Noon
No Wednesday evening activities

THURSDAY



FRIDAY

Church office Closed
No campus activities

SATURDAY

*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.
His love endures forever.
Psalm 136:1*



Thanks Therapy: Healing For Our World
Colossians 3:1-17

Pastor Daryl



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.



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.

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NOVEMBER 22, 2020
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WELCOME

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 for children up to 2 years is available all morning in the Pre-school Complex, Building B. Please note nursery at the 11:00a service includes children under 4 years old.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR, age 2 and 3) is presently available during the 8:30a worship service in the Pre-school Complex, Building B.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW, age 4 through grade 3) is presently available in the 8:30a service only. After the Children's Time, children are escorted by CW Staff to A106. Following worship, parents of children ages 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children from Room A106. Children in grades 1-3 will be taken to their Sunday School classroom.

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 pray especially for small business owners who are feeling the impact of the virus on their business. Pray that a vaccine would soon be able to be effective and administered, and pray for all in leadership / decision-making positions to have both humility and divine wisdom in these days.

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:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever

This week as we celebrate Thanksgiving, fill your thoughts and prayers with gratitude for all that God has done!

NURSERY:

	TODAY/THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
8:30 Worship	C Blankenship/H Hall	C Blankenship/S Folsom
Sunday School	C Blankenship/P Probst	C Blankenship/A Diddle
11:00Worship	C Maynard/E Maynard/J Madill	K Barnard/E Padgett/C Padgett K Padgett
Wed. Evening	No evening activities	M Dargan/K Winter

• CONGRATULATIONS to Steve & Katie (Liversedge) Grudda, on the birth of their daughter Abigail Joy, born November 16, 7lb, 10z, 19" long. Congratulations also to grandparents Steve and Lorrie Liversedge.

• WFMC FRIENDS—*Thank you for the encouragement and cheer you are giving us in Roy's health crisis. Your prayers, cards and actions have reminded us of Jesus' love and the outpouring kindness of our church family.* — Roy & Lucia Grammel

• 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.

• THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY our church has given:

Bulgaria Children's Christmas Project:	\$4,567.00
Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child:	Over 70 boxes
ICCM Extend the Table:	\$3,235.00

We have also recently given over \$12,000.00 toward needs in our county, including \$5,000.00 to the Wilmore High Bridge Community Service Center.

• ATTENTION MEN AND WOMEN WITH MUSCLES: Three large Christmas trees will be going up tomorrow, November 23 in our foyer and sanctuary — and we need help! If you are available tomorrow morning, —please contact the church office or Annette Diddle.

• LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE during the Thanksgiving holiday? The Community Service Center is looking for some volunteers to paint shelves in the Thrift Shop on Tuesday, Nov 24 and Friday, Nov 27, 9 a.m. to 5p.m. If you would like to join this project (for even part of a day), please contact Koby Miller at csc40390@gmail.com.

• THE DISPLAY CASE IN THE FOYER currently features four veterans who gave all during WWII. Please stop by the display honoring these veterans and give thanks for all those this tribute represents.

• 'TIS THE SEASON when people new in our community are trying to find a church home, and getting to know new people is especially difficult in these days. Please take the initiative to welcome those you don't recognize.

• "CARROT STICKS" is a low-key accountability weight loss group that simply reports in every Friday morning via e-mail about our gain or loss. It is open to men and women. Contact Pastor Daryl for information at ddiddle@wfmc.net. We work hard to see less of each other.



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.



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR ADULTS: THE GRAND MIRACLE. Be sure to stop by the foyer and pick up your free copy of this year's Advent devotional based on the writings of C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Dorothy L. Sayers, George MacDonald, G.K. Chesterton, and more.

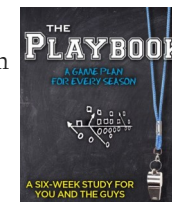


ADVENT "DEVOTIONAL" GUIDE FOR CHILDREN: Enjoy this packet of coloring pages, cryptograms, word searches, and more to involve your child in the Advent season.

2020 CHURCH CALENDAR — LOOKING AHEAD:

11/25	No Wednesday evening activities; Office closes at noon for Thanksgiving Holiday
11/29	First Sunday in Advent
12/2	Noon Prayer & Fasting — Sanctuary
12/6	Second Sunday in Advent / Communion
12/13	Third Sunday in Advent / <i>The King's Birthday</i> Christmas Pageant
12/20	Fourth Sunday in Advent—Worship services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. No Sunday School/ABFs
12/22	Church office closes through January 1, 2021
12/24	Christmas Eve Services 4:30 / 6:00 / 7:30 / 11:00 p.m. <i>Nursery available at 4:30 & 6:00 p.m.</i> <i>Live nativity between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. services</i>
12/27	Worship Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. No Sunday School/ABFs
1/3/21	Worship Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. No Sunday School/ABFs
1/6/21	John Wesley Covenant Service 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S GROUP STARTING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Author Patrick Morley created *The Playbook: A game plan for every season of life, to help us navigate life.* Please join us Tuesdays at the church, 7:00-8:30 p.m. for a 7-week study. To reserve your playbook contact Chris Wittenberg at: Christopher.Wittenberg@gmail.com. Cost for the book is \$7.



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.

PRAYER

Pastor Daryl

GOD'S WORD TO US

Colossians 3:1-17

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Andrea

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP JR. (CWJR) currently 8:30 service only
Children ages 2 and 3 meet in the *Building B Preschool Wing* for the entire service.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (CW) currently 8:30 service only
After Children's Time, children age 4 through grade 3 will be dismissed (please wear masks) and escorted by CW staff to Room A106. Following 8:30 worship, parents of children age 4 through Kindergarten must pick up their children. Children in grades 1-3 will be dismissed to their Sunday School classroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children in 8:30 service may now leave for Children's Worship

MUSIC MINISTRY

Craig Courtney

Be Not Afraid
Erin McLaughlin, soloist; Amanda Bailey, flute

MESSAGE

Pastor Daryl

Thanks Therapy: For Healing Our World

POSTLUDE

David Paxton

Give Thanks and Rejoice

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.



👂 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

Let All Things Now Living arr. David Cherwien
A Thanksgiving Suite arr. Charles Callahan
I. *Fanfare*
II. *A Gaelic Improvisation*
III. *Thanksgiving*

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 95

Leader: Come, let's sing for joy to the Lord.
Let's give our praise to the Rock who saves us!

People: Let's come to Him with thanksgiving and sing songs to Him.

Leader: The Lord is the Great God – the Great King over all gods.

People: The deepest places on earth are His and the highest mountains belong to Him.

**All: Come, let's bow down and worship Him.
Let's kneel before the Lord who made us, for He is our God and we are His people.**

SONGS OF THANKSGIVING & RENEWAL (Please wear a mask if you choose to sing)

We Gather Together
Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

CALL TO PRAYER

I am Your servant, and I am listening, speak to me Lord, speak to me.
I need Your wisdom, and truth and comfort, speak to me, Lord, speak to me.
Speak to me, speak to me; Through Your word, through Your spirit, speak Your words of life.
Speak to me, speak to me; I am listening, I am waiting, speak to me. (CCLI Member)

561 We Gather Together

May God be gracious to us and bless us. Ps. 67:1

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou Lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
And pray that Thou still our De - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

Sing prais - es to His name: He for - gets not His own.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be Thine!
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free! A - men.

TEXT: Netherlands Folk hymn; translated by Theodore Baker

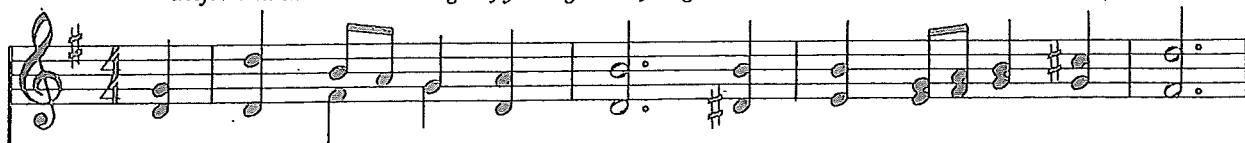
MUSIC: Netherlands Folk song; arranged by Edward Kremser

Last stanza harmonization by Dick Bolks

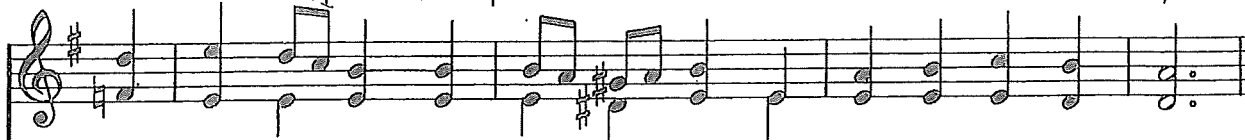
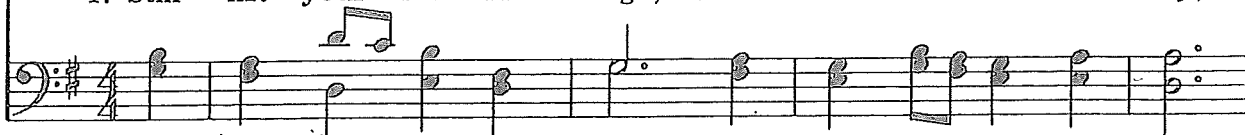
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562 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing. Ps. 32:11

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 2. With all the an - gel choirs, With all the saints on earth,
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant - ing as we go;
 4. Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in firm ar - ray;



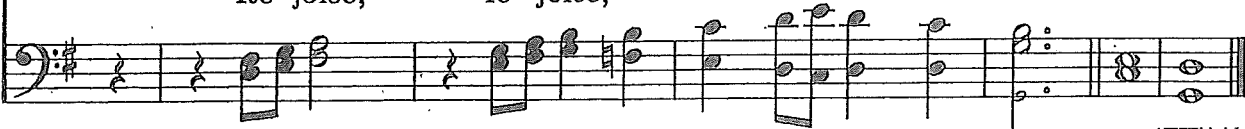
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
 Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
 From youth to age, by night and day, In glad - ness and in woe.
 As war - riors through the dark - ness toil Till dawns the gold - en day.



Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! A - men.
 Re - joice, re - joice,



Holy Spirit

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

VERSE

E♭ E♭maj⁷/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭ E♭/G B♭ E♭/G

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing

3

A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭ A♭/E♭ B♭/E♭ E♭ E♭maj⁷/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D

life in - to my will - ing soul. Let the pres - ence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -

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E♭ E♭/G B♭ E♭/G A♭ B♭ A♭/C B♭/D E♭

ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
-gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.

9 A \flat B \flat Cm E \flat /G A \flat E \flat /G B \flat Cm B \flat /D E \flat E \flat /G

Cause Your word to come a - live in me; Give me faith for what I
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least, gen - tle - ness that sows the
 Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise; Lead us on the road of

12 Fm E \flat B \flat Cm E \flat maj⁷/G A \flat B \flat A \flat /C B \flat /D

can - not see, give me pas - sion for Your
 path of peace. Turn my striv - ings in - to
 sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the

14 E \flat E \flat /G B \flat E \flat /G A \flat B \flat A \flat /C B \flat /D E \flat

pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.
 works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
 face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.