Celebration of the Green

DECEMBER 8, 2024 | WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH



Comfort! Comfort, Now My People! Tell of Peace.

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December 8, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Maggie Morey and James Michael Sobolik-Williams, readers

Welcome Ariel Merivil

Scripture Collage from Isaiah 40 and Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Hear my voice, calling in the wilderness. "Prepare the way for the Lord," the prophet declares, "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in God's word I put my hope.

Every valley shall be raised up,

Every mountain and hill made low.

The rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

Breath of Heaven arr. Jay Dawson

Wilshire Winds and Carillon Ringers

Where the Light Begins

Susan LaBarr

Miriam McClung, Katherine Pottkotter, Elle Sheaffer

Perhaps it does not begin. Perhaps it is always.

Perhaps it takes a lifetime to open our eyes, to learn to see

The luminous line of the map in the dark, the vigil flame in the house of the heart,

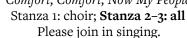
The love so searing we can't keep from singing,

The luminous line of the map in the dark, the vigil flame in the house of the heart,

The love so searing we can't keep from singing, from crying out.

Perhaps this day the light begins, perhaps this day the light begins in us. We are where the light begins.

Perhaps it does not begin. Perhaps it is always.





Scripture Collage from Isaiah 9 and Isaiah 61

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; And on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

The Spirit of the LORD is upon us, Because the LORD has anointed us — appointed you, To proclaim good news to the poor, To bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim freedom for the captives And release from darkness for the prisoners.

For unto us hope is born, Unto us light has come. The government will be on his shoulders, And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

arr. Jim Ailor

Children's Choir Bill Jernberg, piano; Shana Gaines, flute

Come, Lord Jesus, come to dwell with us. How we need your presence near.

Come to guide us. Come to save us. Come, O come, we welcome you here.

Alleluia! God is with us. Alleluia! Emmanuel.

Angels are praising and shepherds are bowing. God is with us! Sing Noel.

Noel. God is with us! Sing Noel.

O Come, Divine Messiah

Joseph Joubert

Sanctuary Choir Ariel Merivil, solo Candy McComb, director

O come, divine Messiah; the angels sing of your glorious birth. The heavenly gates are open. O come reside on earth.

O come, divine Messiah, we long to see your blessed face. Break the chains of our captives, descend, reveal your grace.

O Savior come, lowly your cradle be.

In manger born this blessed morn, hear angels sound your nativity.

O Lord, hear our heart's offering. Joy to all is the gift you bring.

O come, O Savior, come. Dwell here on earth, O Lord, we pray.

Come from above, reveal your love, you are the light to show us the way.

O son of God don't delay. Bring us peace in our world's disarray.

O come, O Savior, come. Emmanuel, O come.

In wisdom, in power, in honor, in glory, in mercy, in truth and grace, Messiah come!

Congregational Song

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 103

Please rise in body or spirit to sing.

ADESTE FIDELES/arr. Willcocks

—Do not be afraid; no need to fear—

Christ the Appletree

Stanford Scriven

Nova Bill Jernberg, accompanist

The tree of life my soul hath seen, Laden with fruit, and always green: The trees of nature fruitless be, Compared with Christ the Appletree.

This beauty doth all things excel, By faith I know, but ne'er can tell The glory which I now can see, In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

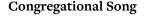
For happiness I long have sought, And pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all but now I see 'Tis found in Christ the Appletree. I'm wearied with my former toil, Here I will sit and rest awhile, Under the shadow I will be, Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

I'll sit and eat this fruit divine, It cheers my heart like spiritual wine; And now this fruit is sweet to me, That grows on Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, It keeps my dying faith alive; Which makes my soul in haste to be With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

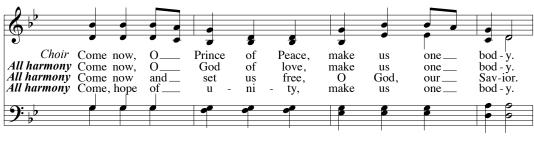
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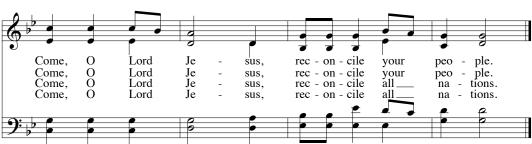
Carillon Ringers



Come Now, O Prince of Peace
Claire Flores, oboe
Please rise in body or spirit to sing.

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Scripture Collage from Isaiah 52 and Romans 10

How beautiful on the mountains Are the feet of those who bring good news, Who proclaim peace, Who bring good tidings, Who proclaim salvation.

For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

For the message of peace was never meant to be kept silent,

But to echo through our lives, our actions, our love for one another.

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

Sanctuary Choir

How lovely are the messengers who bring us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sounds of their words.

Congregational Song

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
No. 127
Please rise in body or spirit to sing.

MENDELSSOHN

—Unexpected peace—

Et In Terra Pax Victor Johnson

Shekinah

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. And on earth, peace to all those of goodwill.

—Light finds a way; all is well—

All Is Well arr. Ron Huff

Combined Choirs

All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice! For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alle, sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, Go and tell that he is in the manger.

Sing alle, sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well. Lift up your voice and sing. Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior. Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! All is well.

—Take comfort now, my people—

Congregational Song

Silent Night
No. 134
Please rise in body or spirit to sing.

STILLE NACHT

Silence shall be kept.

All are invited to a reception in Community Hall following the program.

Wilshire Baptist Church Music Ministry

Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music
Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music and Organist
Shana Gaines, Wilshire Winds Director
Ralph Manuel, Handbell Coordinator
Candy McComb, Children's Choir Coordinator

Wilshire Baptist Church gratefully acknowledges those who gave poinsettias to beautify the Sanctuary this Advent season. The love expressed through these flowers is dedicated to the Lord and Savior whose birth we celebrate.

In memory of:

Maxey Abernathy by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Charles F. Ackerman by Betty Ackerman

Paul Alloway by Jane Alloway

Paul Alloway by Paula Alloway

Paul Alloway by Sue Alloway

Zane Thomas Anderson by Amy, Cory, Bryn and Whit Anderson

Amy Arthur by Ricci Davis and family

Charles Baker by the Barkers

Wanda Ballard by Jane, Kyle, Benjamin, Ann Marie and Eleanor Ballard

Mimi Basden by Jenyce Gush

James Beasley by Vickie Conn

Lois Ruth Creager Beckham by Matt Howell

Art and Opal Blohm by Betty Blohm Ackerman

Maxine Bradford by Cindy and David Coleman

Ezekiel Brown and Cherry Brown by Dorrell Brown

Avonne Bullock by Allison, Chad, Forrest, Peyton and Carson Brown

Avonne Bullock by Stan Bullock

Bobby J. Bunch by Dana and David Bunch

Bobby J. Bunch by Jeff, David and Brian Bunch

Marie and C.T. (Sonny) Cadenhead by Ralph Long

Sam Caverlee by Amy and John Caverlee

Bobbye Coleman by Cindy and David Coleman

Diane Collins by Bryan Rollins and Robert Rollins

Uncle Spencer Cordell by Barron Cordell

Spencer Cordell by Elton Cordell

Spencer Cordell by Laura Cordell

Spencer Cordell by Lisa Cordell

Jean Corea by Ann Marie Mihm and Mary Margaret Heuertz

Oneta and Marvin Coyle by Tracy Sturdivant

Manny Dalhausser by Amy and Dirk Dalhausser

Earl Davis by Ricci Davis and family

Leon DeMent, Jr. by Joannah, Darren, Virginia and Elias DeMent

Linda Madge Long Domangue and Leah Madge Domangue by Ralph Long

Christina Dorman by Meredith, Matt and Parker Mosley

Edwin and Gloria Dowling by the Dowling family

Noreen and Norman Dowling by the Dowling family

Margaret Duncan by David Duncan

Susie Dunsmore and Kim Allor by the Dowling family

Lori Wallace Dusek by Pat and Jim Wallace

Dorothy "Mamos" Eggert by Linda, Mark, Rebecca and Preston Eggert

Emery Evans by the Evans family

Jesse Evans by the Evans family

Joy Phillips Fenner by Debbie and Marc LaChey

Sue Fisette by Robert Fisette, Sheri Brooks and Jennifer Kitto

Sue Fisette by Dorrell Brown

Tom Fry by Melanie Beller

Karen Kay Giggleman and Marina Giggleman-Vargas by Ralph Long

George Gagliardi by Rebecca Bridges

George Gagliardi by Dorrell Brown

George Gagliardi by LeAnn and Jeff Hampton George Gagliardi by Wilshire Winds

Carolyn and Ronald Goelzer, Eloise and Ted Bailey by Linda Goelzer and Karen and Ted Bailey, Jr.

Carolyn and Ronald Goelzer by Linda Goelzer

Genevieve P. and Robert A. Goelzer by Linda Goelzer

Tom Goff by the Loggins family

Peaches and Sandy Hallman, John M. Shaw by Dawn and Steven Hallman

Sasha Nicole Hallman by Dawn and Steven Hallman

Sheila Henning by Amy and Dirk Dalhausser

Dollie Hill by Donna Gregory

Anita Hood by Ricci Davis and family

Jill Gush Hrncir by Jenyce Gush

Lindsay Nicole Hyder by Carole and Jerry Duval

Joanna Ching-Ping Wong Jones by Bill Jones and family

Dot Laux by Lydia and James Perry

Emma and Richard Lawson by the Dowling family

Jack Lett by Ann Marie Mihm and Mary Margaret Heuertz

Melody Loggins by the Loggins family

Linda Jean Cadenhead Long by Ralph Long

Madge J. and James K. Long by Ralph Long

Doris and Dick Luttrell by Sally and Richard
Luttrell

Adam Townsend Malcik by Sara and Price Tinsley

Adam Townsend Malcik by Vy and Michael Malcik

Diane Malone by Sunny, Evelyn and Grace Carroum

Jonathan McGregor by Jane and Kyle Ballard

Robert Lee Mihm by Mark Sheldrake Mihm

Robert John Mihm by Ann Marie and Mark Mihm

Spencer Cole Mihm by Ann Marie and Mark Mihm

Gene Moore by Geoff Moore

Marilyn Williamson Moore by Angie Moore

Michael Ray Moore by Angie Moore

Sheila Duncan Moore by Geoff Moore

Sheila Duncan Moore by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Scott Morris, son of Brenda and Gwin Morris, by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Billie and Asa Newsom, Sr. by David, Kirk and Kent Newsom families

Bradley Thomas Newsom by Cory, Amy, Bryn and Whit Anderson

Douglas Kent Newsom by Lynn and Kirk Newsom

Dot and Asa A. Newsom, Jr. by Amy, Cory, Bryn and Whit Anderson

Dot and Asa A. Newsom, Jr. by David, Kirk and Kent Newsom families

Tom Newsom by Amy, Cory, Bryn and Whit Anderson

Sue Nyquist by Dana and David Bunch

Bill O'Brien by B.E.S.T. Sunday School Class

Sandra Offner and Jeannene Stricklin by Drew Stricklin

Ann O'Hara by Jane, Kyle, Benjamin, Ann Marie and Eleanor Ballard

Candy Post by Matthew, Cindy and Becky Post

Candy Post by Max Post and family

David A. Risinger by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Marian Rollins by Bryan Rollins and Robert Rollins

Stephen Rollins by Bryan Rollins and Robert Rollins

Wells Rollins by Bryan Rollins and Robert Rollins

Jean Shepard by Molly, Michael and Olivia Shepard

Sharron Simmons by Jennifer Jenkins

Sylvester Smith by Ann Marie Mihm

Joyce and Bob Sturdivant by Tracy Sturdivant

Aunt Sue and Mom by the Dowling family

Doris Swift by Dana and David Bunch

Doris "Meme" Swift by Deanna Bunch and Chuck Swift

Donna Twomey by Meredith, Matt and Parker Mosley

Mary Jane Cheek Van Zandt by Lynn and Kirk Newsom

Judy and Forrest Wallace by Pat and Jim Wallace

Louise and Otto Wallace by Pat and Jim Wallace

LuFan and Charlie Watson by Charlene and Bob Law

Michael Weldon by Kathleen Garland

Jim White by B.E.S.T. Sunday School Class

Woodrow Wilson White by Gayle Cox

Myrtie C. and Phillip C. Williams by Linda Goelzer

Jenna Worthen by Jenyce Gush

In honor of:

Carole Jean Abernathy by Paula, Jason, Garrett, Ku and Kathryn

Kathy Alverson by Lydia and James Perry

Ron Ballard by Jane, Kyle, Benjamin, Ann Marie and Eleanor Ballard

Mary Lynne Bright by LeAnn and Jeff Hampton

Andy, Jessica and Callum Brookshire by Gail and Steve Brookshire

Dorrell Brown by Sheri and Alan Brooks

Monna Brown by Davanel Fitzgerald

Monna Brown by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Monna Brown by Sarah and Allan Stafford

Jeff Brummel by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Jeff Brummel by Jeri Baker

Jeff Brummel by Dorrell Brown

Jeff Brummel by Laurie Diffee

Jeff Brummel by Davanel Fitzgerald

Jeff Brummel by Katherine Pottkotter

Jeff Brummel by Alison and Mark Wingfield

Deanna Bunch by Dana and David Bunch

Sharleen Burleson by Linda, Mark, Rebecca and Preston Eggert

Debby Burton by David, Andrew, Joshua and Troy

Debby Burton by Laurie and Mike Diffee

Ellen Caverlee by Amy and John Caverlee

Barbara Clayton by Laurie and Mike Diffee

Sue Coffman by Rebecca Bridges

Compass Sunday School Class by Kathleen Garland

Allyson and Matt Cook by Lydia and James Perry

Dan, Chris, Chip and their families by Pat and Fred Cullum

Joannah, Darren, Virginia and Elias DeMent by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Discovery Sunday School Class by Dorrell Brown

David Duncan by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

David Duncan by Jeri Baker

Diana Early and Andrea Watkins by Mary and Paul Early

Paul and Mary Early by Andrea Watkins and Diana Early

Bob Fisette by Jeri Baker

Davanel Fitzgerald by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Davanel Fitzgerald by Sarah and Allan Stafford

Barbara and Don Floyd by Meredith, Matt and Parker Mosley

Linda and Ed Francis by Molly, Michael and Olivia Shepard

Friday Friends Leadership: Terry Wade, David Duncan, Debbie Rampey and Linda Lyles by Miggy and John Coates

Charlie Fuller by Jeri Baker

Linda Goelzer by Dorrell Brown

Jill and Larry Granberry by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Joe Haag by Debbie and Marc LaChey

LeAnn and Jeff Hampton by Courtney, Kent and Keller Carter

Margaret, Brad, William and Jack Jernberg by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Micki Lacker by Gayle Cox

Charlene and Bob Law by Dorrell Brown

Raylan Loggins by Davanel Fitzgerald

Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

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Candy and Bob Lydecker by Debbie and Marc LaChey

Margie Lynn by Jeri Baker

Vy and Michael Malcik by Carole Jean Abernathy

Ralph Manuel by Laurie Diffee

Candy McComb by Laurie Diffee

Candy McComb by Alison Wingfield

David McCoy by Jeri Baker

Wilma McMurray by Pam Stiles

Ariel Merivil by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

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Nicki, Geoff and Griffin Moore by Carole Jean Abernathy

Parker Mosley by Meredith and Matt Mosley

Carolyn Murray by Angela Brindle

Katie, Steven, Drew, Annie and James Murray by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Heather Mustain by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Heather Mustain by Jeri Baker

New Song Community Choir by Jeri Baker

New Song Community Choir by Sarah Stafford

The Percy Parrish family by Martha and Kathy Hatcher

Timothy Peoples by Jeri Baker

Lydia, James, Emily and Drew Perry by Martha and Jack Newfield

Barbara Peterson by Carole Jean Abernathy and the Woodbury family

Max Post by Meredith, Matt and Parker Mosley

Max Post by Matthew, Mariya, Ruby, Aaron, Cindy and Becky Post

Anne and Damon Scalfaro by Janice and Bill Jernberg

Sarah and Allan Stafford by Jeri Baker

Sarah and Allan Stafford by Davanel Fitzgerald

Shirley Vaughn by Charlene Law

Kenneth Waterman by Davanel Fitzgerald

Lisa and Jim Williamson by Jane, Kyle, Benjamin, Ann Marie and Eleanor Ballard

Wilshire Baptist Church by Valerie Lott and Timothy Peoples

Wilshire Building and Grounds Committee (2024) by Laurie Diffee

Wilshire staff by Linda Goelzer

Wilshire staff by Sally and Richard Luttrell

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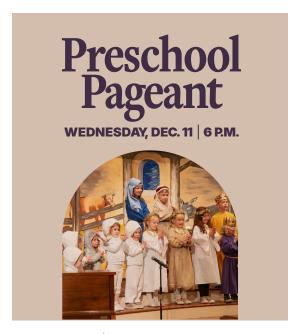
Women of Wilshire Book Clubs and the Men's Book Club by Dawn and Steven Hallman

Jason Woodbury and the Wilshire Risk Management Committee by Laurie Diffee

Paula and Jason Woodbury, Garrett, Ku and Kathryn by Carole Jean Abernathy

Paula and Jason Woodbury by Lydia and James Perry

Jennifer, Elizabeth, David and Collin Yarbrough by Judy and Charles Yarbrough



Pageant this Wednesday

Wednesday, Dec. 11 | 6 p.m. | Sanctuary | Kindergarten, Pre-K and 3-Year-Old choirs will be in costume as they sing and act out the Nativity. Dinner will be served in Koinonia Café at 5 p.m. Join us after the pageant for a reception with cookies and cocoa in James Gallery.

Sign up kids to build Nativity

Children are invited to help build the Sanctuary Nativity scene by carrying elements to the chancel during worship each week. Sign up at wilshirebc.org/nativity.

Giving Tree

Select a tag from the James Gallery Giving Tree and fulfill a Christmas wish for a child or adult served by a local mission partner. Gifts for all remaining tags are due Dec. 11. We also have a **Virtual Giving Tree**; find the link at wilshirebc.org/giving-tree.

Tree of Remembrance

Help decorate our Tree of Hope and Remembrance in the South Lobby by writing the name of a loved one as a memorial or your name as a survivor of cancer or another disease. Blank ornaments and markers are provided. Ornaments can be taken home closer to Christmas.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, Dec. 24 | Our 4 p.m. Christmas Eve family service is suitable for all ages. Our 11 p.m. liturgical service is more formal and includes celebration of the Lord's Supper.



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