

# 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*

Wilshire Winds and Carillon Ringers

arr. Jay Dawson

### *Where the Light Begins*

Miriam McClung, Katherine Pottkotter, Elle Sheaffer

Susan LaBarr

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.

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Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

Congregational Song

*Comfort, Comfort, Now My People*

GENEVAN/arr. Merivil

Stanza 1: choir; **Stanza 2-3: all**

Please join in singing.



1. "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple, tell of peace!" So says our God;  
2. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3. Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!  
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I co - ver, and their war - fare now is o - ver."  
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

**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.

*Come, Lord Jesus (Sing Noel)*

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/art. 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.

## Lo, How a Rose

Cathy Moklebust

Carillon Ringers

## Congregational Song

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

OSOSO

Claire Flores, oboe

Please rise in body or spirit to sing.

*Choir* Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y.  
*All harmony* Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
*All harmony* Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
*All harmony* Come, hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

## 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*

MENDELSSOHN

No. 127

Please rise in body or spirit to sing.

## —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*

STILLE NACHT

No. 134

Please rise in body or spirit to sing.

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

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### **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

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Avonne Bullock by Stan Bullock

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Oneta and Marvin Coyle by Tracy Sturdivant

Manny Dalhausser by Amy and Dirk Dalhausser

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Noreen and Norman Dowling by the Dowling family

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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 Fisetto by Robert Fisetto, Sheri Brooks and Jennifer Kitto

Sue Fisetto by Dorrell Brown

Tom Fry by Melanie Beller

Karen Kay Giggelman and Marina Giggelman-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.  
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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  
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Joanna Ching-Ping Wong Jones by Bill Jones  
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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  
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Madge J. and James K. Long by Ralph Long  
Doris and Dick Luttrell by Sally and Richard  
Luttrell  
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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

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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  
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Jeff Brummel by Davanel Fitzgerald  
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Jeff Brummel by Alison and Mark Wingfield  
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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  
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# Preschool Pageant

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11 | 6 P.M.



## 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](http://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](http://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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