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Wilmot United Church
November 29th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
Anniversary Sunday, 1st Sunday of Advent

*(**Bold**--Please join in as you are able.)*

Handbell Prelude: The Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir
Veni Emmanuel (arr. Peacock)
Come, Thou Almighty King (arr. Ingram)
Puer Nobis (arr. Wiltse)
O Ancient Love (arr. Peacock for Wilmot's 235th anniversary)

Welcome and Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

Introduction to The Season of Advent

Advent Candle Lighting

Prayer of Approach:

Leader: The prophet Isaiah declares, 'From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.' Today we wait still for the God of love and justice, the one who is known by many names and appears with many faces, who is the font of creation and renewal.

People: When God feels far away, and our lament feels to heavy to bear, we remember Her steadfast love. May this love empower us to wait and watch in hope for the day when God's commonwealth is fulfilled on earth as in heaven.

Leader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of God's promises, that we might persevere in hope, a hope grounded not in wishes and whims but in the trustworthy and persistent love of God already at work among us.

Prayer of Approach

Unison: Come Lord, Come!
Come and be with your people
Be with us today.
Be with those hurting and suffering.
Bring your hope to those gathered here today.
Bring your hope to our world.
Help us to find you in this season of Advent.
Amen.

Minute for Godly Play **VU 7 v. 1**

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
   leading us on till the morning is bright.
   Unison: When God is a child there's joy in our song.
   The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
   and none shall be afraid.

Hymn: A Candle is Burning **VU 6**

1. A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
   a candle of hope in December's dark night.
   While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
   our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

2. A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
   a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
   for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
   a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

3. A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
   a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
   Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
   as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

4. A candle is burning, a candle of love,
   a candle to point us to heaven above.
   A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth,
   For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

Scripture:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

Anthem: Will We Know Him Don Besig

Sermon: Anniversary Sunday Address Faith March-MacCuish

Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel VU 1

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear. **R**

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **R**

3. O come, O come, great God of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. **R**

4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. **R**

5. O come, O Key of David, come,

and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that lends on high,
and close the path to misery. **R**

6. O come, O Dayspring, from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. **R**

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us the Prince of Peace. **R**

The Offering

Offertory Verse: In The Bleak Midwinter (verse 4) VU 55

1. In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

3. Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.
Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,

the ox and ass and camel which adore.

4. 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 I can I give him—give my heart.

Prayers of Intercession

Prayer of Jesus

Unison: Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days —
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One.

Hymn: Will You Come and See the Light **VU96**

Commissioning and Blessing

Postlude: Postlude In G Minor E.L Ashford

With thanks to our Anniversary Speaker, Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

Please join us in the gymnasium after worship for Coffee and Conversation. Thanks to the Choirs and Pastoral Care Committee for preparing this week's refreshments.

Minister: Rev Russ Daye
Pastoral Care: Rev Ellen Beairsto
Children, Youth and Young Adults: Amanda Diggins
Music Director: Dino Andriani
Sound: Craig Frame
Live-Streaming: Kristie Heard
Scripture Reader: Rev Russ Daye

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