



SEASON  
OF ADVENT

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2023

THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS ONE OF ANTICIPATION, FAITH, REALIGNING AND TRUST. WE ANTICIPATE THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH, LEAN ON FAITH THAT GOD'S PROMISES TO US ARE ONGOING, REALIGN OURSELVES TO OUR CALL AS CHRISTIANS, AND TRUST THAT EVEN IN TIMES OF SHADOW, GOD IS WITH US.

AS WE GATHER DURING THIS SEASON, THERE WILL BE MOMENTS OF CELEBRATION AS WELL. WE INVITE YOU, AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER THIS ADVENT AND INTO THE CHRISTMASTIDE, TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO JOIN IN THE WORSHIP AND PROGRAM THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER.

Youth Ministries and Faith In Action  
Present



In partnership with the OPEN DOOR SHELTER

Scan here to learn about WPC's commitment to families in need as we come together to make Christmas wishes come true!



***Bring your gifts in by December 10th!***





## Sunday, November 26

*First Sunday of Advent*



### **10 am: Worship Service**

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope*

Rev. Jessica Jones preaching

## Sunday, December 3

*Second Sunday of Advent*

### **10 am: Communion Worship: A Wild Goose Service**

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace*

Rev. Mark Montgomery preaching

*New Members Join WPC*

### **12 pm: High School Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange**

Colony Pizza

Fa la la la la and Fellowship!

## Tuesday, December 5

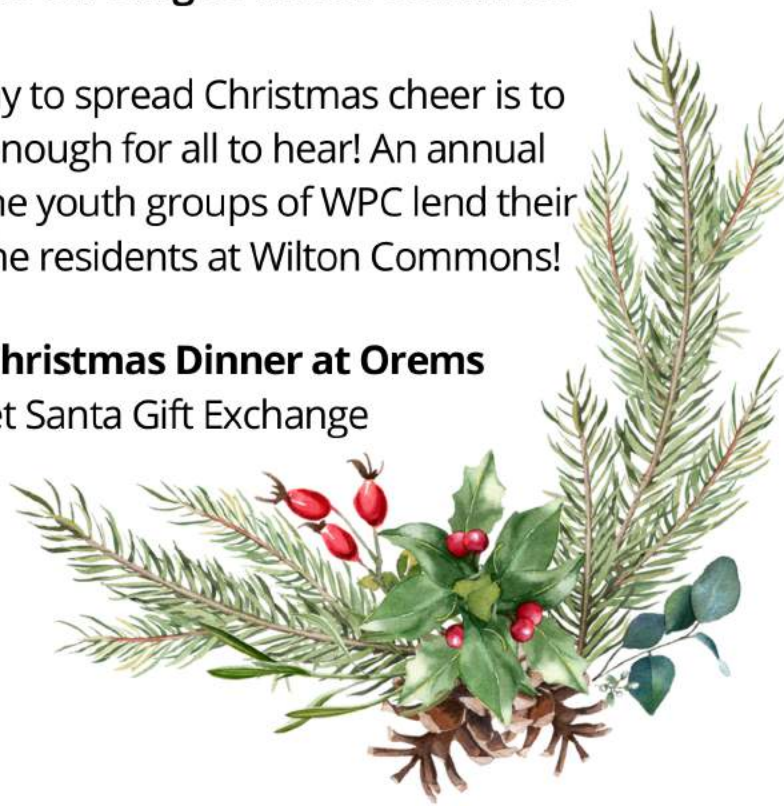
### **4 pm: Youth Group Christmas Caroling at Wilton Commons**



The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to sing loud enough for all to hear! An annual favorite as the youth groups of WPC lend their voices for the residents at Wilton Commons!

### **5:30 pm: Confirmand Christmas Dinner at Orem's**

Dinner and Secret Santa Gift Exchange





Sunday, December 10

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**10 am: Worship Service**

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy*

Festival of Music Sunday

Join us for Festival of Music Sunday with our Choir,  
Hand Bell Choir, and Guest Musicians

**11 am: WPC Christmas Potluck Chili Luncheon**



It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Please join us for WPC's Youth and Family Ministry Sponsored  
6th annual Christmas Chili Luncheon!

(Chicken nuggets will be served also!)

*Cookie decorating and crafts for the children!*

*Hot Chocolate Bar! Singalong and an appearance by Santa himself!*

SCAN THE QR CODE  
FOR THE SIGN UP  
GENIUS TO BRING  
AN ITEM TO SHARE.



Sign ups will also be at coffee hour on clipboards!

We can't wait to share a meal of fun fellowship this Christmas Season!

Invite your friends!

Sponsored by the WPC High School Youth

**MITTEN DONATION TREE TO OFFER WARMTH TO THOSE IN NEED**

Monday, December 11

**3:30 pm: Confirmation Class**

**4:30 pm: Adopt A Family Gift Delivery to OPEN DOOR Shelter**

Sunday, December 17

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**10 am: Worship Service**

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace*



***Christmas Pageant 2023***

It was a quiet, uncertain night. A young woman and her carpenter husband lay in wait for their unborn son who was to be the Prince of Peace. A bright star to the East would guide all those coming to lay eyes on and bring gifts to the baby lying in the manger.

Please join us as the children bring the birth of our Savior to life through this classic pageant narrative and song.

**11 am: Cocoa, Cookies & Creche Live Nativity**



Together with our friends at St. Matthews we will celebrate the birth of the Messiah in the manger with a live animal nativity in the courtyard following the pageant. Cookies and cake and hot cocoa will be served.



Thursday, December 21, 2023

**8:30 pm Winter Solstice Service**

*Come, and be Filled*

This is a gentle, spirit-filled service intended to nurture your mindfulness and presence this season. If the Christmastide brings challenges for you, if you are in the midst of loss or grief, if you need a break from the busyness of the season, if you simply want to receive the gift of God among us via music, readings and story, please join us for our Winter's Solstice service. The service begins at 8:30. We should be done by 9:15 so that you may return home, ready for the longest night of the year comforted by the love and grace of God.

Friday, December 22

**1:30 pm: Youth and Families trip to NYC**

An afternoon and evening of Christmas fun to see Cirque du Soleil's, "Twas the Night," have dinner and visit the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center.





Saturday, December 24

*Christmas Eve*

*Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year;  
please note we will not be holding a 10 am morning service*

**4 pm: Family and Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Rev. Jessica Jones Preaching

This service includes our church choir, lessons and carols, and special message with special interactive participation by children of all ages. We conclude the service with candlelight.

Please join us for this meaningful and popular service!

**10 pm: "O Holy Night" Christmas Eve Service**

Rev. Chris Tate Preaching

Gather in the warmth, light and beauty of this holy night for a worship service of quiet dignity and majesty. This traditional service will draw us to the manger and our Lord's birth through Scripture, song, and candlelight.



Sunday, December 31, 2023

**10 am: Worship Service**

*New Years' Eve*

Rev. Chris Tate preaching

Sunday, January 7

**10 am: Communion Worship Service**

*Epiphany, Star Sunday*

Rev. Mark Montgomery preaching

Sunday, January 15

**10 am: Worship Service**

*The Baptism of Christ*

Rev. Mark Montgomery preaching

# ADVENT AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 26 ~ Advent Week 1

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Communion Service, Rev. Jessica Jones preaching

11 am Coffee Hour

11 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Monday, November 27, 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 30, 6 pm Bell Choir, 7 pm Chancel Choir, Upper Core

Sunday, December 3 ~ Advent Week 2 ~ A Wild Goose Service

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Communion Service, Rev. Mark Montgomery preaching

11 am Coffee Hour

11 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 5,

4 pm Youth Group Christmas Caroling at Wilton Commons

5:30 pm Confirmand Christmas Dinner at Orem's

Thursday, December 7, 6 pm Bell Choir, 7 pm Chancel Choir, Upper Core

Saturday, December 9, 9 am Bell Choir, 10 am Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 10 ~ Advent Week 3 ~ Festival of Music

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Festival of Music

11 am Chili Luncheon

Monday, December 11, 3:30 pm, Confirmation Class

4:30 pm Adopt A Family Gift Delivery to OPEN DOOR Shelter

Saturday, December 16, Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 17 ~ Advent Week 4 ~ Christmas Pageant

10 am Christmas Pageant

11 am Cocoa, Cookies & Creche Live Nativity

Thursday, December 21, 7 pm Chancel Choir, Upper Core

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