

# SEASON OF ADVENT

WILTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



2024

THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS ONE OF ANTICIPATION, FAITH, REALIGNMENT, 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 PROGRAMS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER.



Youth Ministries and Faith In Action  
Present

*Adopt a Family*  
FOR CHRISTMAS

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!

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***Bring your gifts in by December 8th!***

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Hanging of the Greens: A Wild Goose Service

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope*

10 AM | *Sanctuary*

Rev. Mark Montgomery & Chris Tate preaching

### Pageant Rehearsal

11 AM | *Sanctuary*

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## Advent Bible Study Series

12 PM | *Lounge, Lead by Rev. Mark*

Join us for a three-week Bible study series on Mondays in December, where we'll reflect, pray, and explore the deeper purpose of Advent and Christmas through discussion and portions of *Unplug the Christmas Machine*, as we seek to reclaim the peace and promise of the season amid its busyness.

To RSVP for Lunch, Email: [mark@wiltonpresbyterian.org](mailto:mark@wiltonpresbyterian.org)

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## Youth Group Christmas Caroling

4:30 PM | 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!



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## Midnight Run & Tree Viewing

5 PM - 2 AM | WPC Undercroft - New York City

Support Midnight Run's mission of hospitality by volunteering or donating to bring food and clothing to the unhoused of NYC this holiday season.

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## Pageant Dress Rehearsal

9 AM | *Sanctuary*

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## Open Doors Shelter Meal Service

12 PM | *Open Doors, Norwalk*

Help prepare and serve dinner for our community on the first Saturday of each month! The kitchen at Open Doors is the only program in Norwalk providing free hot meals every day to anyone in need, and they would not be able to provide this essential service without the support of volunteers and donors. Meals are dine-in for our shelter guests and takeout for the community.

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Christmas Pageant

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Love*

10 AM | *Sanctuary*

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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.

## Christmas Potluck Chili Luncheon

11 AM | *Parish Hall*

Please join us for WPC's Youth and Family Ministry Sponsored 7th 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!



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Sponsored by the WPC High School Youth  
*Mitten donation tree to offer warmth to those in need*



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## Advent Bible Study Series

12 PM | *Lounge, Lead by Rev. Jessica*

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## Bell Choir Dress Rehearsal

9 AM | *Sanctuary*

## Chancel Choir Dress Rehearsal

10 AM | *Sanctuary*

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Festival of Music

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy*

10 AM | *Sanctuary*

Join us for Festival of Music Sunday with our Chancel & Hand Bell Choirs and Guest Musicians

## Confirmation Christmas Class “Bruncheon” & Gift Exchange

10 AM | *Alcove*

## Live Animal Nativity

11 AM | *Courtyard*

Together with our friends at St. Matthew’s, we will celebrate the birth of the Messiah in the manger with a live animal nativity and joint fellowship hour in the courtyard with hot chocolate and s’mores.

## High School Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange

5 PM | *Orem’s Diner*

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## Advent Bible Study Series

12 PM | *Lounge, Lead by Rev. Chris*

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## Winter Solstice Service

7 PM | *Sanctuary*

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.

Rev. Mark Montgomery preaching

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace*

10 AM | *Sanctuary*

Rev. Jessica Jones preaching

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## CHRISTMAS EVE

### Family & Candlelight Service

4 PM | *Sanctuary*

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.

Rev. Chris Tate Preaching

### “O Holy Night” Service

10 PM | *Sanctuary*



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

Rev. Mark Montgomery Preaching

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## Joint “Pajama” Worship Service

10 AM | *Parish Hall*

Rev. Mark Montgomery preaching

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# ADVENT AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 1 ~ Advent Week 1 ~ Hanging of the Greens: Wild Goose

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Communion Service, Revs. Mark & Chris preaching

11 am Coffee Hour

11 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Monday, December 2, 12 pm, Advent Bible Study with Rev. Mark

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 pm, Youth Group Christmas Caroling

Thursday, December 5, 6 pm Bell Choir, 7 pm Chancel Choir, Upper Core

Friday, December 6, Midnight Run

Saturday, December 7

9 am Pageant Dress Rehearsal

12 pm Open Doors Shelter Meal Service

Sunday, December 8 ~ Advent Week 2 ~ Christmas Pageant

10 am Worship Service, Revs. Julie & Chris preaching

11 am Chili Luncheon

Monday, December 9, 12 pm, Advent Bible Study with Rev. Jessica

Thursday, December 12, 6 pm Bell Choir, 7 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Saturday, December 14, 9 am Bell Choir, 10 am Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Sunday, December 15 ~ Advent Week 3 ~ Festival of Music

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Festival of Music

10 am Church School

10 am Confirmation Class

11 am Joint Coffee Hour & Live Nativity

Monday, December 16, 12 pm, Advent Bible Study with Rev. Chris

Saturday, December 21, 7 pm, Winter Solstice Service

Sunday, December 22 ~ Advent Week 4

9 am Choir Rehearsal

10 am Worship Service

10 am Church School

11 am Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve

3 pm Choir Rehearsal

4 pm Family and Candlelight Service, Rev. Chris Tate Preaching

10 pm "O Holy Night" Service, Rev. Mark Montgomery Preaching

Sunday, December 29, 10 am Worship Service, Rev. Mark Montgomery Preaching

