

THIS WEEK AT KIRKWOOD

Sunday, December 1, 2013

Youth Group Gift Wrapping—before and after Worship

9:30 am—Adult/Teen Sunday School &
Kids Rock N' Stuff
11:00 am—Worship service (S)
1:30 pm—Korean Service (S)
3:00 pm—Korean Fellowship (FH)
7:00 pm—Jazz Band Rehearsal (S)

Monday, December 2, 2013

3:30 pm—GS Troop 1203 (CR)
5:30 pm—Brownie Troop 144 (FH)
6:30 pm—CS Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CR)
7:30 pm—BS Troop 1140 Committee Meeting (FH)
7:00 pm—WOK Christmas Party/Christmas
Offering (FH)

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

9:30 am—Springfield Acres Garden Club
Board meeting (FH/K)
6:30 pm—CS Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CR)
7:30 pm—ACA Meeting (CR)
7:30 pm—Outreach Meeting (C)

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

9:30 am—MOPS (FH/K)
6:30 pm—CS Pack 685 Meeting (SB)
7:00 pm—BS Troop 1140 Meetings (FH)
7:00 pm—CS Pack 1140 Committee Meeting (CR)
7:30 pm—WEBS (C)
8:30 pm—AA (CR)

Thursday, December 5, 2013

6:15 pm—Bells
7:00 pm—Ladies AA
7:30 pm—BS Troop 1140 ASM Meeting (FH)
7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Friday, December 6, 2013

7:00 pm—Youth Group Christmas
Decoration Lock-in

Saturday, December 7, 2013

9:30 am—Private Violin Class (FH)



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Clerk of Session

DEACONS: Aida Cardona, Myra Kurtz, Clydette Lobred, Beth Mateyka, Warren Qualley, Martha
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KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“Kirkwood Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith—
seeking, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ.”*

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WE GATHER TOGETHER

SILENT REFLECTION

*“It’s simply about an ordinary man who discovers that living each ordinary day honorably,
with faith in God and a selfless concern for others,
can make for a truly wonderful life.”*

~ Jimmy Stewart ~ “It’s a Wonderful Life”

As you enter the sanctuary, please prepare for worship with quiet reverence.

PRELUDE *Emmanuel Shall Come (A Pastorate for Advent)* Dennis Eliot

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 122

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Ron Taylor

Leader: Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!
People: **Let us worship God!**

INTROIT *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Liturgy of St. James
4th century/French carol
Universal Psalmist

CALL TO WORSHIP *~ from Isaiah 2:5, Matthew 24:42, Romans 13:11-12*
Ron Taylor

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**
Leader: Now is the time to wake from sleep.
People: **The night is far gone; the day is near.**
Leader: Keep awake; be ready. Christ is coming!
ALL: **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

Benefit Concert for the Relief of Typhoon victims in Philippines—Sunday, Dec. 1st at 7pm at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church, 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. Come enjoy an evening of classical music with Washington D.C.’s finest musicians. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross Typhoon Appeal. For more information call 703/200-7489.

ECHO—Each month on or before communion Sunday, the bulletin will include a list of those food items in short supply at ECHO and the “ECHO box” will be placed in the narthex on communion Sunday to receive food donations.

Please consider adding a few of these items to your weekend grocery list and let’s try to fill up the “ECHO box” to relieve hunger in our community.

This month, the items most in need are: dry powdered milk, can meat/baked beans, boxed rice, tomato sauce/paste/can tomatoes, juice (46-64 oz. and individual size), pain/cold/flu medicine (children and adult), deodorant, shaving cream, toothbrushes (children and adults), toothpaste, toilet paper, bath soap.

Christmas Giving Tree—This year Kirkwood will be supporting Lynbrook Elementary School through our Giving Tree in the narthex. Please take an ornament home for your tree beginning December 1, and bring the listed gift (unwrapped) back to Kirkwood by Sunday, Dec. 15. Lynbrook’s greatest need is for winter coats for the students and their toddler siblings. Other choices include hat/gloves/mittens, underwear and socks, and books and puzzles. Please give generously as you are able.

Special Concerns:
Members/friends in the armed forces who are in harm’s way:
Major Joe Yancey, U.S. Army
Guantanamo Bay

Health & Personal Concerns:
Bob Flory
Steve Coffman’s sister-in-law, Jan Coffman
Andrew Lemberos, friend of Denise Gulley
Hal Sellers
Dick Pape
Heather Telfer’s father, Bob Snow
Michelle Scofield’s mother Andrea
Morgan Death, friend of Jon Larson
Ben Steven, Joan Reynold’s grandson
Bill Olin
Deanna Johnson
Kathy Lewis’ friend Mary Torczon
Keith Scott
Golda Jean Patterson
Becky Crockett
Family of Darrell Gay
Connie Kurre—mother of Krista Cook

Joys & Concerns

This Week’s Birthdays:
1 Cecilia Wu

This Week’s Anniversaries:
4 Art & Dani Schwalb
Elizabeth and Jess Moose

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings: Next Sunday's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:36-44
Matthew 3:1-12

Welcome to the Lord's Table—On the first Sunday of each month, we gather to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. So that both our teachers and our older elementary aged children may join with our community to participate in the sacrament, our children (ages 3- grade 6) will not be dismissed for class on the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care remains available for infants through children, age three. All who have been baptized and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited and welcomed to the Lord's Table. At their parent's discretion, "Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord's Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity." Gluten free wafers are available for those who have special dietary needs.

Youth Group Gift Wrapping - Each Sunday in December the youth group elves will wrap your gifts for free. Bring your gifts to the Conference room before and after Service on Sunday the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, and the youth will make them look great! If you would like to make a donation it will support the Youth Group.

December Fellowship—Please join us for some holiday fun on **Sunday, December 8th!** We will start out with a Potluck at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall and move into the Sanctuary for the Christmas Hymn sing and Talent show. **Potluck:** We ask that those with last names beginning with A through J bring main dishes and L through Z bring side dishes and desserts. **Talent Show:** Cynthia Lees is coordinating the talent show portion of the event. We have a lot of great talent at Kirkwood and would love to see it. In addition to contacting Cynthia in person to perform, there is a sign-up sheet in the commons area.

Christmas Hymn Sing: In addition to the Talent Show we will take the opportunity to sing some of our favorite Christmas Carols.

Lynbrook Elementary School—The PTA is sponsoring a Yard sale on Saturday, December 14th from 8:00 am—Noon, with a Bag sale at 11:00 am in the Lynbrook Cafeteria. Donations are being accepted between Dec. 2nd—13th, Monday-Friday, 8:45 am—4:30 pm, with evening drop offs on Tuesday & Thursday from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm. All drop offs should be at Door #1 by the main office.

Women's Christmas Party—All Women come to the Christmas Party on **Monday, December 2,** at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will package Christmas cookies for the elderly and shut-ins and share Christmas goodies. WOK will collect the Christmas Offering to support The Mission to the World (on behalf of Tom and Karen Mirabella). The Mirabellas are seeking funds to support their family's mission work in Japan. Please bring 3 dozen purchased or homemade cookies for packaging and sharing. Also, we will be thinking of angels at this Advent season.

GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)

God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now, in Spirit and Truth. Take us up into your presence, and make us ready for your reign of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

2 BH

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

(PLEASE SIT)

CALL TO CONFESSION

~ Romans 13:10-11

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. When we love one another with the love of Christ, we seek forgiveness when we have wronged another. Now is the time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! Let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

(insert)

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~ adapted from I Peter 2:9; Romans 13:14

Leader: *God has called us out of darkness and into God's marvelous light.
Bathed in light and clothed in grace, put on the Lord Jesus Christ.
Know that you are forgiven and live in peace.*

People: Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

44 BH

*"How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessing of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in."*

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

GREETINGS, NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(During the offertory please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it along the pew. You may complete a prayer request card and give it to an usher.)

OFFERING (Please pass the Friendship Folder)
OFFERTORY A Winter Pastorale Franklin Ritter

(PLEASE STAND)
DOXOLOGY Sing We to Our God Above ~ tune GLORIA 23 BH

*Sing we to our God above Praise eternal as God's love,
Praise God, all ye heavenly host Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Candle of Hope

(PLEASE SIT)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Maggie Snyder

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE HEAR THE WORD

THE EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:11-14 p. 987

(PLEASE STAND)
HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem 44 BH

(PLEASE SIT)
THE ADVENT GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44 p. 859

SERMON "It's a Wonderful Life...of Hope!"

ANTHEM Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing
Johann Gottfried Walther/arr. Mark Schweizer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Consecration of the Gifts
Sharing of the Bread and Cup*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (RESPONSIVELY) ~ Isaiah 2:2-5

Leader: In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

People: Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Leader: He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

(PLEASE STAND)
HYMN Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 20 BH
(Tune: St. George's Windsor, BH 551)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE How Majestic Is Your Name! Edward Broughton

BH—Blue Hymnal GH—Green Hymnal
(BCW) Book of Common Worship (BCP) Book of Common Prayer

Pastor Lees and a Deacon will be in the Narthex to greet you. We welcome you to join us for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Rev. Lees' regular day off is Friday. In the event of a need to contact the pastor, you may contact Rev. Lees at (c) 703-589-7167. **Fall office hours are 9:30-2:30 M-F.**

Nursery care for children under 3 is available during the worship service.

Lighting the Candle of Hope on our Advent Wreath this morning are Carl and Kathy Lewis and their sons Ryan and Bill.

Hard copies of the December Lamplighter are now available in the Commons area.

Please pick up a copy of the Advent Devotional *The Bright Star of Bethlehem* after worship this morning.

Prayer Quilt - Join us in prayer as we tie a prayer quilt for Caryn Burdett. Caryn is the cousin of Sandy Webster and is recovering from surgery. As you tie each knot please say a silent prayer for healing. Thank you Kirkwood for making this a tangible sign of our love and prayers.