

THIS WEEK AT KIRKWOOD

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Youth Gift Wrapping before and after Worship

9:30 am—Adult/Teen Sunday School &
Kids Rock N' Stuff
11:00 am—Worship service & Sunday School (S)
12:15 pm—Deacon's Meeting
1:30 pm—Korean Service (S)
3:00 pm—Korean Fellowship (FH)
6:00 pm—Christmas Potluck &
Talent Show/Hymn Sing (FH/S)

Monday, December 9, 2013

3:30 pm—GS Troop 1203 (CR)
5:30 pm—Brownie Troop 144 (FH)
6:30 pm—CS Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CR)
6:30 pm—WOK Book Club (C)

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

6:30 pm—CS Pack 1140 Den Meeting (CR)
7:30 pm—ACA Meeting (CR)
7:30 pm—CE Meeting (P)
8:00 pm—BS Troop 1140 PLC Meeting (C)

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

10:00 am—MOPS Steering (C)
6:00 pm—CS Pack 685 Meeting (SB)
6:30 pm—Brownie Troop 2547 (CR)
7:00 pm—BS Troop 1140 Meetings (SB)
7:30 pm—WEBS
8:30 pm—AA (CR)

Thursday, December 12, 2013

10:00 am—MOMS Next (C)
6:15 pm—Bells
7:00 pm—Ladies AA
7:30 pm—Choir Practice

Friday, December 13, 2013

6:30 pm—Private Violin Recital (S/FH)

Saturday, December 14, 2013

3:00 pm—Concerts from Kirkwood (S/FH)



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MINISTERS: All Members

CLERK/SESSION ELDERS: Doug Amon, Bob Gisch, Pam Johnson, Karen Koenig, Dan Larson,
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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 is a joyful community of faith—
seeking, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ."*

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WE GATHER TOGETHER

SILENT REFLECTION

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

~ It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

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

PRELUDE *Advent Star* Edward Broughton

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Woody Wingfield

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

INTROIT *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Latin Chant, c. 12th century

CALL TO WORSHIP Woody Wingfield
~ from *Isaiah 11:1-2, 6-7, 9*

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: We long for the day when a Shoot will sprout from Jesse's stump,
and from the roots a budding Branch.
People: **God's Spirit will rest upon him. Wisdom and understanding,
direction and strength will be his delight.**
All: **And the whole earth will brim with a living knowledge of God.**

Joys & Concerns

This Week's Birthdays:

- 8 Melissa Finkelstein
- 10 Jean Larson
Mark Wessman
- 12 Sylvia Kelty
- 14 Carol Troxel

This Week's Anniversaries:

- 8 Jim & Susan Lister
- 9 Erik & Becca Larson
- 11 Bob & Maggie Snyder

Special Concerns:

Members/friends in the armed forces who are in harm's way:
Major Joe Yancey, U.S. Army
Guantanamo Bay
Captain Jason Moore, USMC
Afghanistan

Our Missionaries in Zambia:
Rev. Kari Nicewander & Joel DeJong

Sorrows:

Our Christian love and sympathy is offered to Steve Patterson at the death of his mother and our sister in Christ, Golda Jeanne Patterson. Golda Jeanne died in her home on Friday morning after an extended illness. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Steve Patterson at 5968 Seabright Road, Springfield VA 22152

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
Janice Gorrie, friend of Steve & Debbie Wingfield
Brenda Freimuth, Beth Mateyka's sister

December Fellowship—Please join us for some holiday fun **TONIGHT!** 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. **Christmas Hymn Sing:** In addition to the Talent Show we will take the opportunity to sing some of our favorite Christmas Carols.

Flowers today are given by Lily, Ryan, Blake & Greer Larson in celebration of Jean's birthday.

Today's Revised Common Lectionary Readings: Next Sunday's Revised Common Lectionary Readings:
 Isaiah 11:1-10 Isaiah 35:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Psalm 146:5-10
 Romans 15:4-13 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 3:1-12 Matthew 11:2-11

The Session of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church has called for a "Special Meeting of the Congregation" to be convened on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013, immediately following the 11:00 am morning Worship Service in the sanctuary of Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive review, and act on a report from the Budget & Finance Committee and to act on a subsequent motion from the Session to "approve proceeding with refinancing the current commercial loan with Cardinal Bank, 8270 Greensboro Drive, McLean, Virginia." Supporting documents will be available on the day of the congregational meeting. There will be no other business entertained at this meeting than that expressly stated in the aforementioned call.

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 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.

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.

WOK Book Club—This club will meet at the home of Chris Cataldo at the special time of **6:30 pm on Monday, Dec. 9th.** Please contact Chris at ChrisWestCataldo@gmail.com about bringing a dish. The book is *Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann B. Ross.

Kids Helping Kids - Next **Sunday, Dec, 15th** the children of Kirkwood will package weekend food packs for needy children at Newington Forest Elementary. Each package contains nutritious, easy to fix food that will help the children return to school ready to learn each Monday. If you would like to help this month we're in need of mac & cheese, canned chicken or tuna fish, and ramen noodles. Please bring your items to the Kids Helping Kids table in the Fellowship Hall. Kids, get ready to help package the food next week!

Home for Christmas

The Potomac Brass Quintet & Friends

Saturday, December 14, 3:00 PM

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Concerts from
Kirkwood





Leader: O God, how we yearn for the coming of your peaceable kingdom.
People: **When the wolf will romp and play with the lamb, and the leopard sleep soundly with the kid.**
Leader: The cow and the bear will graze the same pasture. Their calves and cubs will grow up together.
All: **And the whole world will be filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the seas.**

GATHERING PRAYER

O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN *O Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 48 BH

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

(PLEASE SIT)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. We hurt and harm one another; we neglect the poor and the hungry. Hear our confession; forgive us; deliver us; prepare the way for us, so that we may be ready to enter into your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Holy God, we desire our own way. We desire to forge ahead without waiting for Your guidance. We have defined peace to be our own happiness, and have forgotten that peace includes the well-being of all people, especially the poor and oppressed. Forgive us when we have sought our own way, on our own terms, and have forgotten all of Your people. Grant us the wisdom and insight to slow down, welcome the stranger into our lives, and seek out the poor and the oppressed and speak up for justice. In the name of Christ, who is coming unto us in a new way, we pray. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: *The reign of God has come near; the repentant will be judged with righteousness. You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you new life. Rejoice and believe. Know that you are forgiven and be 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.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Peace

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3 to 6th grade are dismissed to their Sunday School Classes)

GREETING, 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.)

MINUTES FOR CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Bob Gisch

(PLEASE SIT)

OFFERING *(Please pass the Friendship Folder)*

OFFERTORY *Come, God, Be with Us*
(tune—VENI EMMANUEL)

Ben Rogan

(PLEASE STAND)

DOXOLOGY *Sing We to Our God Above* ~ tune GLORIA 23 BH
(Angels, We Have Heard on High)

*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

(PLEASE SIT)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WE HEAR THE WORD

THE LESSON FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 11:1-10 p. 595

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* 38 BH

(PLEASE SIT)

THE ADVENT GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12 p. 836

SERMON *“Journey to Bethlehem—Beneath Life’s Crushing Load...”*

HANDBELL CHOIR *Wonderful Words of Life* Philip P. Bliss
arr. Patricia Sander Cota

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

A PRAYER FOR PEACE *(insert)*

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* 267 GH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Come, All Ye Faithful* arr. Humphrey Tuner

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

Pastor Lees and an Elder 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 Peace on our Advent Wreath this morning are Heather and Vince Telfer and their children Connor, Brennan, and Alaura.

Revised 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 Dave Kurtz, Myra Kurtz's husband. As you tie a knot please say a silent prayer for healing. The prayer quilt will be in the commons area before and after service. Thank you Kirkwood for making this a tangible symbol of our love and prayers.