

This Week at Kirkwood

Sunday, November 23, 2014

9:45 AM Adult and Teen Sunday School; Kids
Rock 'N Stuff
11:00 AM Worship Service (S) - children dis-
missed to Sunday School
12:15 PM Youth Group
12:30 PM Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch (FH)
2:00 PM CROP Walk
5:00 PM Hypothermia Dinner (Prince of Peace
Lutheran)

Monday, November 24, 2014

10:30 AM MOMS Club of Springfield (FH)
5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2460 (FH)
6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 den meetings (CR)
7:00 PM Aging Support Group (C)

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CR)

Wednesday, November 26, 2014

7:30 PM WEBS (C)

Thursday, November 27, 2014

Office Closed - Thanksgiving
7:00 PM Ladies AA

Friday, November 28, 2014

Office Closed - Thanksgiving

(S) Sanctuary (C) Conference Room (CR) Classrooms (N) Nursery (FH) Fellowship Hall (P) Parlor



KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Karen Koenig—Clerk of Session

DEACONS: Aida Cardona, Ann Gisch, Myra Kurtz, Clydette Lobred, Tammy Mottl, Warren Qualley,
Maggie Snyder, Sandy Webster, Ardyss Wherry

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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

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

11:00 AM

CHRIST THE KING / REIGN OF CHRIST

SILENT REFLECTION

“Two men stared out of prison bars; one saw the mud, the other the stars.”

~ unknown

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *Morning Prayer* arr. Laura Bergquist

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 100

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Rex Grigg

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

Introit *Soon and Very Soon* Andraé Crouch

CALL TO WORSHIP Rex Grigg
~ adapted from Psalm 100:1, 5; Ezekiel 34:15, 16a

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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Come into God’s presence with singing!
People: **We are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.**
Leader: Our shepherd God seeks the lost, feeds the hungry,
and strengthens the weak.
People: **For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.**
ALL: **And God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

National Capital Presbytery plays a vital role in providing education, resources and support for our local congregations and was instrumental in assisting Kirkwood to refinance its mortgage at an attractive rate. We would like to be able to fully fund our per member assessment this year, so if you have not yet made your contribution, please consider writing a check to Kirkwood for \$36 and mark the memo line as NCP Assessment. Thank you.

Joys & Concerns

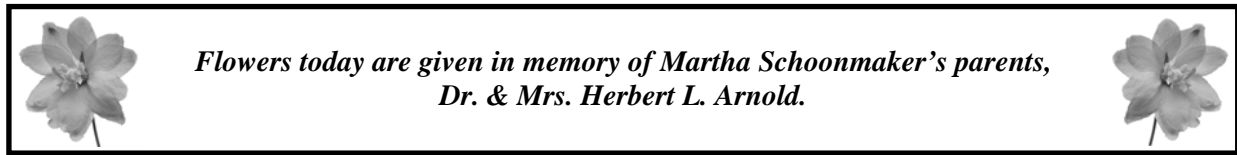
This Week’s Birthdays:
Nov. 24 Caitlin Schindler
Nov. 26 Wayne Hall
Anna Scofield
Rebecca Koenig
Nov. 28 Margaret Ritsch

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

Tom & Karen Mirabella and family, serving in the mission field in Japan

Sorrows:
We extend our deepest expression of Christian love and sympathy to Maynard & Joyce Nelson and their daughter Katherine & her family at the death of Katherine’s husband Dan Godwin.

Health & Personal Concerns:
Bob Flory
Hal Sellers
Dick Pape
Heather Telfer’s father, Bob Snow
Morgan Death, friend of Jon Larson
Keith Scott
Bobbie Myers - Phil Myers’ mother
Dani Schwalb
Caitlyn Hutter, friend of Dani Schwalb
Carla Coffman, Rebecca Larson’s mother
Gary Klimek, husband of Ann Gisch’s niece
Katherine Hart, mother of Ann Gisch
Jestin Braker, nephew of Bob Gisch
Michael Taylor, brother of Ron Taylor
Brian Costello



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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
I Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Anything But Turkey: Don't forget to join us for a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall following service today. After lunch, we'll be decorating the church in anticipation and celebration of Christ's birth.

Altar Flowers: The 2015 flower calendar is now available in the main hallway outside the kitchen. If you would like to honor or remember someone by giving altar flowers, please consider signing up.

Support Group on Aging: All are invited to attend our next meeting on November 24 at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. The purpose of the group is to offer support and education to those caring for the elderly and others interested in the subject. Rev. Dr. Cardona will discuss Medicare. For further information, contact Rev. Dr. Cardona at 703-232-3041 or at saul.cardona@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests: Kirkwood has a prayer request group e-mail which passes along concerns of our members so that others can pray for them. If you would like to be added to the e-mail list, please email Warren Qualley at wlqualley@hotmail.com.

ECHO Needs Elves: Each year, ECHO offers an opportunity for clients to choose Christmas gifts for their children. Volunteers (elves) are needed to assist clients with gift selection. Elves will assist about 3-4 clients per hour by offering one-on-one assistance. Seven volunteers, including one Spanish speaker, are needed to fill time slots on **December 6, 10, 13, 15, and 17**. If you would like more information or are available to help, please contact Barbara Minton at 703-644-5709 or flashminton@hotmail.com.

Brunch With a Bunch: This small group is open to all on Sunday, **December 7** at Ledo Pizza & Pasta, 8324 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield (in the Giant shopping center across Traford Ln. from Kirkwood). It's scheduled for **12:30 pm** so head straight there after worship and the Hospitality Table. Please contact Warren and Karen Qualley at 703-646-5905 or via e-mail at wlqualley@hotmail.com if you have any questions. There is a special opportunity to help out the Northern Virginia Chorale at this Brunch, as they will be holding a fundraiser on that Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Please mention the Chorale when paying your check so that they will receive a percentage of that check. We hope to see you there!

Emotional Support and Healing. Within the church there are many ways to receive support and healing from others such as the pastor, deacons, and small groups. The deacons are testing booklets, called CareNotes, which offer comfort, support, and healing to the Kirkwood Family. CareNotes are meant for people dealing with emotional situations such as health conditions, grief, and loss. Samples are provided on the rack by the office door. Feel free to take a booklet and see what you think. Please provide feedback and suggest topics of interest to Ann Gisch at 703-764-3058 or ann.gisch@gmail.com.

GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)

~ adapted from Ezekiel 34:15-16

Shepherding God, seek us and gather us in. Bring back the wandering hearts. Bind up the broken hearts. Strengthen the weak. Gather us in peace. Uphold us in love. Draw us to yourself that we might delight in your verdant pastures and rest near your gentle waters. Let us rejoice in your loving-kindness and with grateful hearts sing to your glory and praise. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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(PLEASE SIT)

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

Beloved in Christ, with sincere and repentant hearts and confident in God's mercies, let us confess our sin against Christ and one another. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully for you are a gracious king - both a powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all. We depend on your mercy, for we have sinned. We have neglected your call to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. We have failed to hope and to work for justice. We have ignored your face in the stranger. Forgive us, we pray. Gather us and lead us that we may live as your faithful people, seeing as you see, and loving as you love. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

~ adapted from Psalm 100:5

Leader: Beloved in Christ, however long we wander, however far we stray,
God's steadfast love endures forever. Sisters and brothers be assured:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Spirit Song

John Wimber

*O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you,
and His Spirit, like a dove, Will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.*

WE PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

People: **And also with you.**

(PLEASE SIT)

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

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

GREETING, NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the friendship folder and pass it along the pew.)

(You may complete prayer request cards and give them to an usher.)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Found a Friend

arr. Roy Danielson

(PLEASE STAND)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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

FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 97

p. 519

(Please Stand)

Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

466 BH

(PLEASE SIT)

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 16:16-34

p. 963

SERMON

Staring at the Mud or Gazing at the Stars?

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord of Heaven

Eugene Butler

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Collect for the Day

~ The Book of Common Prayer

O God, the King of glory, You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.*

POSTLUDE

Give Thanks Unto God

Emma Louise Ashford

arr. Michael Ryan

BH—Blue Hymnal GH—Green Hymnal

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

If you have not done so already, please take a few moments to faithfully consider how God is leading you to financially support the ministry of Christ here at Kirkwood in the coming year. Please complete your Pledge Card or the "I Plan to Support Kirkwood" card you'll find in the pews and return it with your morning offering.