

This Week at Kirkwood

Thursday, December 25, 2014

Christmas Day - Office Closed
7:00 PM Ladies AA

Friday, December 26, 2014

Office Closed

Saturday, December 27, 2014

Sunday, December 28, 2014

No Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship Service (S)

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



KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CLERK/SESSION ELDERS: Doug Amon, Bob Gisch, Pam Johnson, Dan Larson, Nathan Mottl, Joan Reynolds, Donna Ross, Martha Schoonmaker, Bob Snyder, Yvonne Taylor, Joe Yancey; 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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CHURCH**



Lights in the Forest by Don Fredericksen

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

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

"...it was always said of him [Scrooge], that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us!"

~ Charles Dickens—“A Christmas Carol”

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *O Holy Night* Adolphus Adam/ arr. Franklin Ritter

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

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.)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

(PLEASE STAND)

CAROL OF ADORATION *O Come, All Ye Faithful* 41 BH
(PLEASE SIT)

CALL TO WORSHIP Becky Koenig
Luke 2:1-6

Leader: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.

People: **This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria.**

Leader: And all went up to be enrolled, each to his own city.

People: **And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,**

Leader: to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

People: **And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.**

(PLEASE STAND)

CAROL *Once In Royal David's City* 49 BH
(PLEASE SIT)



Silent Night! Holy Night!

*Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

*Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

THE BIDDING PRAYER 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.

(PLEASE STAND)

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)

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Deanna Johnson

OFFERING

Leader: Let us bring forward our gifts and offerings.

OFFERTORY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Handbell Choir

John Wade (c. 1711-86)/Jacob B. Weber (arr. 2014)

THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH

Luke 2:7

CAROL

Away in a Manger

24 BH

THE SHEPHERD'S WATCH

Luke 2:8-12

CAROL

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

59 BH

THE ANGEL'S VISITATION

Luke 2:13-16

CAROL

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

31 BH

THE SHEPHERD'S JOURNEY

Luke 2:17-19

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

God Bless Us—Every One!

CAROL

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

29 BH

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER*

CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night* 60 BH
(Accompanied by the Adult Bell Choir)
Handbell arrangement by F. Alden Terry

please turn to page 6 for lyrics

As *Silent Night* begins, the lights will be dimmed.
The acolytes will receive the light from the Christ Candle
and will light the candle of the first worshippers in each pew.

THE SHEPHERD’S REJOICING Luke 2:20

(Please extinguish your candle following the reading)

(PLEASE STAND)

THE CAROL OF JOY *Joy to the World* 40 BH
(PLEASE SIT)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *All My Heart This Night Rejoices* arr. Johann Georg Ebeling

All Scripture readings for tonight’s Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Carols and Lessons are from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

*A *Christmas Prayer* is adapted from the writings of The Reverend Peter Marshall.

The water color painting on this evening’s bulletin cover was done by our friend **Don Fredericksen**, one of our artists in residence.

Lighting our Advent Wreath and The Christ Candle are **Kris Arnold** and her daughters **Briana** and **Lindsey**.

We would like to extend our warm thanks to the members of the bell choir for sharing their musical gifts this evening: Sara Amon, Sylvia Kely, Karen Koenig, Rebecca Koenig, Jan Pickrel, and Yvonne Taylor.

Acolytes for this service are **Bill Lewis** and **Haleigh Cook**.

Special thanks to **Rex Grigg** and the **youth group** for providing our luminaries and serving as ushers and greeters for this service and to **Deanna Johnson** for offering tonight’s children’s Christmas message.

Office Closures and Vacation Schedules: The office will be closed for Christmas on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26. It will also be closed for New Year’s from Tuesday, December 30 through Friday, January 2. Pastor Lees will be on vacation December 30 through January 4 and will return to the office on Monday, January 5. Rev. Saul Cardona will be on call for any pastoral emergencies and can be reached at 703-232-3041. He will also lead us in worship on January 4.

Communion Table 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 flowers, please consider signing up. The cost is \$45.

January is Kirkwood’s Turn to Help Restock Stock ECHO’s Food Pantry: Your help is urgently needed to donate food to help restock ECHO’s food pantry. Hundreds of needy families in our community need emergency help now. The ECHO collection box will be available in the narthex each Sunday through January. Please bring your non-perishable food donations. Urgent needs this week include: powdered milk, tomato sauce/paste (6-8 oz. size), pancake syrup, jelly, vegetable/canola/olive oil, boxed potatoes, juice (indiv. boxes and large cans), canned meat, adult pain/flu/cold medicine, children’s pain/flu/cold medicine.

Brunch With a Bunch: This small group is open to all on **Sunday, January 4** at Asian Grill, West Springfield Shopping Center, 6228 Rolling Rd, Springfield (across Rolling Road from Traford Ln). It’s scheduled for 12:30 pm, so head straight there after worship and the Hospitality Table. Please contact John and Ardys Wherry at (703) 866-0327 or via e-mail at jhw@parent-institute.com if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

Annual Report Info Needed: The Session has called for the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** to be held on **January 25, 2015** immediately following the worship service. The agenda will include: the review and reception of the Annual Reports for 2014, a review and reception of 2015 budget, and the presentation and approval of changes in the terms of the pastoral call for 2015. Committee chairs and organizational leaders are reminded that all articles for the 2014 Annual Report need to be submitted to the church office **no later than Sunday, January 4**. Please email your report to Anne at office.manager@kirkwoodpres.com.

Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God by:

	Donna & Joe Ross	
	Jon & Merissa Larson	
	Anne & Ron Cook	
	Cecilia Wu	
	Lars & Jean Larson	
	Sandy & John Webster	
	Martha & Jim Schoonmaker	
	Joan Reynolds	
	Dick Pape	
	Jan Pickrel	
	JoAnne & Cliff Collins	

