

This Week at Kirkwood

Sunday, November 30, 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 Christian Education (C)

Monday, December 1, 2014

5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 144 (FH)
6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 den meetings (CR)
7:30 PM BS Troop 1140 Committee Meeting
(FH)

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

9:30 AM Springfield Acres Garden Club Board
Meeting (FH/K)
6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CR)
7:30 PM Outreach Fellowship Committee

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

9:30 AM MOPS (FH/K/CR)
6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 Committee Meeting
(CR)
7:00 PM BS Troop 1140 Meeting (FH)
7:30 PM BS Venture Crew 3200 (CR)
7:30 PM WEBS (C)

Thursday, December 4, 2014

6:30 PM Bells
7:00 PM Ladies AA
7:30 PM BS Troop 1140 ASM Meeting (C)
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Friday, December 5, 2014

5:00 PM Girl Scouts (FH/K)

Saturday, December 6, 2014

9:30 AM Private Violin Class (FH)
3:00 PM Concerts from Kirkwood (S/FH)

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

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SILENT REFLECTION

“We light one candle, we stay awake, and we watch. We are watching for any signs of God, we are listening for the stirrings of the Spirit, we are participating in the life of justice. We are ready to catch the flame of this one candle and gently carry it wherever we go, taking hope with us to share.”

~ *Melissa Bane Sevier*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong* arr. Michael Ryan
(Veni Emmanuel)

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Briana Windhausen

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!
People: Let us worship God!

Introit *Come, Come Emmanuel* James Chepponis

CALL TO WORSHIP Briana Windhausen
~ *from Isaiah 64:1; Mark 13:32-33, 37; Mark 1:1*

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.
People: We wait and we watch for the coming of Jesus our Savior.
Leader: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!
People: Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.
Leader: Be alert! Keep awake! The time is drawing near:
ALL We await the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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.

The Giving Tree: Kirkwood’s Giving Tree will again make its appearance in the narthex during the advent season. The Giving Tree will be decorated with ornaments made by our Sunday School children and each ornament will have information on the reverse side about a gift which you can purchase and donate to a disadvantaged child or their family at Lynbrook Elementary School. Please take one or more decorations, purchase the item(s), and deposit them unwrapped in the receptacle near the tree. The last day of the collection period is Sunday, December 14.

Potluck and Caroling: Following the presentation of our children’s nativity during worship on **December 14**, gather in the fellowship hall for caroling and a potluck lunch. We will have both kid and adult friendly lunch fare and our choir director, Christopher Smith, will be leading us in singing some of our favorite Christmas carols. Ham and turkey will be provided by Kirkwood. Please bring other dishes and desserts according to the first letter of your last name: A - I: side dishes; J - M: kid-friendly dishes; N - Z: desserts. Make sure to invite friends and family to the nativity as well as the potluck and caroling - the more, the merrier!

Joys & Concerns

This Week’s Birthdays:

Nov. 30 Rachel Amon
Dec. 1 Cecilia Wu

This Week’s Anniversaries:

Nov. 30 Don & Joy Groettum
Dec. 4 Art & Dani Schwalb
Elizabeth & Jess Moose

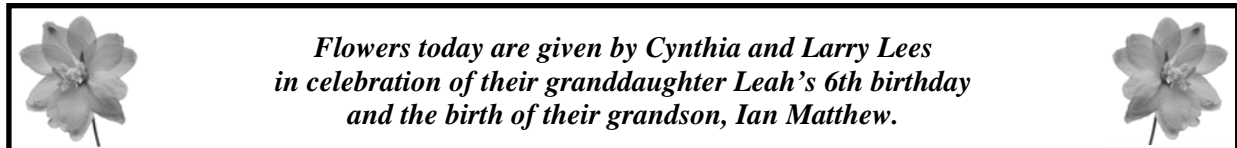
Special Concerns:

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

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

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
Jestin Braker, nephew of Bob Gisch
Michael Taylor, brother of Ron Taylor
Brian Costello
Don Fredericksen



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

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

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

“Joy in Jesus” advent devotionals are now available in the Narthex and Commons Area.

The **December Lamplighter** and calendar are now available in the Commons Area.

Alter 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 alter flowers, please consider signing up. The cost is \$45.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to order a poinsettia for Christmas, please add your name to the sheet next to the flower calendar. Donations are accepted as payment.

Collection for ECHO: Next Sunday, December 7, the ECHO box will be located in the Narthex. Please consider bringing items to donate when you come for worship. A list of urgently needed items can be found at www.echo-inc.org.

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.

Concerts from Kirkwood: Concerts from Kirkwood presents its next concert next **Saturday, December 6** at 3:00 pm. The concert will feature “Classical FX”, an incredibly talented vocal quartet ensemble that includes musicians Denise Gulley, Soprano, Terri Erchul Malone, Mezzo Soprano, Tim Augustin, Tenor and Matthew J. Minor, Bass- Baritone. The performers are very well known and frequently perform with the Washington National Opera, Wolf Trap Opera and Washington Concert Opera. Many of the members also enjoy solo careers, have toured world-wide, won numerous competitions and performed major roles in highly acclaimed opera houses. Classical FX has performed for the series in the past and is one of the most popular and acclaimed ensembles that has appeared with Concerts from Kirkwood.

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 next 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!

GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)

God of Promise, we watch and wait for your coming as we begin our Advent pilgrimage. Grant us the courage to hope - to hope for your presence, to hope for your peace, and to hope for your promise. In the name of Jesus, the Light of the world, we pray. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

2 BH

(PLEASE SIT)

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

Call to Confession

~ Isaiah 64:6b

Beloved in Christ: Like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away, our sins dry us up; faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done. Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life. Let us confess our sin to the One who makes all things new.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Hope, Eternal Keeper of Sacred Promises: we light one small candle to brighten the path as we begin this Advent journey. Lead us to the One coming in your name. Save us from frivolous preparations that obscure the mystery and majesty of Christ's arrival among us. May this one dancing flame remind us that the reign of our God is slowly but surely dawning upon our weary world. O come, Promised One, be God's pure Light among us banishing the darkness of the world and brightening the path that leads to new life forevermore. 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

Claire Coninger/Don Casson

(choir will sing through once then the congregation will join)

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come.*

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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)

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

The Candle of Hope

A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Grateful Praise

Paul Taylor

(PLEASE STAND)

DOXOLOGY *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow ~tune 53 BH*

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.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

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 64:1-9

p. 643

(Please Stand)

Hymn

My Lord, What a Morning

449 BH

(PLEASE SIT)

THE ADVENT GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

p. 882

SERMON

Marley’s Ghost

ANTHEM

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing

arr. Mark Schweizer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Closing Prayer (Unison)

~ The Book of Common Worship

Eternal God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give him praise; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Sprit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

251 GH

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Come Emmanuel

James Chepponis

Choir/Cantor: Come, Come, Emmanuel. Come Emmanuel

Congregation: Come, Come, Emmanuel. Come Emmanuel

POSTLUDE

Flourish on “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

arr. Michael Ryan

BH—Blue Hymnal GH—Green Hymnal

*Lighting the Candle of Hope on our Advent Wreath this morning are
Jason & Maria Moore and family.*

*All quotations from Charles Dickens are from “A Christmas Carol,”
Christmas Books, Volume 18, Peter Fenelon Collier, Publisher.*

*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.*