

**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**



*Lights in the Forest* by Don Fredericksen



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

*Kirkwood's Mission Statement*

All Scripture readings for tonight's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Carols and Lessons are from the King James Version of the Bible.

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 **Bob and Pat Futato**.

Special thanks to **Bob & Claire Runger and their granddaughters** for serving as ushers and greeters this evening and to **Jeff Jennette, Rebecca Johnson, and Christopher Smith** for offering this evening's scripture readings.

**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 while Rev. Lees is away from the office 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.

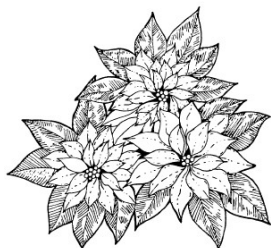
**January is Kirkwood's Turn to Help Restock Stock ECHO's Food Pantry:** Your help is urgently needed to donate food to help restock ECHO's food pantry. Hundreds of needy families in our community need emergency help now. The ECHO collection box will be available in the narthex each Sunday through January. 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 Ardyss Wherry at (703) 866-0327 or via e-mail at [jhw@parent-institute.com](mailto: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](mailto: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



**Choir**

**Soprano**

Ann Gisch  
Denise Gulley  
Pam Johnson

**Alto**

Susie Yancey  
Susan Lister  
Anne Washington

**Tenor**

Jim Lister  
Connor Gulley

**Bass**

Bob Gisch

**Violins**

Diana Sundsvold  
Mark Wessman

**Trumpet**

Woody Wingfield

**Music Staff**

Hongjoo Lee, Organist  
Christopher F. Smith, Director of Music

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

"...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"*

**PRELUDE**

*Canon in D*

Johann Pachelbel

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Diana Sundsvold & Mark Wessman, violins

***When the lights of the sanctuary dim,  
please observe a prayerful and expectant silence.***

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

41 BH

**(The choir sings verse one while processing. Please join and sing verses two and three.)**

2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!  
O, Come let us Adore Him, O, Come let us Adore Him,  
O, Come let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!  
O, Come let us Adore Him, O, Come let us Adore Him,  
O, Come let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**\*CAROL**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

31 BH

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

**GATHERING AFFIRMATION**

Rev. Larry Lees

Leader: O people of God, Arise, Shine, for Thy Light has Come!

People: **And the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.**

**THE BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, which 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.

**ANTHEM**

*Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree*

Tallis Canon/arr. Simon Andrews

**THE LESSONS**

*After the reading of each lesson, the congregation responds by saying: “Thanks be to God!”  
Please remain seated for the singing of the carols.*

**THE PROMISE**

**FIRST LESSON**

Luke 1:67-79

**CAROL**

*Once in Royal David’s City*

49 BH

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;  
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

**SECOND LESSON**

Isaiah 11:1-9

**CAROL**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

48 BH

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, By faithful prophets sung.  
It came a flower-et bright, Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind,



*Franz Gruber was an Austrian primary school teacher and organist and choirmaster at St Nicholas Church in the village of Oberndorf bei Salzburg. Together with Josef Mohr (original German lyrics), a Catholic priest, Gruber composed the Christmas Carol Silent Night. On Christmas Eve of 1818, Mohr, an assistant pastor at St Nicholas, showed Gruber a six-stanza poem he had written in 1816. He asked Gruber to set the poem to music. The church organ had broken down so Gruber produced a melody with guitar arrangement for the poem. The two men sang "Stille Nacht" for the first time at Christmas Mass in St Nicholas Church while Mohr played guitar and the choir repeated the last two lines of each verse. In keeping with the respects of the original piece, an arrangement was made for guitar with the addition of two violins by American composer Alden Terry and Music Director Christopher Smith. This arrangement premiered at Kirkwood Church on Christmas Eve, 2012.*

***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!"*

(Please wait for the Choir before beginning verse three.)

*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.*

With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love a-right She bore for us a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.

**THE ANNUNCIATION**

**THIRD LESSON**

Luke 1:26-38

**CAROL**

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

16 BH

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow,  
his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother you shall be,  
All generations praise continually, Your Son shall be Emmanuel,  
by seers foretold." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleases  
God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a  
Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor Lees

**OFFERING**

Leader: Let us now bring forward our tithes and offerings.

**OFFERTORY**

**THE FULLFILLMENT AND ADORATION**

**FOURTH LESSON**

Luke 2:1-7

**CAROL**

*Away in a Manger*

24 BH

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,  
The Little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

**SOLO** *What Child is This?* Traditional/arr. Roger Quilter  
Bob Gisch, Bass

**FIFTH LESSON** Luke 2:8-16

**ANTHEM** *African Noel*  
Traditional African Folksong/  
arr. Dave Perry and Jean Perry

**SIXTH LESSON** Luke 2:17-20

**MEDITATION** *God Bless Us—Every One* Rev. Larry Lees

**CAROL** *Angels We Have Heard on High* 23 BH

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plain.  
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heavenly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee. Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

**SEVENTH LESSON** Matthew 2:1-11

**ANTHEM** *Saw You Never in the Twilight*  
Chartres/arr. Mark Schweizer

**CAROL** *Joy to the World!* 40 BH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

**EIGHTH LESSON** John 1:1-14

**ANTHEM** *A Lamb is Born Among the Sheep*  
David W. Music/String arrangement by Alden Terry  
Chancel Choir and Violins

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER\*\*** Rev. Larry Lees

### CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** *Silent Night* Franz Gruber  
(Exclusive Arrangement) arr. Alden Terry  
Accompanied by Guitar and Violins

*please turn to page 8 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.

**\* BENEDICTION**  
Please extinguish your candles following the Benediction.

\* Please stand as you are able.

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