

This Week at Kirkwood

Sunday, December 7, 2014

9:45 AM Adult and Teen Sunday School;
Kids Rock 'N Stuff
11:00 AM Worship Service (S)
12:15 PM Special Session Meeting (C)
12:30 PM Brunch with a Bunch

Monday, December 8, 2014

5:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 2460 (FH)
6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 den meetings (CR)
7:30 PM WOK Book Club (C)

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

6:30 PM CS Pack 1140 Den Meetings (CR)
7:30 PM BS Troop 1140 PLC Meeting (C)
7:30 PM Missionary Visit Planning Meeting (P)

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

9:30 AM MOPS Steering (C)
11:15 AM Springfield Christian Women's
Connection (N)

7:00 PM BS Troop 1140 Meeting (FH)
7:30 PM BS Venture Crew 3200 (CR)
7:30 PM Mission Committee (P)
7:30 PM WEBS (C)

Thursday, December 11, 2014

10:00 AM MOMS Next (C)
6:30 PM Bells
7:00 PM Ladies AA
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Friday, December 12, 2014

9:30 AM MOPS Play Date (FH)
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal (S)
6:30 PM Private Violin Class (FH)

Saturday, December 13, 2014

9:00 AM Children's Pageant Rehearsal (FH/S)
3:00 PM Wedding (S)
5:00 PM Private Violin Concert (S/FH)

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



KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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~John Leech's *Mr. Fezziwig's Ball*, from Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*

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

Kirkwood's Mission Statement

DECEMBER 7, 2014

11:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SILENT REFLECTION

“I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round, as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys.”

~ Charles Dickens

WE GATHER TOGETHER

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

PRELUDE *O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Jason Krug

PSALM FOR THE DAY Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Acolytes

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

WORDS OF WELCOME Deanna Johnson

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Let us worship God!**

Introit *Prepare the Way of the Lord*
Taizé Community/Jacques Berthier
*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.
(Mark 1:2-3, Isaiah 40:3)*

CALL TO WORSHIP Deanna Johnson
~ from Isaiah 40:3-5

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

People: **We wait and we watch for the coming of Jesus our Savior.**

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord; make God’s path clear.”

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!

Christmas Joy Offering: This year the church will celebrate the Christmas Joy Offering on Sunday, **December 21**. The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four special offerings for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Gifts contributed to this offering offer provide financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers and supports leadership and education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. If you have any questions contact Nathan Mottl of the Mission Committee.

Annual Report Info Needed: In preparation for the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** to be held in **January 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.

Joys & Concerns

This Week’s Birthdays:

Dec. 8 Melissa Finkelstein
Dec. 10 Jean Larson
Mark Wessman
Dec. 12 Sylvia Kelty

This Week’s Anniversaries:

Dec. 8 Jim & Susan Lister
Dec. 11 Bob & Maggie Snyder

Special Concerns:

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

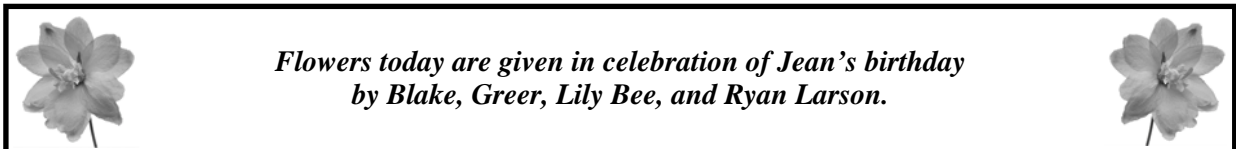
Tom & Karen Mirabella and family, serving in the mission field in Japan

Sorrows:

We extend our deepest expression of Christian love and sympathy to Rebecca Larson and family on the death of her mother, Carla Coffman.

Health & Personal Concerns:

Bob Flory
Hal Sellers
Dick Pape
Bob Snow, Heather Telfer’s father
Morgan Death, friend of Jon Larson
Keith Scott
Bobbie Myers - Phil Myers’ mother
Dani Schwalb
Caitlyn Hutter, friend of Dani Schwalb
Jolynn Desch, friend of Dani Schwalb
Gary Klimek, husband of Ann Gisch’s niece
Michael Taylor, brother of Ron Taylor
Brian Costello
Don Fredericksen
Sue Ann Jocson, friend of Jon Larson



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

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

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
I Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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.

“**Joy in Jesus**” advent devotionals and the **December Lamplighter** are now available in the Commons Area.

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. 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.

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 wqualley@hotmail.com.

ECHO Needs Elves: Seven volunteers are needed to fill time slots on **December 10, 13, 15, and 17** to help clients choose Christmas gifts. 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: We will meet for brunch after worship **today** at Ledo Pasta & Pizza, 8324 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield (in the Giant shopping center across Traford Ln. from Kirkwood). 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 look forward to seeing 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.

The Giving Tree: Kirkwood's Giving Tree has made 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

People: Lift up every valley; lower every mountain.
Leader: Level the uneven ground; smooth out the rough places.
ALL For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

GATHERING PRAYER (UNISON)

~ adapted from Mark 1:3-4

God of the Prophets, you sent your servant John to prepare your way among us, to call us to repentance and make our pathways straight. Strengthen us to live lives of steadfast love and faithfulness as we await the Messiah's return, that all may see your reign of peace through your just and gracious rule. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

2 BH

(PLEASE SIT)

WE PREPARE FOR THE WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

~ 2 Peter 3:9b

Beloved in Christ: God does not want anyone to perish, but rather for all to come to repentance. Therefore, let us confess our sins, for God's salvation is at hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of Peace, Eternal Keeper of Sacred Promises: we light two small candles to brighten the path of hope and peace that your glory might be revealed among us this Advent season. Yet we let despair drown out hope and we permit injustice to squelch efforts at peace. We seek privilege and the power to protect and advance our self-interest. We have not repented of where we have gone wrong nor have we called others to repent. Call us back to your path. Call us to repent of our failures that steadfast love and faithfulness may be found in us and righteousness and peace may be embraced in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace whose coming is sure. Amen.

(moment of silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

~ adapted from Psalm 85:2, 8-9

Leader: Brothers and sisters, by the mercy of Christ, your sins are forgiven, for salvation is at hand for all who turn to God.

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

(PLEASE STAND)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

While we are Waiting, Come

Claire Coninger/Don Cason

With power and glory, Come: with power and glory come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting come. (repeat)

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 Peace

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Cynthia Lees

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Be Comforted My People

Lani Smith

(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 40:1-11

p. 619

(Please Stand)

HYMN

I Wonder as I Wander

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(PLEASE SIT)

THE ADVENT GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

p. 867

SERMON

The Spirit of Christmas Past

ANTHEM

The King Shall Come

Thomas Keesecker

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING PRAYER (UNISON)

~ The Book of Common Worship

God of our salvation, You straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good You have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

(PLEASE STAND)

HYMN

Creator of the Stars of Night

4 BH

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Come, Come Emmanuel

James Chepponis

Cantor: Come, Come, Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel!

**Congregation: Come, Come, Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel,
Come, Come, Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel!**

POSTLUDE

People Look East

arr. Paul Taylor

BH—Blue Hymnal GH—Green Hymnal

*Lighting the Candle of Peace on our Advent Wreath this morning are
Thomas & Lynn Gearhart and family.*

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