

This Week's Activities

Sunday, Dec. 3 *Food Pantry Collection*

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 4:00 p.m. KirkWood Youth Group (KYG)

Monday, Dec. 4 *No Scheduled Activities*

Tuesday, Dec. 5

- 6:30 p.m. Mission Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care, Property & Facilities Meetings

Wednesday, Dec. 6

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Linus Group
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Band/Handbell Choir Rehearsals
- 7:00 p.m. Cantata/Worship Choir Rehearsal
Beautiful Mess

Thursday, Dec. 7

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweers, Stepping Stones,
Administration Meeting

Friday, Dec. 8

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, Dec. 9

- 9:00 a.m. KirkWood Walking Group – Colonial Williamsburg

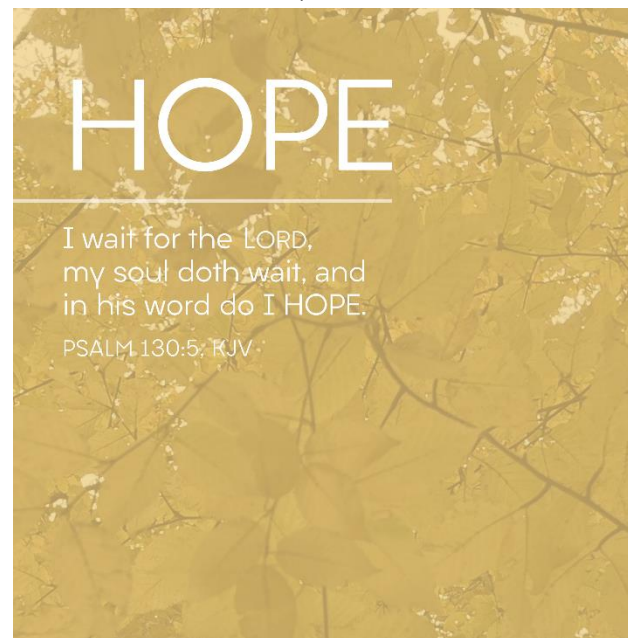
Sunday, Dec. 10 *H.O.P.E. Offering, Christmas Offering Deadline*

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Joyful Noise Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages, UNITE Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Dining Partners – Bella Bakery and Bistro
- 6:30 p.m. Cookies, Carols, and "A Christmas Carol"

Please see the full [church calendar online](#).

WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church
Sunday, December 3, 2023



KirkWood Presbyterian Church

A Christian Community Growing Together, Knowing, Loving, and
Serving Christ, to make Him known to all

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Order of Worship



Hymn #2	"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	
Welcoming Each Other		
Announcements		
Song	Lighting the 1 st Advent Candle "Light of Light" Joel Raney	Susie S. Nicole R. Natalie R.
Anthem	"Here I Am to Worship" Barrett/Angerman	Cantata Choir
Songs	"O Come O Come Emmanuel" "What A Glorious Night"	
Congregational Prayer	Children ages 3 – 2nd grade dismissed for Glory Time	
Sermon	A Surprising Christmas (Week 1) A Surprising God	Pastor Chris Shearer
Piano Meditation	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Fernando Ortega	Ann Brown
The Sacrament of the Lord's Table		
Song	"Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)"	
Benediction	Ben Scott	

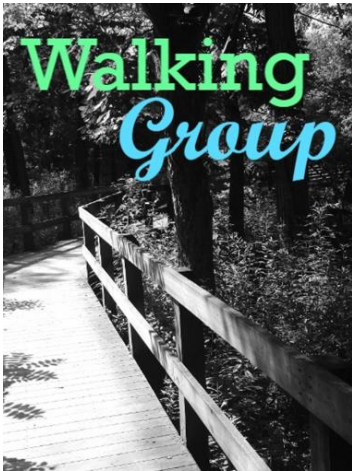
This Week's Prayer Requests

Joyce A.	Linda B.'s brother, Dan
Linda B.	Betty D.'s brother, Thomas
Bruce B.	Betty D.'s sister, Madelyn
Donna C.	Toni F.'s brother, Jeff
Betty D.	Regina H.'s parents
Ruth D.	Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
Toni F.	Jo Ann K.'s daughter, Teresa
Mike F.	Jamie M.'s girlfriend, Maia
Jeane H.	Art & Jody P.'s daughter, Alise
Yun Suk K.	Christine P.'s sister, Michelle
Christine L.	Kim R.'s father, Jim
Mike M.	Lisa W.'s mother
Donna O.	
Christine P.	
Peggy P.	



Prayer Requests and Special Needs

Fill out one of the blue prayer cards in the pews and place it in the Offerings & Prayer Requests box, call/email the church office, or type your prayer request when you Check In online and the request will be published in the Monday Memo email.



KirkWood Walking Group going to Colonial Williamsburg

What better way to feel the holiday spirit than to stroll down the streets of Colonial Williamsburg during the Christmas season. The KirkWood Walking Group will be meeting at the visitor's center at Colonial Williamsburg at 9:00am on Saturday December 9. Those that would like to caravan up together can meet at KirkWood at 8:15. Come join us for the fun and magic of the season as we stroll down Duke of Gloucester Street together to enjoy the sights and sounds of the season.

Usher In a New Year

As a new year approaches, we are looking to expand our teams of ushers on Sunday mornings. We now have usher teams of 2. Responsibilities include greeting people as they come in, handing out bulletins, lighting candles in the sanctuary, unlocking doors, picking up the sanctuary after service, counting members, guests, and vehicles, and locking doors and turning off lights after service. If we get enough teams, you would only be asked to usher once every 6-8 weeks. If you have a burning desire to make a difference and be on an usher team in 2024, contact Bruce Knight 757-303-4252.

Coffee, Tea, for Thee?

For many of us, after Worship Service, we look forward to fellowship time with coffee, tea, drinks and treats in Fellowship Hall every Sunday. Behind the scenes, there are several dedicated teams of two that take turns setting up the coffee time on a rotating basis each week. If you would like to help with this ministry in 2024, contact Bruce Knight 757-303-4252.

KIRKWOOD SILVER plans to celebrate the beautiful season of Christmas together over delicious food in a lovely Christmas atmosphere on Thursday, December 14th at Al Fresco Ristorante at NOON. The restaurant is located at 11710 Jefferson Avenue, NN, just a short distance west of Route 17 S. There is plenty of parking. Sign up by December 10th. Contacts: Anne Effler at 757-872-2255/ anneeffler1@gmail.com, or Wanda Birch at 757-868-8651/ wandjbirch@verizon.net.

Announcements

Advent 2023 Devotional Available!

If you haven't gotten the advent devotional yet, you pick it up today or order it online yourself, especially if you'd like a Kindle version: [A Surprising God: Advent Devotions for... by Long, Thomas G. \(amazon.com\)](#)

The reading schedule is as follows:

- 12/3 - 12/10 = The first week of Advent (days 1-7)
- 12/10 - 12/17 = The second week of Advent (days 1-7)
- 12/17 - 12/24 = The third week of Advent (days 1-7)
- 12/24 - 12/31 = The fourth week of Advent (days 1-7)

So, yes, given the book's length, we'll be reading the last section during the first week of the Christmas season, but that's ok. There won't be any Sunday School on 12/24 or 12/31, so the 8:00 and larger 11:00 adult classes will finish up their discussion of the devotional on 1/7/24. If you have any questions, just ask Pastor Chris - pastorchriskwpc@gmail.com.



LET'S GET IN THE SPIRIT!

Join us on Sunday, December 10th at 6:30 pm for some "Cookies, Carols, and 'A Christmas Carol'." In addition to a variety of sweets, we'll have Wassail and coffee, and be entertained by our own Ann Brown and her Merry Carolers. After that, we'll adjourn to the sanctuary to enjoy George C. Scott in "A Christmas Carol." You can sign up in the narthex or [online by clicking here](#). And, oh, don't forget to wear your most festive (i.e. ugly) Christmas Sweater! The point of contact is Lew Goodman.



KirkWood Dining Partners, that's anyone who likes to fellowship and share good times, are going to brunch on Sunday, December 10th at noon at Bella Bakery & Bistro (1215Q George Washington Memorial Hwy). The bistro is located on Route 17 in the same shopping center as County Grill and Jimmy da Greek's. Please sign up in the narthex or let Cindy Williamson (cwillic114@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend.

Flower Ministry

Did you know about KirkWood's flower ministry? Each week, volunteers take the sanctuary flowers and make several small arrangements to be taken to the sick and shut in.

If you would like to donate sanctuary flowers, you can sign up [online here](#) (or call/email the office to sign up). You can dedicate flowers for a special occasion or in memory/honor of someone. Flower arrangements are \$35.00 per week. You can [pay online by clicking here](#) or send a check with "Flowers" on the memo line.

Pledge E-Card

KirkWood has an electronic Pledge Card!!! If you'd like to make your 2024 pledge to KirkWood using this new, convenient capability: 1) go to <https://kirkwoodpcusa.org> and click on "Pledge" at the bottom right of the screen --OR-- 2) use this QR code to go directly to the form. Kathy Fore, KirkWood's Financial Secretary, is the only person who will see your pledge.



Monthly Mission Collections

Today (and the first Sunday of every month) is our **Food Drive**. We collect non-perishable food and/or money for the Food Closet at St. Luke's Methodist. Also, the second Sunday is our collection for **HOPE** (Helping Other People Eat).



We need help with our Vet Meal Mission. You can help with this ministry by providing meals for 2 Vet homes (5 men in each home) every Monday. (The meals can be homemade or purchased at a store/restaurant.) Sign up in the Narthex or [online by clicking here](#). Contact Zora Parker or Gloria Griffin if you can help.



Mission opportunity

As you may know, KirkWood partners with First Hampton Presbyterian to provide lunches to the homeless in the Hampton area. We provide lunches on months with a 5th Thursday (once a quarter).

First Hampton has asked for additional help for the 2nd Thursday lunch program. The First Hampton 2nd Thursday team is short several members. They need 2 volunteers every 2nd Thursday of the month. First Hampton will provide all the supplies for the lunches. Our task would be to arrive at 10am, assist assembly of the lunches and hand them out to visitors from 11:30-1:00. First Presbyterian, Hampton is at 514 Armistead Ave. Sign up by [clicking here](#) or scan the QR code

PORT (People Offering Resources Together) - Volunteers are needed to help with PORT. Current dates are December 13th, January 2nd, and February 5th. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner 3:00-9:00pm, check-in guests 6:00-9:00pm, help in the clothes closet 6:00-9:00pm and to check out guests the following morning 4:30-6:30 am. Sign-up sheets are on the Mission bulletin board in the main hall. Contact Jamie Reno with any questions 757-880-3242 or h2orenos@gmail.com.





KirkWood Food Kupboard



Scan QR code to donate

Thank you for all your donations. We monitor the pantry regularly and have found that the most popular items that are used the quickest are:

- boxed, dry cereals
- canned meats like tuna and chicken
- peanut butter and jelly
- macaroni and cheese
- boxed meals such as tuna helper
- canned ravioli
- cake or cookie mixes
- juices

The Little Free Food Pantry has a new name! We are now The KirkWood Food Kupboard! Our mission to help those in our community with non perishable items remains unchanged. We feel this name best reflects our commitment to helping ease the burden of food insecurity in our community.

We thank our congregation for the regular and generous donations in support of our Kupboard! You can donate monetarily by writing a check with "KirkWood Food Kupboard" on the memo line. If giving cash, please include that it is designated for the KirkWood Food Kupboard, or you can donate online through KirkWood's giving site and choose "KirkWood Food Kupboard." If you have questions or would like to help, contact Susie Seay (susanseay@hotmail.com).

The Christmas Offering giving window has been extended through December 10. This special offering will be split equally between the Blessing Fund and York Poquoson Department of Social Services. You can also give online through KirkWood's website at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-7213/home>.

Remember, your Mission Committee will match your donations up to \$5,000!



LINUS Group - On November 21, 2023, items that Linus Group crocheted or knitted were taken to the Salvation Army. The picture is all the collected items, bagged up and ready to go. One bag contains 22 scarves with matching hats, 16 individual scarves and 2 shawls. Another bag has 84 adult hats, and the last bag has 75 juvenile hats, 13 headbands and one pair of fingerless mittens. Thanks to the many ladies and friends of the Linus Group, for their beautiful work.



Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to order your poinsettias for Christmas. Sign up in the Narthex. You can dedicate your poinsettia in memory or honor of loved ones. They are \$12 each. If writing a check or paying online, please indicate "Poinsettia" on the memo line.

Book Sale in Fellowship Hall - You may have noticed that we're revamping our church library. We're donating and selling some older books so that we can get some newer, better ones. There's a table of books in the fellowship hall available for any donation you'd like to make. All donations will be used to buy new library books.