

## This Week's Activities

### **Sunday, Dec. 8** *H.O.P.E. Offering*

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Dining Partners Brunch – York Gardens & Tearoom

### **Monday, Dec. 9**

- 7:00 p.m. Monday Rendezvous Meeting

### **Tuesday, Dec. 10**

- 7:00 p.m. Property & Facilities Meeting

### **Wednesday, Dec. 11**

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

### **Thursday, Dec. 12**

- 8:30 a.m. Poquoson Food Bank Distribution
- 10:00 a.m. Feeding the Homeless – First Presbyterian Hampton
- 11:30 a.m. KirkWood Silver Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweers, Stepping Stones

### **Friday, Dec. 13**

- 7:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group
- 3:00 p.m. PORT

### **Saturday, Dec. 14**

- 9:00 a.m.. Cantata Dress Rehearsal

### **Sunday, Dec. 15** *Cantata Sunday*

- 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, New Member Seminar

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

## WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church  
Sunday December 8, 2024



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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		Pastor Chris Shearer
Announcements		
Lighting the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle		Cumming Family
Song	“Joy to the World (with Shout for Joy)”	
Hymn #9	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	
The Sacrament of Baptism – Landon Joseph Shoun		
Song	“What Child Is This?”	
	Children ages 3 – 2nd grade dismissed for Glory Time	
Congregational Prayer		
Anthem	“Comfort, Comfort Now My People” arr. Brenda Austin	Worship Choir
Sermon	Advent 2024 The God of Surprises	Pastor Chris Shearer
Song	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	
Benediction		Pastor Chris Shearer

# This Week's Prayer Requests

Wendy B.	Wanda B.'s brother, Herbert
Wanda B.	Linda B.'s brother, Dan
Gloria C.	Jerry & Janet D.'s daughter, Jill
Dominique C.	Betty D.'s sister, Madelyn
Jerry D.	Toni F.'s brother, Jeff
Betty D.	Regina H.'s parents
David and Ruth D.	Cathy H.'s mom, Joyce
Stephen G., Jr.	Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
Mike M.	Heather I.'s brother, Bruce
Art P.	Holly K.'s granddaughter, Catherine
Kim R.	Troy L.'s father
Pat R.	Jim M.'s parents
Hans S.	Mike & Wilma M.'s son, Allen
Faye S.	Art & Jody P.'s daughter, Alise
Regine T.	Kim R.'s mother, Marilyn
Pepper W.	Robin W.'s parents
	Lisa W.'s mother, Lois



## 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.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with PORT (People Offering Resources Together). PORT is a program in Newport News that helps feed and shelter the unhoused during the Winter months. Our next date is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Other dates will be 2/5 and 3/24.



Volunteers are needed to help with:

- Prepare and serve a meal 3:00-9:00 pm
- Check in guests 6:00-9:00 pm
- Check out guests 4:30-6:00 am the following morning
- Clothes Closet 4:00-6:00 pm

Sign ups are on the Mission Bulletin board in the main hall. Contact Jamie Reno (757-880-3242) or any mission member with any questions.

Want to sign up for KirkWood's texting service?  
Just text CONNECT to 757-772-0209 and follow the prompts.



**Christmas Poinsettias**  
**TODAY** is the last day 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.

### Announcements

## Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, 12/15  
9:30 a.m. "The Longest Night"

Tuesday, 12/24 - Christmas Eve Services  
5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight and Communion  
11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion

**KirkWood T-shirts** - Orders are being taken in the Fellowship Hall after the service for Kirkwood T-shirts, both short & long sleeve, many colors available. No payment is required to order, but the cost will be about \$10-12 each. Sweatshirts are also available for \$20.00 each. **Today**, Dec. 8 is the last day to order. Contact June Ritter for more information.



**2025 Pledges**  
You are still able to pledge for 2025. Cards are available in the Narthex or you may scan the QR code and complete the form for your Commitment to GOD. When you press "Send Pledge," the information you submit is only available for the Financial Secretary of KirkWood to access.

A Christmas feast of soups, salad, and breadsticks awaits **KirkWood Silver** friends on Thursday, December 12th, at 11:30, in the Fellowship Hall.! There will be a variety of Olive Garden's scrumptious soups. We would appreciate several volunteers bringing cookies or other easy-to-serve desserts. The cost of the feasting will be less than \$10. The celebration will continue following lunch as we watch the delightful Christmas classic movie, "Miracle on 34th Street," starring Mara Wilson as Susan and Richard Attenborough as Santa. Sign up in the Narthex. **TODAY** is the last day to sign up. Questions? Contact Wanda Birch at 757-868-8651 or [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto:wandjbirch@verizon.net).

**Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday:** It's that time of year, when ugly sweaters appear. So, get yours out of storage or buy a new one so you can wear it to church on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Oh, and bake your favorite Christmas cookies and bring them along with the recipe to the fellowship hall after the service. We will publish the recipes online so everyone can grab their favorites. We just can't wait to see all those ugly sweaters in one location! Contact Lew Goodman if you have any questions.

### Flower Ministry

If you would like to donate sanctuary flowers, you can sign up [online here](#) (or call/email the office to sign up). 2025 dates are available online. 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. 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 volunteer to make flower arrangements after service on Sunday you can sign up at [online by clicking here](#).



**Monthly Mission Collections** - Today (and the second Sunday of every month) is our collection for **HOPE** (Helping Other People Eat). Donations are divided between Menchville House, Faith Recovery, and the Congo Feeding Program.

### KirkWood Support to the Poquoson Food Distribution Site

It is time for KirkWood's annual support to the Poquoson Food Distribution Site on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am - Noon. This site was established a number of years ago to make it easier for Poquoson families with food challenges. Previously, families had to go to the Peninsula Food Bank. **NEW!** The actual distribution site has moved to Emmaus Baptist Church, 814 Yorktown Rd, Poquoson.

KirkWood has been a partner with the Poquoson team for at least 10 years. We will need 8 – 10 volunteers to assist offloading the Food Bank delivery, separating the food items into family packages, and loading packages into vehicles as families arrive. There are tasks for all abilities.

Volunteers should arrive at Emmaus Baptist Church at 8:30am. All deliveries are completed by Noon.

Today is the last day to sign up at the KirkWood Konnections table in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Arba Williamson or Bill Gilbert if you have questions.



This morning's sanctuary flowers were given  
Connie Barlow  
In Honor of Connie & Wayne's 36th Wedding Anniversary