

## This Week's Activities

### **Sunday, Dec. 1** *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”

### **Monday, Dec. 11**

- 9:00 a.m. Cantata Piano/Keyboard Rehearsal

### **Tuesday, Dec. 12**

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, Dec. 13**

- 9:00 a.m. Gentle Yoga
- 10:30 a.m. Linus Group
- 3:00 p.m. PORT – Hidenwood Presbyterian
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Band/Handbell Choir Rehearsals
- 7:00 p.m. Cantata/Worship Choir Rehearsal  
Beautiful Mess

### **Thursday, Dec. 14**

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

### **Friday, Dec. 15**

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

### **Saturday, Dec. 16**

- 9:00 a.m. Cantata Dress Rehearsal

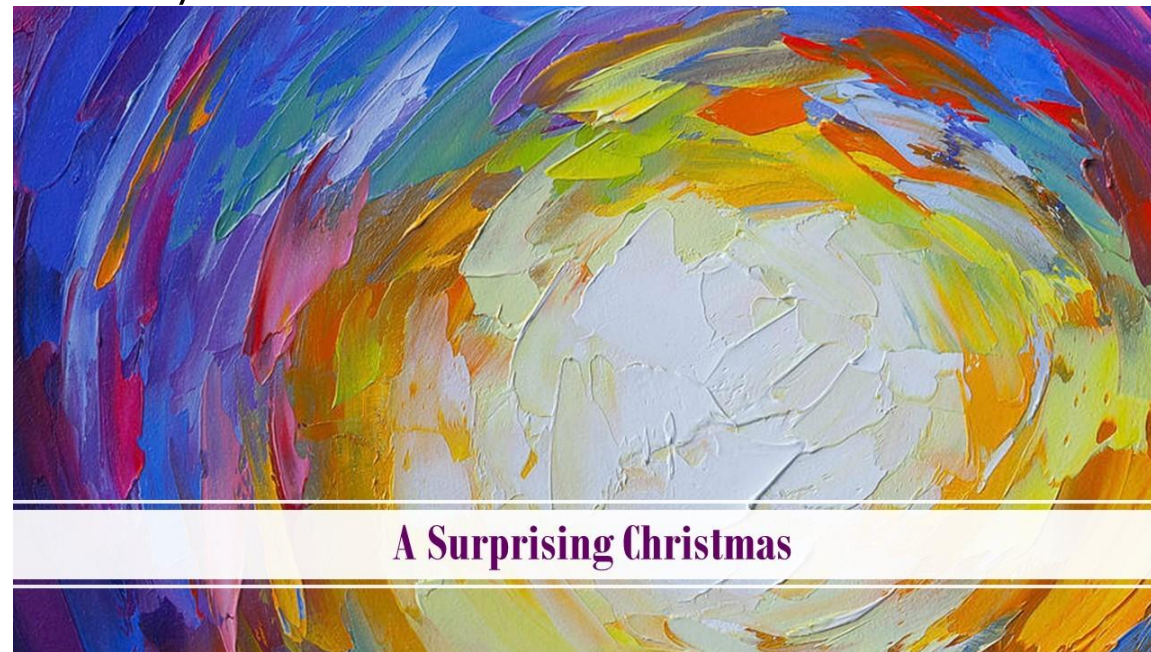
### **Sunday, Dec. 17**

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Christmas Cantata), 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)

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

## WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, December 10, 2023



**A Surprising Christmas**

## **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



Song	"Born That We May Have Life"	
Welcome and Announcements		
Advent Invitation	Lighting the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle "Light of Light" Joel Raney	Crow Family
Anthem	"Keep Your Lamps" arr. Andre Thomas	Worship Choir Rich Egyud, Drums
Hymn #9	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	
Scripture Reading	<a href="#">Luke 1:46-55</a>	
Congregational Prayer	Pastor Chris Shearer	
Song	"O Come All Ye Faithful (Sing to the King)"	
	Children ages 3 – 2nd grade dismissed for Glory Time and Greeting Each Other	
Sermon	A Surprising Christmas (Week 2) A Surprising Message	Pastor Chris Shearer
Duet	"Ruby's Advent Song" Fernando Ortega	Ann Brown, Albertina Dowe Joshua Hall, Steve Shaw
Benediction	Rich Egyud	
Song	"Joy to the World (with Shout for Joy)"	

## This Week's Prayer Requests

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

Sympathy to the family of Felix Garcia  
Sympathy to the family of Lee Whitman



### 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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. TODAY, December 10<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up. Contacts: Anne Effler at 757-872-2255/ [anneeffler1@gmail.com](mailto:anneeffler1@gmail.com), or Wanda Birch at 757-868-8651/ [wandjbirch@verizon.net](mailto: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. \(amazon.com\)](https://www.amazon.com/Surprising-God-Advent-Devotions-for.../)

The reading schedule is as follows:

- 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](mailto:pastorchriskwpc@gmail.com).

**LET'S GET IN THE SPIRIT!**

Join us on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, 12/17  
9:30 a.m. "All Is Well" Cantata

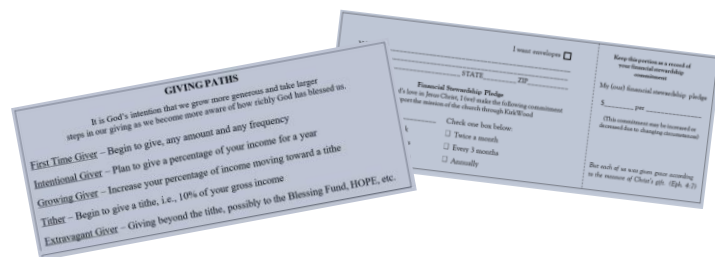
Sunday 12/24 - Christmas Eve Services  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
5:00 p.m. Family Candlelight and Communion  
11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion



### 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.



### 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.



### Flower Ministry

If you would like to donate sanctuary flowers, you can sign up [online here](#) (or call/email the office to sign up). 2024 dates are now 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.



Today's Sanctuary Flowers were given by Carolyn G. and Cathy K. in memory of their Daddy



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

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](mailto:susanseay@hotmail.com)).

**PORT** (People Offering Resources Together) - Volunteers are needed to help with PORT. Current dates are December 13<sup>th</sup>, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and February 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:h2orenos@gmail.com).



### 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, Mid-Atlantic Teen Challenge, Faith Recovery (formerly Youth Challenge) and the Congo Feeding Program.



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.



**The Christmas Offering** deadline is today, 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!



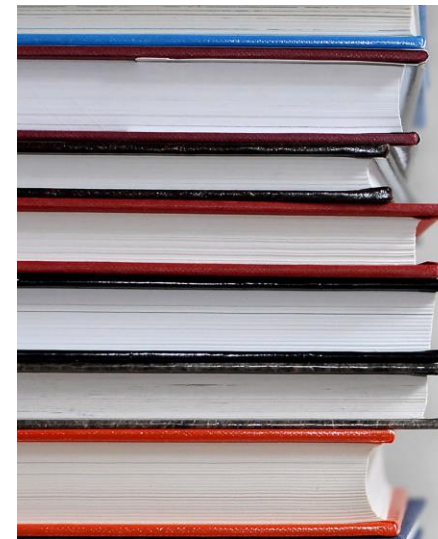
### **Mission Opportunity – Poquoson Food Bank Support**

KirkWood has been partnering with Poquoson organizations to provide volunteers in December to support the Poquoson Peninsula Food Bank distribution site.

Our annual opportunity is Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 8am – Noon at the Poquoson Recreation Center (near the pool). KirkWood will provide 8-10 volunteers to unload the Food Bank truck, separate the food items into family units and carry the food to client vehicles. There is some heavy lifting involved although there are lighter tasks. The distribution site is outside so it may be chilly. This is a wonderful Christmas Season event to show Christ's love. Sign up in the narthex or contact Arba Williamson at 757-344-5588 or [awillia114@aol.com](mailto:awillia114@aol.com).



**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.