

## This Week's Activities

### Sunday, Dec. 17

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service - 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)

**Monday, Dec. 18** *No Scheduled Church Activities*

### Tuesday, Dec. 19

- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Distribution

### Wednesday, Dec. 20

- 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. Worship Choir Rehearsal  
Beautiful Mess

### Thursday, Dec. 21

- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study – Sweets, Stepping Stones
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Small Group

### Friday, Dec. 22

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

**Saturday, Dec. 23** *No Scheduled Church Activities*

### Sunday, Dec. 24 *Christmas Eve*

- 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 5:00 p.m. Candlelight Family Christmas Eve Service
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

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

## WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church  
Sunday, December 17, 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

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Chris Shearer

“Light of Lights”  
arr. Joel Raney

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle – Gilbert/Kibler Family

Hymn #31

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The Sacrament of Baptism – Charlotte “Charlie” Colburn

Greeting Each Other

## All Is Well

Music by Michael Barrett and David Angerman

All Is Well (Prelude)

Prepare Ye the Way

O Savior of Our Fallen Race  
Carolyn Horton, soprano

Promises of Isaiah

Breath of Heaven (Mary’s Song)  
Heather Shearer, alto

Here I Am to Worship

One King  
Christine Pregler, soprano

Light of the Stable

All Is Well

Benediction

Pastor Chris Shearer

Song

“It’s Christmas”

## This Week’s Prayer Requests

Joyce A.  
Linda B.  
Bruce B.  
Betty D.  
David D.  
Ruth D.  
Mike F.  
Jeane H.  
Yun Suk K.  
Christine L.  
Mike M.  
Peggy P.  
El S.

Linda B.’s brother, Dan  
Linda B.’s mother, Mildred  
Betty D.’s brother, Thomas  
Betty D.’s sister, Madelyn  
Toni F.’s brother, Jeff  
Al & Candee G.’s son  
Regina H.’s parents  
Jeane H.’s husband, Stan  
Jo Ann K.’s daughter, Teresa  
Jamie M.’s girlfriend, Maia  
Art & Jody P.’s daughter, Alise  
Christine P.’s sister, Michelle  
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.



**Poinsettia Dedications**

In memory of Sonny Harris  
 In memory of Steve Hudgins  
 In memory of Dick LaBarre

Jim & Wanda B.	In memory of Jim's Aunt Mimi In memory of Sonny Harris In memory of their neighbor, Madelyn Peck
Susan B.	In honor of the Miller men
Rachel F.	In honor of her amazing and loving parents
Carolyn & Bill G.	In memory of their parents
Cathy H.	In memory of her mother, Margaret Harvey In memory of her father, Roger Jacobs In memory of her son, Joseph Edward Harvey
Linda P.	In memory of her husband, Bob
Colly T.	In memory of Mark Royal
Maria W.	In memory of her son, Christopher Wells In memory of her father, Frank Wells In memory of her friend, Ebbie Shaw



# Cantata Personnel

Soprano  
 Megan Bachmann  
 Heather Caughorn  
 Gloria Crone  
 Kathy Fore  
 Carolyn Horton\*  
 Christine Pregler\*  
 Susan Searles

Alto  
 Ruth-Marie Cason  
 Elaine Covington  
 Mary Goodman  
 Kim Reece  
 Heather Shearer\*  
 Cindy Williamson  
 Kim Reece

Tenor  
 Rich Egyud  
 Lew Goodman  
 Kerry Gough  
 Charlie Reece  
 Nancy Ridsen  
 Ben Scott

Bass  
 Jerry Deaton  
 Mike Fore  
 Don Nelson  
 Kirk Reno  
 Steve Shaw  
 Tony Sweers  
 Skipp Wheeler  
 Arba Williamson

\*Soloists

Nancy Ridsen, Music Librarian

Bob Pregler, Narrator

Lew Goodman, Guitar  
 Rich Egyud, Electric Guitar  
 Steve Shaw, Bass

Jim Mershon, Audio Technician

Handchimes  
 Catherine Gough  
 Lisa Nickerson  
 Arba Williamson

Percussion  
 Susie Egyud  
 Joshua Hall  
 Ben Scott

Albertina Dowe, Piano

Nancy Verry, Keyboard

Ann Brown, Music Director

# 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/dp/B0C8K8K8K8)

The reading schedule is as follows:

- 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).

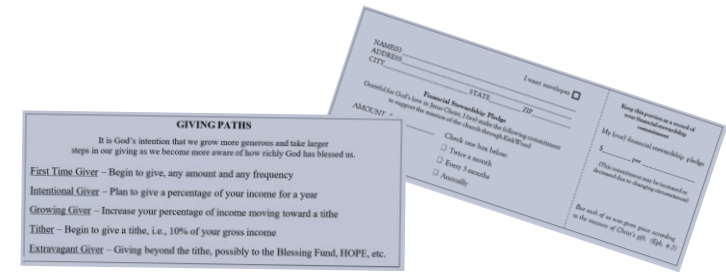
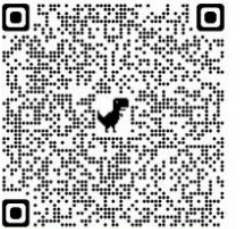


## Christmas Worship Schedule

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: Sleep in Heavenly Peace.** Volunteers are needed to help with an exciting new project. KWPC is teaming up with the local Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter to provide 24 beds for local youth who do not have a bed to sleep on. All ages and abilities are welcome. Please sign up to help on Saturday, February 17th from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Use the link <https://x.gldn.io/e/ODNw8h7GmFb> or scan the QR code to complete the registration online. Address and details are included when you register. Contact Jamie Reno 757-880-3242 or [h2orenos@gmail.com](mailto:h2orenos@gmail.com) for any questions.



## Pledge E-Card

It's not too late to pledge for 2024. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex, by the Commitment Box or you can pledge online at KirkWood's website or by using the QR code. If your financial situation changes in 2024, you can always change your pledge.

## Expanding Sanctuary Seating in Early 2024:

Your input at the two recent post-service conversations about needing to expand our sanctuary seating capacity was extremely helpful. Thanks to those who came and joined us in thinking creatively.

Beginning in early 2024, we'll begin a step-by-step process that relocates several office and classroom spaces, culminating with the current pastor's office being added to the sanctuary for additional seating. As we have need of painting or light construction help, we'll be sure to let you know. Our goal is to have this multistep project done by Easter of next year.

**PORT** (People Offering Resources Together) - Volunteers are needed to help with PORT. Remaining dates are 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).

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.



## KirkWood Food Kupboard

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

Scan QR code to donate



### **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).

### **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). 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 donated by Lisa and Nate N. to celebrate their fathers' 85 and 86 birthdays!

The baby bud vase on the Chancel Table is in honor of the birth of Imogen Ruth R., granddaughter of Dennis & Nancy R.

### **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.