

## This Week's Activities

**Sunday, Dec. 31** *Pastor Chris on Vacation*

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

**Monday, Jan. 1** *Happy New Year! (Church Office Closed)*

**Tuesday, Jan. 2** *Pastor Chris on Vacation*

3:00 p.m. PORT – New Beech Grove Baptist Church

6:30 p.m. Mission Meeting

7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Meeting

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**

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, Jan. 4**

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

7:00 p.m. Gen C

**Friday, Jan. 5**

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

**Saturday, Jan. 6**

*No Scheduled Church Activities*

**Sunday, Jan. 7** *Food Pantry*

8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Nursery

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Joyful Noise Rehearsal

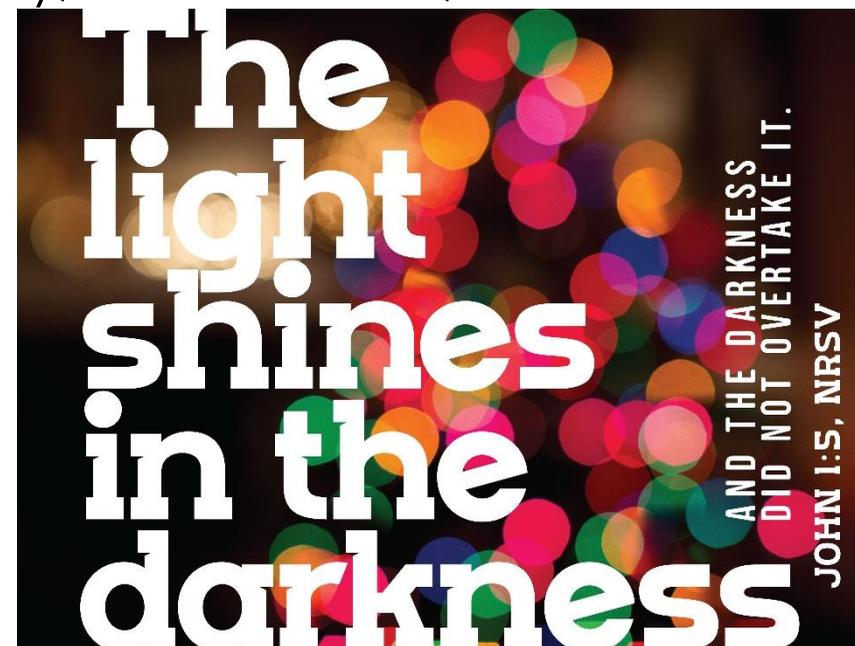
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages, Unhanging of the Greens

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

## WELCOME

KirkWood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 31, 2023



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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



Song	"Shout for Joy"	
Welcoming Each Other		
Announcements		Ben Scott
Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed		
Opening Prayer		
Song	"Joyful (The One Who Saves)"	
Hymn #31	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	
Congregational Prayer		
Hymn #66	"We Three Kings"	
	Children ages 3 – 2nd grade dismissed for Glory Time	
Scripture Reading – <a href="#">The Gospel of John 1:1-18</a>		Pastor Don McLean
Sermon		
Piano Duet	"How Great Our Joy!" arr. Patti Drennan	Ann Brown Albertina Dowe
Song	"Go Tell it on the Mountain"	
Benediction		Pastor Don McLean

## 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
Mike F.	Regina H.'s parents
Jeane H.	Jeane H.'s husband, Stan
Yun Suk K.	Jo Ann K.'s daughter, Teresa
Christine L.	Jamie M.'s girlfriend, Maia
Mike M.	Art & Jody P.'s daughter, Alise
Peggy P.	Christine P.'s sister, Michelle
El S.	Kim R.'s father, Jim
	Lisa W.'s mother



### 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.

**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.



### Monthly Mission Collections

Next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> (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).

**KIRKWOOD SILVER** - Soup Luncheon and C.S. Lewis movie - Thursday, January 18th at 11:30am at KW. (Sign-up in the Narthex today.)



### 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.

## Announcements

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All 2023 contributions to KirkWood must be received in the church office no later than Sunday, December 31, 2023. Contributions received after December 31st will be applied as calendar year 2024 contributions.

**Pastor Chris** is on vacation through 1/2.  
He will return to the office on Wednesday, 1/3.

### Unhanging of the Greens

Thanks to all of you that helped decorate KirkWood to make it look so beautiful for the Advent Season. Now that the season is over, it is time for the Unhanging of the Greens. Please join us after worship on Sunday January 7th. There will still be 11:00 Sunday School. As we did with the Hanging of the Greens, we will have one group starting at the Narthex and Sanctuary at 11:00 to take down and pack away decorations. Hopefully, we will be joined by the Sunday School folks at 12:00 to take down decorations at the fellowship hall end after class. If we get a large group, this will be simple and fun.



### 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. 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).



## 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](mailto:susanseay@hotmail.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.



**Spaghetti Dinner  
and  
Silent Auction**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024  
4:00 pm**

**KirkWood Fellowship Hall**

### 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 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.

