

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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**SESSION COMMITTEES – TEAMS**

**Administrative**

Rick Pierce '16, Admin. Chair

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Darr Johnson '14, Finance Chair & Treasurer

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**Property Management/Memory Garden**

Fred Rohrbach '14, Property Chair

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Lynn Vandiver '14, Clerk's Comm. Chair

**OutReach Team**

Philippe Karka '16, Chair

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

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Diane Banke - Historian  
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Barbara Barlow, Worldwide Missions

Frances Youngblood, Busy Bees Chair  
Joyce Smith, Circle One Chair  
Kathy Banke, Mary & Martha Chair

**MISSION OUTREACH**

Calvary Refuge Center\*  
Child's Fund (PW)\*  
Christmas Joy Offering\*\*\*  
Columbia Friendship Circle (PW)\*\*  
Good Shepherd Clinic\*  
Kinship Care Resource Center\*\*  
Local Benevolences (Pastor's Discretion)\*

Mission Haven (PW)\*\*\*  
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)\*\*\*  
Presbyterian Homes\*\*\*  
PW Birthday Objective\*\*  
PW Blessing Boxes\*\*  
PW Least Coin\*\*  
PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge\*

Samaritans Together for Clayton County\*  
Securus House (PW)\*\*\*  
Session & PW Misc. Benevolences\*  
Shared Mission - PC (USA)\*  
Souper Bowl of Caring\*\*  
The Gideons International\*\*  
Thank Offering (PW)\*  
Thornwell\*\*\*

\*Budgeted    \*\*Contributions from the Congregation    \*\*\*Budgeted + Contributions from the Congregation



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



**ADVENT:** Advent refers to the holy season of the Christian church which celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. It begins on the Fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on the 25th of December. As the commencement of the Christian year, the Advent Season holds a special place in the Christian tradition. The word "advent" comes from the Latin term for "coming," and refers to the first and second Comings of Jesus Christ, in the senses of Savior and Judge, respectively

The four Sundays of Advent are often celebrated with a circular Advent wreath decorated with four candles. The wreath symbolizes eternal life and the endless nature of God's love. Many churches invite a family to light a candle as a relevant scripture passage or poem is read. Advent calendars are also popular during the season. About 25 small compartments are created and filled with seasonal messages, religious pictures, small chocolates, stories, or toys, etc. Anticipation builds for children and adults alike as a new compartment is opened each day.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. During Advent, the church looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. O. Come. O Come. Emanuel.

*Our vision is to be a light in the community  
that brings all people to God through Christ-centered worship and ministry  
and nurtures their faith in order to extend His kingdom.*

*Welcome*



**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** **SUNDAY, December 14, 2014**

**WELCOME!** We at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church hope your worship today will be meaningful. We exist as a fellowship in His name, encourage you to participate in all aspects of our congregational life, and invite you to become part of our Christian family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join with us.

**FRIENDSHIP PAD – Members:** Please remember to pass the ritual of Friendship pad down your pew and back to the center aisle. **Guests:** Please take a moment to sign the Friendship pad and record your address as well so that we may have a record of your visit.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Our elders meet for prayer and to receive new members each Sunday morning prior to the worship hour in the room to the left of the choir loft. If you are interested in membership, you may complete an application form (located in the back of the friendship pad) and speak with the minister, or take a completed form directly to the Session room to meet with the elders. The five questions/vows that you will be asked by the elders are printed on the form. If you would like to join but need further information, please speak with the minister or call the church office at 404-366-1851 for assistance.

**THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA**

**TODAY** 09:45am – Sunday School  
11:00am – Worship  
**Tuesday** 9:00am – The Breakfast Club  
11:30am – Busy Bees @ Francis Youngblood’s home  
**Saturday** 10:30am – Circle One  
**Next Sunday** 8:30am – Session  
7:00pm – Cantata with reception to follow

**OUR MISSION:** To exhibit the kingdom of God to our community by being a witness to everyone who is within our reach that Jesus Christ is LORD. To proclaim the gospel by telling the good news of Jesus Christ while equipping all who will to be evangelist so the church will grow. To provide for the worship of God through traditional Sunday morning worship and offer alternative times and styles of worship to the community. To promote the ministry of compassion by providing opportunities for ministry and encouraging others to seek God’s call for compassionate service. To preserve the truth of God’s word by defending the faith against any deviation from the bible as objective truth. To educate the members of the body of Christ so they are equipped to live as becomes the followers of Jesus. To maintain the spirit of unity through the fellowship of the children of God. To expand the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

**Core Values of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church**

- Radical Hospitality** (Romans 12:9-21)
- Passionate Worship** (John 4:21-24)
- Intentional Faith Development** (I Corinthians 9:19-24)
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service** ( Matthew 25:14-30)
- Extravagant Generosity** (II Corinthians 9:6-15)

**TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS** (new info in bold)  
***Please notify us concerning updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!***

- 11/12 Anita DeBey – Tim’s cancer has spread to bladder and lost son-in-law in an accidental fall
- 11/3 Rose Enow’s family – sister-in-law, Ester, recovering from stroke, now sister, Susan, had stroke
- 11/5 Henderson Family (friends of Pastor Wilson) – in the loss of their mother
- 11/18 Dennis Hermosilla (nephew of Tom Smith’s) – home from holistic treatments for Pancreatic Cancer
- 11/5 Darlene Johnson – (friend of Pastor Wilson) – diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer
- 12/08 Cathy Morris – being treated for colitis - recovering from virus
- 12/08 Danny Morris – recovering from virus
- 10/20 Laralaine Morrow (friend of Barbara Barlow & Cindy Adair) – very slow recovery from stroke, affected speech
- 10/29 Joan Murphy – recovering from knee replacement, doing surprisingly well
- 12/08 Emory Pearce – recovering from Shingles
- 11/17 Rev. Selvis & Rev. Nancy Smather – Missionaries to South Sudan, returning to mission field
- 10/20 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood’s daughter-in-law) –omentum cancer, recovering from surgery
- 11/12 Pat White (Red & Gold Florist) – recovering from injuries from an attack during robbery at florist shop

**OUR HOMEBOUND:**

***Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information***  
Tye Bryant                      Jean Ray                      JoAnn Tatzel                      Dot Upchurch

**Prayer Request:** Call 404-366-1851, Email [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or click on [www.ppc-usa.org](http://www.ppc-usa.org).

**2015 Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelopes for 2015 are available. Please pick yours up in the narthex. Also, any 2014 offerings must be received by the church before the end of December in order to be credited for the current year.

**Busy Bees Circle:** Please note that the Busy Bees will meet Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the home of Frances Youngblood.

**The Christmas Joy Offering** provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

