

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Good Shepherd Clinic*
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Presbyterian Homes***
PW Birthday Objective**
PW Blessing Boxes**
PW Least Coin**
PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

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Souper Bowl of Caring**
The Gideons International**
Thank Offering (PW)*
Thornwell***

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4th 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
351 MORROW ROAD, FOREST PARK, GA 30297, 404-366-1851**

December 21, 2014

11:00 AM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Enter expectantly. Breathe prayerfully. Worship reverently. Greet others cordially. Leave thoughtfully.

In Gathering Around The Word

- The Chiming of the Hour
- The Choral Call to Worship
- The Announcements and The Declaration “God is good – **all the time!**”
- The Greeting and The Ritual of Friendship including signing of Pew Pads
- The Gathering Song

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Ever faithful God, through prophets and angels, you promised to raise up a holy child, who would establish a household of peace and justice. Open our hearts to receive your Son, that we may open our doors, to welcome all people as sisters and brothers, and establish your household in our time. Amen.

The Lighting of the Angel Candle Diane Kitchen and Kaylynn LaFoy

The Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14

*The Hymn of Praise No. 270 “Joy to the World”

*The Invocation

* **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell¹; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick² and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic³ church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

¹ “hell” means world of departed spirits; ² “quick” means alive; ³ “catholic” means universal

*The Gloria Patri (Hymn No. 813)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

In Prayers To God

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen Rev. 7:12

The Contemplation of God through Silence and Prayer

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer (...forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors...)

*The Hymn of Preparation No. 273..... “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

In Stewardship Of All Things

The Worship of God with Our Gifts and Offerings unto the Lord

The Offertory

*The Doxology (Hymn No. 815)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Offertory Prayer

In Proclaiming The Word

The Anthem

The Scriptures: **2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 (OT274), Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (OT524), Luke 1:26-38 (NT53)**

Pastor: Holy Wisdom Holy Word. People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon A HOME IN OUR HEARTS.....Pastor Wilson

Unison Response to the Word

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

Following The Word Into The World

*The Hymn of Dedication No. 277..... “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*The Benediction, Choral Response, & Postlude

The holiest moment of the worship service is the moment when God’s people – strengthened by preaching, song and sacraments – go out of the door into the world to be The Church.

*Those that are able please stand.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **SUNDAY, December 21, 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 8:30am – Session
09:45am – Sunday School
11:00am – Worship
7:00pm – Cantata with reception to follow
Wednesday 7:00pm – Candlelight & Communion service
Wednesday & Thursday - Christmas Holiday – office closed

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
- 11/18 Dennis Hermosilla (nephew of Tom Smith's) – home from holistic treatments for Pancreatic Cancer
- 12/15 Tom Murphy – recovering from Flu
- 12/08 Emory Pearce – recovering from Shingles
- 12/15 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) –omentum cancer, recovering from surgery

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information
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Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or click on 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.



Christmas Peace, Christmas Joy – Please plan to attend our annual Christmas Cantata tonight at 7:00pm followed by a fellowship. If you need a ride, please let a choir member know and one will be arranged for you.

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.



Please join us at 7:00pm, December 24, 2014, for a Candlelight and Carols Service, a time for casual family worship.