

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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PW Least Coin**
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The Gideons International**
Thank Offering (PW)*
Thornwell***

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



Welcome

*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.*

If you wish to have a copy of the CAT Scan summary, please contact the church office.



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
351 MORROW ROAD, FOREST PARK, GA 30297, 404-366-1851

March 29, 2015

11:00 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

In Gathering Around The Word

The Chiming of the Hour

The Procession of the Palms

*The Processional Hymn No. 297.....”Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Announcements and The Declaration “God is good – **all the time!**” **Debbie Bray**

The Greeting and The Ritual of Friendship including signing of Pew Pads *Pulpit Assistant*

The Gathering Song

*Opening Hymn of Praise No. 300.....“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

***Invocation.....Rev. Sylvia Wilson, Pastor**

Grief and joy are about to be mixed. Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday, ushers in the most poignant week in the church calendar. It begins with shouts of praise as Jesus of Nazareth, hero of the common people, enters the Holy City, yet in so doing, marches inexorably towards his bloody death.

Leader: The stone which the builders rejected,
People: has become the keystone of the corner.
Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Hosanna in the highest!
Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made.
ALL: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness (Insert)**

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.....The Lord’s Prayer.....forgive us our debts, as forgive our debtors

In Proclaiming The Word

Special Choral Selection

The Scripture Lessons:Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29..(OT 541)..... Mark 11:1-11..(NT 45)

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

The Sermon OF PALMS AND PASSIONPastor Wilson

Special Choral Selection

Statement of Faith.....The Nicene Creed.....(Insert)

*Closing Hymn No. 320 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

***Benediction and dismissal to the Stations of the Cross**

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.*

Holy Week 2015

March 29—**Palm/Passion Sunday:** during our 11:00am service, our choir will offer special selections.

March 29 to April 5—**Stations of the Cross**—community self-guided tour on PPC grounds to reflect on Jesus’ final days in Jerusalem (booklets provided)

April 2—**Maundy Thursday:** you are encouraged to go to a church in your area to attend a service.

April 3—**Good Friday:** again, please seek a service in your area to attend.

April 5—**Easter Sunrise Service:** begins at 7:00am with breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall.

April 5—**Easter Service:** begins at 11:00am. Our service will include Communion and our choir will offer special selections.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 29, 2015

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

Today thru Saturday – 8am to 8pm – **Stations of the Cross**

NEXT SUNDAY

7:00am – Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in the fellowship hall
9:45am – Bible Study
11:00am – Easter Service

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to David Hatch and family in the passing of David’s father, Walter Hatch, Jr.

02/15 Beth Brogdon (Patty Boone’s cousin) – recovering from broken left femur - complications

02-25 Good Shepherd Clinic – and Dr. Charles Johnson’s situation

02/25 Dr. Charles Johnson (Good Shepherd Clinic) – recovering from fall and broken ribs

02/11 Darr Johnson’s mother (98) surgery to repair broken leg went very well, expected to walk again

02/25 Joe (Chelsea Folds’ uncle) – at Southern Regional in respirator

02/09 Buck Maxwell – back pain issues and recovering from intestinal blockage

03/24 Emory Pearce – recovering from back surgery

02/15 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood’s daughter-in-law) –treatments for Omentum Cancer

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.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Lent isn't just a Catholic thing it's a Christian thing in which Protestants participate. You never need to worry about Presbyterians becoming Catholic because we are too headstrong to obey a Bishop, much less a Pope. However, you may have noticed Protestant churches adapting, not necessarily adopting, many of the traditions and rituals of the early church. PPC has already been (re)introduced to Ash Wednesday and Lent. There are two more traditions that will round out our Lenten observance for the year.

Stations of the Cross –

Easter or Resurrection Sunday has no meaning without Good Friday. The value in the Stations of the Cross lies in a simple twofold enacted confession. First, life is sometimes dark, painful and brings endings. That reality will not go away even for the Son of God. Second, God does some of God's best work in the darkness as we persist in the journey.

In this sense, we need to remember that the Stations of the Cross are primarily a context for prayer and reflection. As we open our hearts and minds to God in this symbolic journey, we are led to communion with God that draws us closer to his love for us. It also allows us to identify with Jesus as he identifies with us. We are drawn to contemplate, not only the suffering and pain of our own journey mirrored in his, but as we follow the Christ we are compelled to identify with those around us who suffering during their own journey.

(Adapted with permission from an article at <http://www.crivoice.org/stations.html>)

Fasting -

The 40 days of fasting during Lent corresponds to the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

Regrettably most of us are no more successful in keeping the 40 day Lenten fast than we were in keeping those long forgotten resolutions we made at the first of the year. This is not necessarily a bad thing if it has served to made us more aware of our human limitations and need for God.

I've been praying that God will help me choose and keep a fast during Holy Week so that my prayer life and spiritual discernment might become stronger. My prayer was answered when a visiting friend touted the spiritual and physical benefits of a fast she'd been on for almost a month.

I will be starting her fast Monday and invite you to consider what God might ask you to give up...or take on for Holy Week in order to enhance your relationship with him. If you have health issues please check with your physician before giving up any type of food.

Campus Crusade for Christ offers one of the most comprehensive yet easy to understand article on fasting at <http://www.cru.org/train-and-grow/devotional-life/personal-guide-to-fasting.4.html>

May you be able to look back on Lent/Easter 2015 and honestly say it was one of the most memorable and meaningful "seasons" in your Christian journey.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Read Responsively)

If our songs of praise are a habit that has lost the enthusiasm of its first love; Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

If our songs of praise are hampered by a multitude of small doubts and fears; Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

If our songs of praise have become the hollow shells of a faith that has withered; **Lord have mercy.**
Lord have mercy.

God of stringent light and relentless mercy, please reveal to us the condition of our true selves. Expose the ugliness we have ignored, affirm the beauty that has not been surrendered, forgive the sins for which we have made pathetic excuses, and heal the faith which, although lame, has not surrendered to the world's pessimism.

Encourage us to bear the pain of complete self-honesty, and to embrace the joy of rehabilitation which comes to us through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Then let us live boldly to the praise of your Holy Name.

ALL: Amen!

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Church has widely used the Nicene Creed since the fifth century. The Council at Nicaea adopted an early form of the creed in AD 325, although the basic present form emerged from the Council of Constantinople in AD 381. It was officially adopted by the [Council of Chalcedon](#) in AD 451. It is the only creed accepted by all three major branches of Christendom: Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox