

May 24, 2015

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

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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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\*

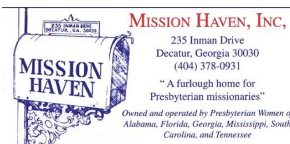
Samaritans Together for Clayton County\*  
Securus House (PW)\*\*\*  
Session & PW Misc. Benevolences\*  
Shared Mission - PC (USA)\*  
Souper Bowl of Caring\*\*  
The Gideons International\*\*  
Thank Offering (PW)\*  
Thornwell\*\*\*

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



*Welcome*

## MISSION HAVEN



As an ongoing ministry to Mission Haven, we are collecting clothing for Men, Women, & Children that are in good condition and are still up-to-date. Missionaries, who are staying at Mission Haven, need to sometimes change their apparel to suit our climate. Please leave your donations in the collection bin located in the Sunday School hall. THANK YOU!  
**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**

*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.*

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

May 24, 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 Announcements and The Declaration “God is good – **all the time!**” **Fred Rohrbach**

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

The Gathering Song

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP+**

Leader: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

**People: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!**

Leader: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

**People: Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

**People: Make us people who will proclaim God’s good news in all that we do. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER+**

*Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus’ disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.*

\*Opening Hymn #63 ..... “All Creatures of our God and King”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION+**

*We aren’t ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge your presence. But you have challenged us to come alive again with your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that you have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim your Good News. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE+**

*Don’t be afraid! God’s Holy Spirit brings you healing comfort and hope. You are being prepared to serve God in some mighty ways. Rejoice! God’s Holy Spirit is with you always. AMEN.*

\*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**

The Contemplation of God through Silence and Prayer

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer.....forgive us our debts, as forgive our debtors

\*Hymn of Preparation #393..... “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**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.**

**In Proclaiming The Word**

Anthem

*Scriptures: .....Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT764) ..... John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (NT 105)*

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

**The Sermon ..... IT ISN’T Y/OUR CHURCH!.....Pastor Wilson**

**Following the Word Into the World**

\*Closing Hymn #395 ..... “Descend, O Holy Spirit”

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand.

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**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, May 24, 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** 9:45am – Bible Study
- 11:00AM – Pentecost Worship Service
- Monday Church office closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday Craft Group to Varsity – carpool from church at 11:00am
- Saturday 9:00am – Church-wide Workday

**The JUNE CROSSROADS will go out this week. Send your articles and info to the church office by Tuesday, May 26.**

**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!*

- 04/08 Cheryl Ann Bobo (William Rosenberry’s daughter) – chemo for lung cancer to be rescheduled
- 04/07 Roy Kemper – recovering from serious bicycle accident
- 05/11 Blake Phillips – recovering from Achilles surgery
- 04/01 The Shields family – recently relocated to Clayton County and called the church to ask for prayers
- 05/11 Martha Smith – recovering from surgery, awaiting test results
- 04/21 Bonnie Ward (Barbara Barlow’s friend) - sick from chemo & radiation treatments

**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).**

**CRAFT GROUP**

The Craft Group will be going to the Varsity on Tuesday, May 26. Meet at the church to carpool at 11:00 am. **Husbands are invited to join us.** Drivers are needed. Reservations Required. Contact Barbara Barlow no later than Monday, May 27.



**Church-wide  
Workday**  
**Saturday, May 30**  
From 9:00am to 12:00 noon.  
Please join us if you can.

**THANK YOU!**  
We wanted to thank all of you for your generous donations to the Love Offering for Christopher Sparkman, the FedEx employee shot last year who is struggling with surgeries and medical fees. We were able to send **\$283.00** to help with his needs.  
**Mary Smith, Christian Ed & Fellowship**