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PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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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*
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Session & PW Misc. Benevolences*
Shared Mission - PC (USA)*
Souper Bowl of Caring**
The Gideons International**
Thank Offering (PW)*
Thornwell***

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Welcome

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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!**” **Mary Smith**

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

The Gathering Song

CALL TO WORSHIP >

L: Independence Day is upon us.

P: We celebrate a time when our country declared its independence from foreign domination and control.

L: But many things continue to dominate our hearts and control our minds: fear, prejudice, apathy, intolerance, anger.

P: May God be glorified in our celebrations and also hear our cries for help.

L: Remember, God has blessed us to be a blessing to others.

ALL: Lord God, we pray you will keep our hearts and minds open to your word, your will and your way. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

God of freedom and miracles, we wait for your voice and direction this morning. We are busy with the holiday celebrations and gatherings, yet anguish arises all around us. News of violence, tragedies and war bombard us from all directions. Hear our cries, O Lord. Come, comfort and heal us. Open our hearts this day so that we may become people who bring peace, hope and joy into the world you have created. AMEN.

*Opening Hymn #807 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of Celebrations and Sorrows, we wave the flag this weekend and our hearts beat with pride when we see the bands and the marchers. Fireworks light up the skies, and families gather to eat and laugh with one another. But in too many places there is little to celebrate. Our spirits ache for people both far and near who suffer and struggle. Forgive us when our celebration conceal the needs of others. It is good to celebrate, but let us never forget that you have given us a ministry and mission to perform here and now. Help us be mindful of the many ways in which we can reach out to others. By our attitudes and our actions, may we be those who would bring hope, healing, comfort, and most of all peace. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

The Lord who made the heavens and the earth hears our cries and answers our calls. Our hope is in the Lord whose steadfast love endures with us forever. 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 #805..... “If My People’s Hearts Are Humbled”

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: Isaiah 61:1-3 (OT 655Galatians 5:1, 13 – 26 (NT 179)

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

The Sermon SET FREE TO BE FREEPastor Wilson

Response to the Word *A litany from The Book of Common Prayer* (insert)

Following the Word Into the World

*Closing Hymn #799 “America, the Beautiful”

***Benediction & Postlude**

**Those that are able please stand.*

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.

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 – Patriotic Worship Service w/Cookout to follow

Thursday Church Office closed for the July 4th Holiday

Next Sunday Communion 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!

- 05/28 Dinah Bingham – fell and fractured upper arm near shoulder
- 05/08 Cheryl Ann Bobo (William Rosenberry’s daughter) – chemo for lung cancer
- 06/02 Sara Cleveland (Murphy’s friend) – recovering from fall and brain bleed, husband Bill not doing well either
- 06/02 Brittany Perdue – (Breakfast Club friend) – serious accident, paralyzed from waist down, continued progress
- 05/21 Nancy & Shelvis Smith-Mather – missionaries to Sudan

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.

PROPERTY & FINANCE INFORMATION

Sunday July 12, 9:30 - 10:00am the Property Chair (Fred Rohrbach) and the Finance Chair (Jim Phillips) will host an informal gathering in the room adjacent to the church secretary's office. This is an opportunity for you to learn about PPC's property and finances. Fred and I will give a very brief overview of our areas and then open the floor for your questions and/or concerns. We also invite you to submit your questions via e-mail to jap43@bellsouth.net or fjrohrbach@gmail.com.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Although the lyrics reflect the struggles of many people, this song is commonly known as "The Black National Anthem". Marc Lamont Hill, an associate professor of education at Columbia University states. "It's a black national anthem, but it's also a quintessential American song because of its message of fighting for freedom. It's not 'lift the black voices,' it's 'lift every voice.'"

The song was originally written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson (1871–1938) in 1899 and set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954) in 1900. It can be found in authorized hymnals of several protestant denominations and it can be heard on-line.

Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
let our rejoicing rise,
high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea
sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of a
new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the day that hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet,
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
we have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might,
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray
lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
shadowed beneath the hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God,
True to our native land..

In Celebration of Independence Day

A litany from The Book of Common Prayer

Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Help us

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which as been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

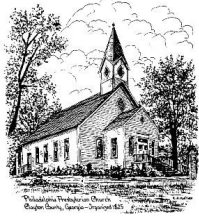
Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

Amen



**“Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.”**

Psalm 127:1a

Members and friends who were unable to attend the most recent Listen and Learn Luncheon on June 14 were dearly missed. The majority of our time was spent in small groups discussing four questions stemming from the current PPC Vision Statement:

“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.”

In an effort to hear from as many members and friends as possible, we are asking those who couldn't make it on Sunday to take a few minutes to answer the same questions we grappled with. Your answers can then be sealed in an envelope and placed in the offering plate or in the basket in the Narthex.

- 1. What/Where/Who is the PPC community and how can PPC become a light there*
- 2. What does it mean to “bring all people to God”*
- 3. What is “Christ-centered” worship...ministry*
- 4. What does it mean to “nurture faith” and “expand the Kingdom”*

Our main session led into a lively and informative Q & A session that netted some good feedback. As a result, it was decided to make pink index cards available for anyone who wants to suggest future topics for the luncheons and/or ask questions of the session or pastor. You will get cards today and extras will always be available. They should be folded and placed in the offering plate or basket in the Narthex.

L& L Luncheons, the cards, the CAT Survey and other activities will help the church discern the direction in which God is leading. The process takes time, patience, your participation and most of all our prayers. But we do not labor in vain for God is leading the way.