

September 6, 2015

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

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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**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)\*\*\*  
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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*

*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.*

*A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.  
Proverbs 22:1*

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

**September 6, 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 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

**Jennifer Rohrbach**  
*Pulpit Assistant*

**Call to Worship>**

**(Psalm 146)**

L: Praise the Lord.

P: **Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.**

L: Happy are those whose help is from God— the One who made heaven and earth, the One who created the seas and all that is in them.

P: **Happy are those whose hope is in God— the One who keeps faith forever, the One who feeds the hungry and defends the oppressed.**

L: God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

ALL: **Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.**

Opening Hymn of Praise #139 .....”Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Prayer of Confession>**

**(Psalm 146, 1 Kings 17)**

Merciful God, you know how we love miracles. We love your healing, life-giving presence. We confess that poverty and oppression are less appealing topics. Yet, we find you among the poor, the downtrodden, the widow, the orphan. In their midst we find you, your prophets, and your miracles. Dwell with us, as we make the struggles of the oppressed our own struggles. Join us at your table, as we join your effort to feed and clothe those who live in want. Grant us your compassion, we pray, that we may truly be your people. Amen

Words of Assurance

\*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 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..... “Grace” ..... Rev. Vanessa Sharp Cephas**  
**Scriptures: . . . Isaiah 35:4-7a(OT 629) ... James 2:1-17 (NT 213) ... Mark 7:24-35 9(NT40)**

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

**The Sermon ..... FAITH WITHOUT WORKS? .....Pastor Wilson**

**\* 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 hell<sup>1</sup>; 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 quick<sup>2</sup> and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Hymn of Preparation #712 ..... “Be Still My Soul”

**HOLY COMMUNION**

(please partake of elements as you receive them)

**Following the Word Into the World**

\*Closing Hymn #572 ..... “Blessed Assurance”

**\*Benediction & Postlude**

*\*Those that are able please stand.*

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**WELCOME!** We hope your worship today will be meaningful. We 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** – Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it toward the center aisle.

Visitors are asked to provide an address and phone number.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Please speak with an Elder or the Pastor if you would like to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior or if you would like to become a member of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

**I WISH CARDS** - PPC is a praying church and a caring church. We welcome your thoughts, comments and prayer requests on the blue cards. You may drop them in the offering plate when it is passed. If you provide your contact information the pastor will be happy to visit or pray with you.

**THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA**

<b>TODAY</b>	09:45am – Sunday School 11:00am – Communion Service <i>(no PWCT meeting today)</i>
Monday	<b>Labor Day</b> – church office closed
Tuesday	11:30am – Craft Group @ 15 <sup>th</sup> Street Pizza, McDonough
Saturday	09:00am – WORKDAY 10:30am – Mary & Martha Circle @ Kathy Banke’s home
Next Sunday	12:15pm – PW Annual Meeting

**PW ANNUAL MEETING**

Our Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting will be Sunday Sept 13, following the worship service, to approve the 2016 PW Budget and elect 2016 PW officers. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

**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!*

- 08/18 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce’s niece) – chemo for ovarian cancer
- 08/13 Sara Cleveland (Murphy’s friend) – in rehab recovering from brain surgery**
- 08/17 Paul Huddleston Jr. (Martha Smith’s great-grandson) – fighting the California wildfires
- 08/18 Kenzlee (Connie McWilliams’ great grandbaby) – recovering from surgery for digestive obstruction (4 wks old)
- 08/19 Rick Pierce – recovering from carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists
- 07/28 Connie Seidel (PW Presbytery CT member) – major health problems, doctors unable to determine cause
- 08/12 Pat Shelton (Lynn Vandiver’s friend) – hand & wrist surgery on 8/25
- 08/17 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood’s daughter-in-law) – cancer has reoccurred, starts chemo in September
- 08/30 Bud Steele – dealing with cellulites**
- 08/30 Mona Steele – severe digestive issues**
- 09/03 Mitchell Trotter (Joyce Smith’s brother) – back surgery on 09/14**
- 08/18 Lea Turner (Joyce Smith’s sister-in-law) – recovering from heart attack
- 08/17 Dot Upchurch – recovering from gallbladder surgery

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Tye Bryant	Jean Ray	JoAnn Tatzel	Dot Upchurch
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Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.

In September we will be collecting supplies for **Secur’us House**, a refuge for abused women and their children. A list of items needed is in the September Crossroads. You may leave your donations in the narthex. *Connie McWilliams, Community Missions*



**FALL WORKSHOP**

The Presbyterian Women of Greater Atlanta invite **ALL** women to the annual fall workshop to be held at the Morrow Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, September 19**. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the programs will start at 9:00 a.m. The workshop should be over around 1:30 p.m. Lunch and registration is \$10. There are workshops designed for all women so let's support our representatives on the Presbytery Coordinating Team with a big turnout of Philadelphia women.



**WORKDAY - September 12 - 09:00am to 12:00pm**

**ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

The annual **PW Retreat** will be held at Calvin Center on October 31. The Rev. Betsy Turner will be our inspirational speaker. We will be taking reservations in September. This year we will have an **EARLY BIRD** discount. See the September Crossroads for details.



Guest musician, **Rev. Vanessa Sharp Cephas**, comes from a family of ministers and musicians. She’s earned Master’s degrees in Church Music and Theology as well as an M.Div from the ITC. She is on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and is founder of LINC Worldwide Ministries and Missions. She and her husband Clifford currently serve on the pastoral staff of Higher Hope Christian Ministries in Conyers, GA

When the supper was ended, he took the cup and after giving you thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and drink. This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**P: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

L: Hear us now as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

L: Hear also our prayers for the sick and shut in, the ill and infirmed, the lost and lonely, those who are prisoners in body, mind or spirit... These things we ask in the name of your Son and our Savior, praying together as he taught us...

**P: Our Father...**

L: Loving God, we pray that you will send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and the blood of your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. As we eat and drink, give us the mind of Christ and help us follow his example as we await his return in glory.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

(You may partake of each element as you receive it.)

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P: Lord, you have nourished us with the bread from heaven. We thank you and we bless your most holy name. Fill us with your Spirit day by day, and make us one in peace and love. Amen**

## **COMMUNION LITANY**

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L The peace of the Lord be with you.

**P And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L: Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we will always and everywhere give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, In him you have renewed all things and you have given us all a share in his riches.

Though his nature was divine, he stripped himself of glory and by shedding his blood on the cross he brought his peace to the world. He was exalted above all creation and became the source of eternal life to all who serve him. Therefore, we ask that you hear us now as we lift our voices with all the saints and angels in heaven who praise you, saying:

**P: Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

L: Blessed indeed, Father, is the one who comes in your name. Blessed is your son, Christ Jesus, and blessed are they who believe in him and call on his name.

**P: Dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life.**

L: Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread, and after giving you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body given for you."

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