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Homecoming Celebration

October 25, 2015

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)***
Presbyterian Homes***
PW Birthday Objective**
PW Blessing Boxes**
PW Least Coin**
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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

*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20*

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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October 25, 2015

11:00 AM

2015 Homecoming Celebration

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 Choral Introit "Give Thanks" Choir

The Announcements and The Declaration "God is good – all the time!" Rev. Sylvia Wilson

The Passing of the Peace

The People Gather

***Call to Worship**

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

P: Praise the Lord! Give thanks unto the Lord!

L: God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

P: God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

L: God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.

P: God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

L: God has shown us glory in the mighty word of God.

P: God has shown us the way of truth and life.

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

P: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord! Magnify the Lord!

L: For 190 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

P: For 190 years, God has been gracious to us.

L: For 190 years, God has given God's own self in Word and Sacrament.

P: For 190 years, God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit.

L: For 190 years, God has made us witnesses in the world.

P: For 190 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.

L: Praise the Lord for 190 years! Praise the Lord for a hundred more!

P: Praise the Lord for evermore! Oh, praise the name of the Lord!

*Opening Hymn #139..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*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 (# 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

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

In Stewardship Of All Things

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

The Offertory

Alisa Kirk and Debbie Durden

*The Doxology (#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

*Hymn of Preparation #358..... "Because He Lives"

Scriptures: **Ephesians 4:1-6** (NT 182)

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

Anthem "The Majesty & Glory of Your Name" Choir

The Sermon **CONTINUE TOGETHER IN THIS WAY** **Rev. Trey Harper**

Response to the Word

A Prayer of Dedication

Mrs. Dunivin and Ms. Dossouvi

The Lord God in his goodness has blessed Philadelphia Presbyterian Church with 190 years of mission and ministry. We are a remembering people, and it is good that we remember that God has chosen us, baptized us, and brought us together as the Church of Christ in this place. As remembering people, we look back at all the saving acts of God: the Creation, the Flood, the Covenant, the Exodus, the Incarnation, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Church.

We are a remembering people, but we are also a people of this day, brought together by God to be a holy fellowship of believers: the Body of Christ, sharing, caring, working in the world, and living in the hope of the world to come. Our eyes look back with thanksgiving. Our eyes look forward in hope. Therefore, with thanksgiving for the past and hope for the future, let us dedicate ourselves and our lives to the mission that God gives us as the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

***ALL: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the work you have done in this place. We give you thanks for your love and faithfulness. When we called on your name, you made your presence known to us. When we prayed, you heard us. When we preached your Word and administered your Sacraments, you were in our midst. You have accepted our humble sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. You have listened to our confessions and forgiven our sins. And you have sent your Holy Spirit to heal and comfort our hurts, our sorrows, our infirmities, and our losses.**

L: Continue to empower us with your Spirit, O Lord that we might proclaim your Gospel to all people.
P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Help us to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all that we do and say.
P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Show us how we might give care and support to the needy, love and mercy to the broken and forlorn.
P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Show us new ways of loving one another and those around us.
P: We dedicate our lives to your service.

L: Break down those prejudices and barriers which divide us, and make us all one in your Son, Jesus Christ.
P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

L: Renew us by the Spirit, given at our baptisms, so that we might be challenged to move beyond our ruts, our apathy, and our anxieties of inadequacy.

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

L: Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit and in the ministry that you give us as members of your royal priesthood, the priesthood of all believers, so that we may carry out our mission of service and love.

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

L: Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up the broken and afflicted among us. By the promise of your presence, bring us your healing love.

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

L: Bring us at last to the joy of your eternal kingdom, where, with the faithful of this church who have gone before us and with all your saints, we may evermore praise your name.

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

ALL: Blessed Lord, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills and make us wholly yours. Use us as you will, to the glory of your holy name and the welfare of your people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Following the Word Into the World

*Closing Hymn #391 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

***Charge, Benediction**

Dismissal "I Go To the Rock"

**Those who are able please stand.*

***EVERYONE IS INVITED TO GATHER DOWNSTAIRS
FOLLOWING WORSHIP FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP***

^Today's Liturgy was adapted from the Anniversary of a Church by The Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel found at <http://www.liturgybytlw.com/OccChs/ChAnnv.html> Used with permission.

Give Thanks, words and music by Henry Smith, arranged by Joseph Graham and David Angerman
The Majesty & Glory of Your Name, words by Linda Lee Johnson, music by Tom Fettke, orchestrated by Camp Kirkland



We are glad to welcome **Rev. Trey Harper** as our guest speaker today. Trey was born in Mississippi and is a 1994 graduate of the Indianola Academy. He then received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi University in 1998. Trey attended the Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Masters of Divinity in 2001. He has since been pastor of 7 congregations and is currently the Senior Pastor for Forest United Methodist Church in Forest, Mississippi. Trey and his wife, Heather, have 4 children: John and Joshua age 11, Lucy age 9, and Benjamin age 4.

THANK YOU

Words of appreciation are extended to members of the Homecoming Committee, decorating committee and others who have served so diligently to ensure that God is glorified on this day.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 25, 2015

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

TODAY 09:45am – Sunday School
11:00am – Worship Service
Tuesday 11:30am – Craft Group @ Sue’s Log Cabin, Ellijay
Saturday 9:00am – Annual PW Fall Retreat
Next Sunday 11:00am – Communion Service
12:15pm – PWCT

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!

- 10/01 Russell Adair (Cindy’s brother-in-law) – sinus surgery on 10/28 along with cancer treatments
- 10/12 Betty Downing (Greg’s mom) - recovering from pneumonia
- 09/16 Roland Downing (Greg’s dad) – recovering from knee surgery, at Laurel Park
- 10/01 David Newberry (Pat Randolph’s friend) – radiation & chemo for several advanced stage cancers
- 10-22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood’s daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo**
- 08/30 Bud Steele – dealing with cellulites
- 08/30 Mona Steele – severe digestive issues
- 09/03 Mitchell Trotter (Joyce Smith’s brother) – recovering from back surgery
- 09/27 Akhtar Yusufji (Feroze’s brother) – cancer in the neck, had surgery starting radiation & chemo

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 fill in the I WISH card and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.

Celebrating Mrs. Anne

The lovely flowers in our sanctuary today are in honor of Mrs. Anne Dunivin, celebrating her 99th birthday. Placed with love by her two daughters, Virginia and Barbara.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your generous donations to **Securus House**, whose mission is to provide safe emergency shelter and comprehensive support services to all victims of family violence. We were able to deliver 458 items to support their efforts in ministering to families in need.

We were also able to donate 114 items to the **Calvary Refuge**, our local shelter for the homeless and approximately 50 items of children’s shoes & apparel to **Mission Haven**, a home away from home for missionaries of PC(USA). Your generosity is overwhelming!

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

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. TODAY is the last day for reservations. See Pat Randolph. Our theme this year is “Mapping Our Direction.” Plan to join in the fun!



Daylight Savings ends November 1. On Saturday, **DON’T FORGET** to move your clocks back by 1 hour before retiring for the evening.