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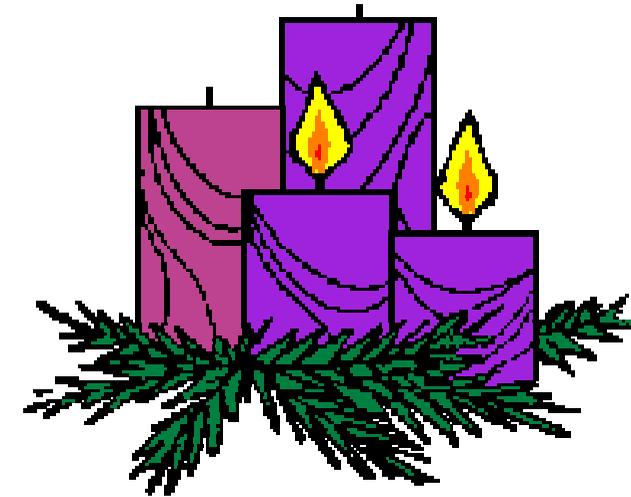
MISSION OUTREACH

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

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2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome

*Grace and peace to you from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philemon 1:3*

*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.*



2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Fred Rohrbach
Pulpit Assistant

Call to Worship>

L: The joy of the Coming Christ be with you all.
P: And also with you.

L: A voice cries out in the wilderness:
P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

L: Every gully shall be filled up,
P: every mountain shall be levelled.

L: The crooked shall be straightened, and the rough road shall be smoothed,
P: and all the human race shall see the salvation of our God!

The Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation..... *Rose Enow & Kathy Banke*
The Scripture Reading Luke 1:67-79

*The Hymn of Praise No. 250 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*** 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 Stewardship Of All Things

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

*The Doxology (Hymn # 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: **Malachi 3:1-4** (OT842) . . . **Luke 3:1-6** (NT56)

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

The Sermon **READY OR NOT**.....**Pastor Wilson**

Hymn of Preparation #244..... “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

(please partake of elements as you receive them)

Following the Word Into the World

*Hymn of Dedication #425 “Bind Us Together”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

> <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C02adv2.htm>

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 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 09:30am – Christmas Breakfast in the fellowship hall, hosted by Session
 11:00am – Worship Service
 12:15pm - PWCT
 Tuesday 11:30am – Craft Group
 Saturday 10:00am – Poinsettia delivery

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!

- 11/24 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce’s niece) – cancer surgery on 12/1, chemo to follow
- 11/24 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats’ mother) –unable to do heart procedure because of blood clot in heart**
- 11/1 Ed Downey – (Nancy Phillips’ cousin) – battling cancer
- 11/08 Philippe Karka and his extended Togo family dealing with death, an automobile accident
- 11/30 Amanda Nevins (Jim & Nancy’s niece) – heart surgery on January 4**
- 12/1 Charles NeSmith – in ICU at Atlanta Medical, surgery to remove intestinal blockage**
- 10/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood’s daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 11/30 Joyce Smith – recovering from heart attack in West Virginia**
- 11/29 Cookie Straughter – prayers for children**
- 11/22 Brandon Wilson (Chris Banke’s co-worker) – injured in bad auto accident

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

Tye Bryant Becky Huie Jean Ray JoAnn Tatzel Dot Upchurch

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secypcc@bellsouth.net or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

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)

2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE: Please pick yours up in the narthex during December.

 Thank you to all who served so faithfully in the nursery this past year. We are working on our volunteer list for 2016. If you feel you can serve the church in this manor, please contact Mary Smith to add your name to the list. We have a paid worker on holidays and other busy Sundays.

-  **CHRISTMAS CANTATA DRESS REHEARSAL:** The choir will have a dress rehearsal for this year’s cantata on Saturday morning, December 19, at 10:00am. If you would like to see the program but are unable to come at night, please feel free to come.
-  **CHRISTMAS CANTATA SERVICE:** Our Choir will present our cantata On December 20, at 7:00pm, followed by a cookie reception in the fellowship hall.
-  **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** We will be worshipping with Candlelight & Communion on Christmas Eve on December 24, at 7:00pm. It is a great time to invite family and friends for a meaningful service.



The Christmas Joy Offering provides much-needed assistance to PC(USA) church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling.

SECUR’US HOUSE is the refuge for abused women and their children. We are collecting supplies in December. See the list of items needed in your December Crossroads. You may also make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place your items in the collection bin in the narthex. All gifts must be received by Sunday, December 20, 2015.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



NOTE: Pastor’s Bible Study continues at 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 13 looking at various translations of passages in the Gospel of Mark.

Pastor: God of grace, thank you for this bread and wine, and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. God of hope, fill us with your Spirit today that we might have the wisdom to understand the mystery of this Table, and the depth and height and breadth and length of your love for us. Through this meal, strengthen us to be followers of Jesus, a community of peace in a broken world.

Distribution of the Elements

Unison Prayer after Communion

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. With the angels in heaven we join in singing your praises, Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

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Advent Communion Service*



L: Who is invited to the Lord's Table?

P: All are invited; the young and the old, the rich and the poor, the lowest and the least; sinners and saints together in communion.

L: Come find your place here where there are no strangers or foreigners or visitors, only brothers and sisters in the sight of God.

L: Why do we give thanks at this table?

P: We give thanks because Jesus showed us the way, we give thanks because Jesus is the Way. Jesus was a gift from God for the world. He was called Immanuel, "God with us". He came to save us from our sins. Jesus lived a life of thankfulness and gave his life as a sacrifice for many. We give thanks that he is our Savior, Christ the Lord.

L: Why do we eat and drink at this table?

P: We eat because on the night before Jesus died, he ate with his friends. He gave them bread and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." At that same meal he took a cup of wine and said, "Drink this cup. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

L: What do we remember at this table?

**P: We remember Jesus' birth and his presence as God with us.
We remember Jesus' life and his love.
We remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.
We remember the resurrection and the promise of life.
We remember that we are waiting in hope to see Jesus again.**

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

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