

December 13, 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)\*\*\*  
Session & PW Misc. Benevolences\*  
Shared Mission - PC (USA)\*  
Souper Bowl of Caring\*\*  
The Gideons International\*\*  
Thank Offering (PW)\*  
Thornwell\*\*\*

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

*Welcome*

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

*Philippians 4:4*

*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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11:00 AM



3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**”

**Fred Rohrbach**

The Greeting and The Ritual of Friendship including signing of Pew Pads

*Pulpit Assistant*

The Gathering Song

Minutes for Mission

**GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC**

**Chelsea Folds**

Director

**Call to Worship>**

(based on **Isaiah 12:2-6**)

L: Sing for joy, children of God! Shout aloud, for God is our salvation!

P: **We will believe the good news that God is in our midst.**

L: Sing of faith, children of God! Shout aloud, for God is our hope!

P: **We will live the good news that God removes all our fears.**

L: Sing of grace, children of God! Shout aloud, for God is our compassion!

P: **We will share God’s love and hope with those who need good news in their lives.**

The Lighting of the Shepherds Candle ..... Diane Kitchen, Kaylynn LaFoy, and the Staats Family

The Scripture Reading ..... Luke 2:15-20

\*The Hymn of Praise No. 272 ..... “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”

**\*Invitation to Confession**

L: Do not be afraid! God does not turn away from us, but comes towards us. God does not hold what we have done against us, but takes away the judgments we fear. Together, let us come to our God with our prayers:

**ALL: When we face ourselves in the mirror, God of all time, we find no reason to rejoice. Called to lives of gentleness, too often we are filled with anger and hurt. Invited to be generous, we tighten our grips on the clothes, food, money and even the love you have given us. Called to be just with**

everyone, it is all too easy to turn away from those who are not like us. Because You are our salvation, You choose to forgive us of these and other sins.

Source of our Joy, we are renewed by your love so we can be more caring; we are given new life so we can serve those around us. We are showered with your gladness so that we might share the joy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with everyone we meet during this season and every day of the year.

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: This is the good news proclaimed so long ago and needed so much today: the Lord is near, the One who is our salvation is coming. Fear not but give thanks to God, who’s arrival bringing peace, bringing hope, and bringing joy into our lives. Amen.

\*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.....forgive us our debts, as forgive our debtors

\*Congregational Hymn #415..... “We Are Called to Be God’s People”

**In Stewardship Of All Things**

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

The Offertory

\*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**

**Anthem**

**Scriptures: ..... Zephaniah 3:14-20 (OT-830) ..... Luke 3:7-18 (NT 57)**

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

**The Sermon ..... WE ARE CHRISTMAS ..... Pastor Wilson**

**Following the Word Into the World**

\*Closing Hymn #13 ..... “Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord”

\*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

><http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, December 13, 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.

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

**THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA**

- TODAY**      **09:00AM – Pastor’s Bible Study**  
09:30am – Sunday School  
11:00am – Worship Service
- Tuesday**    09:00am – The Breakfast Club  
10:30am – Busy Bees Circle
- Saturday**    10:00am – Cantata Dress Rehearsal  
10:30am – Circle One
- Next Sunday** 08:30am – Session  
07:00pm – Christmas Cantata w/Cookie Reception

**PLEASE NOTE: The articles and information for the January Crossroads must be into the church office by Wednesday, 12/16.**

**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!*

- 11/24 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce’s niece) – cancer surgery on 12/1, chemo to follow
- 11/24 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats’ mother) –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 at Atlanta Medical, fall after surgery, swallowing problems and fractured bones in face**
- 11/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood’s daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 11/30 Joyce Smith – recovering from heart attack
- 11/29 Cookie Straughter – prayers for children

**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 [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Our own, Fred Rohrbach, Jr. is graduating from Clayton State University. Fred is the son of Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach, brother of Rachel Rohrbach, and nephew of Pam Langley. We join the Rohrbach family in the celebration.



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

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY**

There is a drop off area in the narthex for Christmas Cards you wish to go to your PPC friends attending during this season. We will make sure they are hand delivered and you will save the stamps. That way, you can use the savings for your donations to the Christmas Joy offerings this year.

**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**



**PLEASE NOTE: Pastor's Bible Study continues on Sundays at 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., looking at various translations of passages in the Gospel of Mark.**

Angie Tharp

In Memory Of:

Luther & Besse Cooper

In Memory Of:

Luther Wray

In Memory Of:

Grover Tharp

Dot Upchurch

In Memory Of:

Eddie Upchurch (husband)

Frances Youngblood

In Memory Of:

Mr. & Mrs. Herron Wood

In Memory Of:

Leighton Smith

In Memory Of:

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Youngblood

In Memory Of:

Harold Hill

In Honor Of:

Jackie Hill



### 2015 Christmas at PPC

➤ **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.



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The poinsettias in the sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God by:

Anonymous

In Honor Of:

Alisa Kirk & Philadelphia Choir

Jane & Buddy Ashmore

In Memory Of:

Vernon & Edna Ashmore

In Memory Of:

Joseph & Evie McKown

Hal and Kathy Banke

In Honor Of:

Angie Tharp

In Memory Of:

Harold and Margaret Banke

In Memory Of:

Luther Wray

Dinah Bingham

In Memory Of:

Neil Foster & David Bingham

In Memory Of:

Mary Jordan

Debbie Bray

In Memory Of:

Bobby and Beverly Bray

In Memory Of:

J.W. & Estelle Smith

In Memory Of:

Nick & Bertha Bray

Blondell Brown

In Memory Of:

Robert Brown (husband)

In Memory Of:

Jeffrey Brown (son)

In Memory Of:

Kathleen Bodden (mother)

Circle One

In Memory Of:

Circle Sisterhood our Sister Saints

In Honor Of:

Joyce Smith

Greg Downing

In Honor Of:

Roland & Betty Downing

Greg and Debbie Durden

In Honor Of:

Betty Foster and Dinah Bingham

	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Neil Foster and David Bingham</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Mike Murdock</i>
	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Andrew, Alisa, Emily, Elliott, &amp; Cooper</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Harley Murdock</i>
<i>Betty Foster</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Neil Foster</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Andrew &amp; Bessie Layton</i>
	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>My Family</i>	<i>Emory and Dot Pearce</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Veneta Pearce</i>
<i>Grateful Congregation</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Rev. Sylvia Wilson</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Billy Mitchell</i>
			<i>Rick and Kathie Pierce</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Betty Paschall Clayton</i>
<i>Bob &amp; Becky Chambers Huie</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Chuck Huie</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Michael Daniels Clayton</i>
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Huie / Chambers Parents</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Patricia Hoffland Pierce</i>
				<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>John Clifton Pierce</i>
<i>Darr Johnson</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Carl W. Johnson</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Wanda Langley, Gladys Langley</i>
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Polly &amp; Elmer Braden</i>	<i>Fred, Jennifer, Fred, Jr. &amp; Rachel Rohrbach</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Dot Rohrbach</i>
<i>Ethel Lynn Keeton</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Joyce Smith</i>		<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Pam Langley</i>
			<i>William Rosenberry</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Connie McWilliams for all her service to the church</i>
<i>Pam Langley</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Wanda Langley</i>			
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Cindy Hopkins</i>	<i>Pam Rountree</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Virginia Hendry Rountree (mother)</i>
	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Jennifer Rohrbach</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Georgia Jackson Hendry (grandmother)</i>
<i>Buck and Annelle Maxwell</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Betty Foster</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Utelle Walker Rountree (grandmother)</i>
	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Jennifer &amp; Fred Rohrbach</i>			
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Harold and Clyde Cramer</i>	<i>Mable Smith</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Eugene Smith (husband) &amp; deceased family members</i>
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Theodore and Shella Maxwell,</i>			
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Neil Foster</i>			
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Ed Huie</i>	<i>Tom &amp; Joyce Smith</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Dwayne Ballew</i>
<i>Connie McWilliams</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Jim Ladd McWilliams</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>(Baby) London Suchalla</i>
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>James &amp; Nellie Pernell</i>			
	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Louise Etheridge</i>	<i>Bud &amp; Mona Steele</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. W.H. Steele (parents)</i>
	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Joyce Smith</i>		<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Belle Garrett (mother)</i>
				<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Mrs. Mary Doster (sister)</i>
<i>Evelyn &amp; Cecil Murdock</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Mrs. Jewell Murdock</i>			