

December 27, 2015

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

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias  
Kathy Banke, Spiritual Growth, Advent  
Carol Masdon, Spiritual Growth, Cantata

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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\*\*\*

\*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.*

*Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.*

*Psalms 148:13*

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December 27, 2015

11:00 AM

*The 1st Sunday After Christmas*

**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

*Jim Phillips*  
*Pulpit Assistant*

Call to Worship

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P And also with you.**

L In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

**P But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed to be the heir of all things, through whom he also created the world.**

L Rejoice in the Lord, Oh you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name; for to us has come a Saviour, Christ the new born King.

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Almighty God, wonderful Creator, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus. In his birth you have restored the dignity of human nature. In his death and resurrection you have revealed to us the fullness of your grace and mercy. In your love, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us reflect his divinity - even as he partook of our humanity. As we hear and reflect on Your word this day, help us to respond with believing hearts and to put our faith into practice. We ask in his name. Amen**

\*The Hymn of Praise # 278 .....“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**In Stewardship Of All Things**

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

\*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 Proclaiming The Word**

*Scriptures* **Matthew 1:18-23** (NT-1)

*Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, “which means, “God is with us.”*

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

Unison Prayer of Preparation

**Holy God, We sing from the depths of our sorrow. We sing from the abundance of our joy. We sing in voices separate and unique. We sing with one voice as your body. May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song, and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry, be pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

**Sermon in Song and Stories led by Alisa Kirk**

Response to the Word\_(from Psalm 63)

**We came earnestly seeking God; we go forth having known God during this time in this place. May we know throughout the week, that the love of God is better than life. May we praise God with singing lips and think of the Holy One throughout the night. May we never fail to sing joyfully in the shadow of God’s wings.**

\*Benediction #235 ..... “Take the Name of Jesus with You”

**“Sincere wishes for a safe and happy New Year. May the Holy Spirit rest, rule and remain in your home and heart throughout 2016!”**  
*Pastor Wilson*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, December 27, 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 11:00am – Casual Worship Song Service**  
**Next Sunday 11:00am – Communion Service**

**PLEASE NOTE: The church office is closed from December 23 thru December 31 for the Christmas holidays. Should you need to get in touch with anyone, please call and listen to the message.**

**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!*

*Christian Sympathy is extended to Carole Masdon and family in the recent death of her sister in Texas.*

*Christian Sympathy is extended to Frances Youngblood and family in the recent death of her brother, Bob Wood.*

*Pastor Wilson asks for prayers for her daughter, Celeste, and co-workers as they grieve the unexpected passing of their Executive Director last week.*

- 11/24 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce's niece) – recovering from cancer surgery, chemo to follow
- 12/13 Chris Banke & co-workers—several have recently perished in horrible auto accidents
- 11/24 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats' mother) –blood clot in heart
- 12/20 Kayre Hines (Kathie Pierce's mom) – recovering from fall, fractured both wrists and jaw**
- 11/08 Philippe Karka and his extended Togo family dealing with death, an automobile accident
- 11/30 Amanda Nevins (Jim & Nancy Phillips' niece) – heart surgery on January 4
- 12/1 Charles NeSmith at Atlanta Medical, recovering from surgery & fall, hoping to come home soon
- 11/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 11/30 Joyce Smith – recovering from heart attack, uneventful return trip from West Virginia and is doing nicely
- 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.**



For more than 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). Today this offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the board of pensions, which provides critical assistance to current and former Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their callings. Please give generously to the **Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes are provided in the pews.**

**2016 ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.** PLEASE begin using this box of envelopes on January 1 and dispose of the previous year's supply. Contribution records are kept by your assigned envelope number, which changes each year.



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