

February 21, 2016

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

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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**SESSION COMMITTEES – TEAMS**

**Administrative**

Jennifer Rohrbach '18, Admin. Chair

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Darr Johnson, Treasurer

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**Property Management/Memory Garden**

Fred Rohrbach '17, Property Chair

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**Clerk's Committee**

Rick Pierce '16, Clerk's Comm. Chair

**OutReach Team**

Philippe Karka '16, Chair

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**Bereavement Committee**

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Debbie Bray, Co-Moderator  
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Barbara Barlow, Worldwide Missions

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

Frances Youngblood, Busy Bees Chair  
Joyce Smith, Circle One Chair  
Kathy Banke, Mary & Martha Chair

**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*

*The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

Psalm 27:1

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

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**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

**Jim Phillips**

*Pulpit Assistant*

**Call to Worship**

**Responsive Reading #736**

**The Lord is My Light**

**Opening Prayer>**

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love.

O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger.

We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day.

We come with song and music to celebrate your love.

We come with longing to seek your presence.

Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn # 210 ..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession (from the Book of Common Prayer)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

\*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 #295 ..... “Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

**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:* Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (OT11) . . . Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NT 186) . . . Luke 13:31-35 (NT 73)

**Sermon ..... FOXES IN THE HEN HOUSE ..... Pastor Wilson**

**Following the Word Into the World**

\*Closing Hymn # 237 ..... “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand.

> reworship

*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.*



*“What can I do with the gifts, skills time and talents that God has given me to improve the well-being of others?” Tony Evans*

**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**      **08:30am – Session**  
                  **09:30am – Confirmation Class**  
                  **09:45am – Sunday School**  
                  **11:00am – Worship Service**
- Tuesday**    **11:30am – Craft Group @ Tim’s Buffet, Fyvl**
- Saturday**    **09:00am – Presbytery @ St. Luke’s, Dunwoody**  
                  **10:30am – Circle One**

**PLEASE NOTE: all articles for the March Crossroads should be in to the church office by Monday, 02/22.**

**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)



**Circle One**

**Circle One** will be meeting Saturday, February 27, at 10:30am. This is to replace the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> that had to be postponed.



During worship on Sunday, January 17, the current Session announced their decision to remain with the PC(USA). The decision was reached after a lengthy season of discernment that included results from the CAT Scan, congregational input from several Listen and Learn Luncheons, morning meetings, notes, private conversations and of course fervent prayers on the part of many members. The decision was unanimous and reflects the wishes of the great majority of members.

The Session will be reviewing the current mission/vision/values statements in preparation for writing the Church Information Form. Their goal is to have the congregation elect a Pastor Nomination Committee (PNC) by the end of March. Delaying the decision would have added a month or more to the process.

In the days ahead, Session will provide additional opportunities for congregational involvement. Your concerns and suggestions may also be shared at any time with any member of Session or submitted to them by mail noting that your signature will ensure a response. Please continue to pray for PPC, her members and her leaders.

**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!*

- 01/24 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce's niece) – chemo treatments
- 02/16 Dennis Hermosilla (Tom Smith's nephew) – pancreatic cancer, under hospice care**
- 02/01 Kayre Hines (Kathie Pierce's mom) – recovering from fall, fractured both wrists and jaw and Kathy for safe travels to care for her
- 02/08 Maci Johnson age 4 (Debbie Bray's great grand daughter) – heart surgery 2/19 to repair artery
- 02/01 Dene Long (Nancy Phillips' sister) – surgery & treatment for breast cancer
- 02/01 Betty Mullins (former member) – under hospice care for congestive heart failure & dementia
- 02/01 Charies NeSmith – recovering from fall and facial fracture, not ready for visitors but improving
- 02/01 Niki (Kiere Coan's friend) – grandparents recently lost everything in a house fire
- 01/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 02/01 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats' mom) – recovering from blood clot in heart and Serena for safe travels while she is caring for her
- 02/16 Michael Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from Pneumonia, at home with oxygen**

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

Tye Bryant    Becky Huie    JoAnn Tatzel    Dot Upchurch

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