

Passion/Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016

# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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## PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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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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## Welcome

*You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.  
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
Psalm 118:28-29*

*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

**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

*Procession of the Palms*

\***Processional Hymn #297** ..... “**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**”

The Announcements and The Declaration “God is good – **all the time!**”

**Mary Smith**

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

*Pulpit Assistant*

The Gathering Song

\*Opening Hymn of Praise # 300 ..... “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

\***Invocation and Lords Prayer** (forgive us our debts....

Grief and joy are about to be mixed. Today we commemorate Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday which ushers in Holy Week the most solemn week in the church calendar. It begins with shouts of praise as Jesus of Nazareth, hero of the common people, enters the Holy City, yet in so doing, he marches inevitably towards his bloody death.

L: The stone which the builders rejected,

**P: has become the keystone of the corner.**

L: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P: Hosanna in the highest!**

L: This is the day which the Lord has made.

**ALL: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

\***Responsive Prayer of Confession**

If our songs of praise are a habit that has lost the enthusiasm of its first love; Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

If our songs of praise are hampered by a multitude of small doubts and fears; Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

If our songs of praise have become the hollow shells of a faith that has withered; Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

**God of stringent light and relentless mercy, please reveal to us the condition of our true selves.**

**Expose the ugliness we have ignored, affirm the beauty that has not been surrendered, forgive the sins for which we have made pathetic excuses, and heal the faith which, although lame, has not surrendered to the world's pessimism.**

**Encourage us to bear the pain of complete self-honesty, and to embrace the joy of rehabilitation which comes to us through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Then let us live boldly to the praise of your Holy Name. Amen!**

\***Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers in the faith, the sufferings and death of the true Son of God are indeed the ultimate condemnation of evil, but they are also the ultimate witness to the salvation of the world. Through Christ who comes to us, we are a people who have nothing to fear and everything to hope for.

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

**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:* .....Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (OT 541) . . . Luke 19:28-40 (NT 79)

**Sermon** ..... **JESUS JOURNEYS TO JERUSALEM**..... **Pastor Wilson**

\***Unison Response to the Word**

**The Apostle's 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 hell<sup>1</sup>; 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 quick<sup>2</sup> and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup> “hell” means world of departed spirits; <sup>2</sup> “quick” means alive; <sup>3</sup> “catholic” means universal

**Special Selection**

Benediction & Postlude

*(During the Benediction the congregation prepares to enter Holy Week as the Pastor drapes the picture of the Triumphant Entry and Ushers distribute booklets for the Stations of the Cross. You welcome to tour the Stations and meditate on their significance after worship or during the week.)*

\*Those that are able please stand.

*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.*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, March 20, 2016**

**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**  
                      **09:45am – Sunday School**  
                      **11:00am – Worship Service**
- Tuesday**       **11:30am – Craft Group @ Cracker Barrel, Morrow**
- Thursday**     **07:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service**
- Next Sunday** **07:00am – Sunrise Service & Breakfast**  
                      **11:00am – Easter Service**

**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 new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!*

- 02/24 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce's niece) – chemo treatments
- 02/24 William Callaway (Mary Smith's nephew) – prayers requested
- 02/24 Vanessa Sharp-Cephas (Pastor Wilson's friend) – recovering from recent stoke and complications
- 02/01 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats' mom) – recovering from blood clot in heart and Serena for safe travels while she is caring for her
- 03/01 Larry Collier (friend of Pat Randolph) – serious condition, facing open heart surgery
- 03/07 David Glass (phone request) – Toe amputation & possibly more due to infection
- 02/16 Dennis Herosilla (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 – doing great, appreciate prayers**
- 02/01 Dene Long (Nancy Phillips' sister) – surgery & treatment for breast cancer
- 02/24 Jacob Loyal (Jennifer's student) – recovering from injuries – hit by car
- 02/01 Betty Mullins (former member) – under hospice care for congestive heart failure & dementia
- 02/01 Charles NeSmith –improving and getting stronger
- 02/01 Niki (Kiere Coan's friend) – grandparents recently lost everything in a house fire
- 02/22 William Rosenberry—had a clot in leg and additional tests for the head injury – appreciates cards & calls
- 02/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 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

**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.



We invite all members and the community to experience The Stations of the Cross during Holy Week. With fasting and prayer, we invite you to open your hearts and minds to God throughout the Easter season.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace... 1 Pet. 4:10*  
We will be receiving this important offering thru **Easter Sunday**. By supporting OGHs, you're sustaining programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training, and resources to people all over the world.