

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Child's Fund (PW)*
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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



Second Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: For the benefit of the congregation, please try to give announcements to Cindy before Wednesday. When that doesn't work, please write them down for the Pulpit Assistant or come to a microphone to speak. Your consideration is appreciated.

Welcome

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December 4, 2016

11:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Enter expectantly. Breathe prayerfully. Worship reverently. Greet others cordially. Leave thoughtfully.

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

Jennifer Rohrbach
Pulpit Assistant

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 72:1 – 19)

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

P: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

L: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

P: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

L: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

ALL: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

The Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle *The Staats Family*

The Scripture Reading and Prayer Luke1:67-79

*Congregational Response #245 (vs1&2 only).....“O Come, O Come, Emanuel”

*Responsive Prayer of Confession >

L: O promised Christ: We are a world at war.

P: Our peace depends on your coming.

L: We are a sinful people.

P: Our pardon depends on your coming.

L: We are full of good intentions

P: but weak at keeping promises;

L: our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.

P: Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: Come, Lord Jesus.

*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 Stewardship Of All Things

We Worship God with Our Gifts and Offerings

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

Scripture Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT-609) ... Matthew 3:1-12 (NT-2)

Anthem

Sermon AS ISRAEL WAITS Pastor Wilson

The Lord's Supper

You may partake of the elements as you receive them

Following the Word Into the World

*Closing Hymn “Wait for the Lord”

Benediction & Postlude

><http://www.patheos.com/blogs/michaboyett/2010/12/a-prayer-of-confession-for-advent/>>

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, December 4 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 09:30am – Christmas Breakfast
11:00am – Communion Service
Tuesday 09:00am – The Breakfast Club

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.
Our Mission: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.
Our Core Values: 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)

SECURUS HOUSE

Clayton County's home for abused women and their children is an organization that provides a refuge in a time of crisis. We here at PPC are privileged to partner with this organization to provide much needed supplies throughout the year. During the month of December we are collecting these supplies. All gifts must be received by Sunday, December 18. See the Crossroads for details.



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!

- 11/03 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) – chemo treatments for leukemia
- 10/31 Terry Folsom (Huie's son-in-law) – treatment for paralysis in legs
- 10/24 Beckie Huie – injection for neck pain
- 10/27 Dr. Gloria Johnson (Pastor Wilson's friend) – undergoing chemo for cancer
- 11/16 Don Olden (John Randolph's friend) – had bypass surgery with complications, now facing stint
- 10/18 Emery Rose Morris (Danny's grand-niece) preemie
- 11/30 Jeff Ragan (Cindy's brother) – facing quadruple bypass surgery**
- 11/09 Becky Shaw (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) – diagnosed with lung cancer, testing further
- 11/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 10/18 Willie J. Smith (Mary's husband) – treatments for prostate cancer
- 10/31 Mona Steele – recovering from surgery for fractured hip, no visitors please
- 10/20 Bud Steele – facing partial removal of toe

PNC: Barbara Barlow, Greg Downing, Marie Dossouvi, Emory Pearce and Mary Smith. **ALTS:** Debbie Bray and Darr Johnson

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

Becky Huie JoAnn Tatzel Dot Upchurch

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

2016 PPC - Christmas Season

- December 4—9:30am—Church Christmas Breakfast
- December 17—10:00am—Cantata Dress Rehearsal
- December 18—7:00pm—Christmas Cantata & reception
- December 22-29—Church Office closed
- December 24—7:00pm—Candlelight & Communion
- December 25—11:00am—Casual Worship Service —no Sunday School
- January 1—11:00am—Communion Service
- January 2—Church Office closed

**Christ died, seeking the good for all;
Christ was raised, putting on resurrection's love;
Christ will come, precisely when we least expect him.**

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus on the night before he died took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Now, pour out your Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and the cup and on those gathered in these moments. Feed us with the bread which is broken, so, in the days to come, we may bring healing to the shattered, embrace the lonely, invite strangers to our family feasts.

Pour the grace of the cup into us, so, in the days to come, we may wrap others in warm coats, lay aside our differences, walk with others in the light of justice.

And when you come when, we least expect, to bring all history to an end, gather us around the Table of joy, where we will join our sisters and brothers of every place and time in forever praising you, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer After Communion

We may not know when, but we will go
to the places God sends us.

We may not know where, but we will go,
to bring God's grace to our broken world.

We may not know who, yet we will go,
**to receive Jesus' hope from those
we are uncomfortable being around.**

We may not know how, so we will go,
**to share the Spirit's peace
in the most unusual places.**

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the Approaching God be with you.

And also with you.

In the days to come, People of God, offer your hearts to the One who comes near.

We will lay aside all that keeps us from opening ourselves to God.

Now is the time to sing praises to the One who loves us.

We offer our thanksgiving to God, as we find ourselves standing within the gates of Advent.

You spoke of the days to come, Architect of life, when chaos would be transformed into creation, and we stood within your garden of goodness. All this beauty, all the wonder, was offered so, we might walk in your light, but we preferred the shadows of sin, opening our hearts so that thief, death, could come and steal us away from you. You sent the prophets to us, urging us to lay aside our foolishness, but we continued to put on the armor of apathy and anger so, we could rebel against you. Finally, when no one expected, you came, not in power but poverty, a crying baby born to nobodies ...

Here us now as we pray ... Our father ...

With those who worry about your return, with those who have forgotten to tell time, we sing of your praises

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of the welcoming heart.

All creation sings of your great love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes when we least expect.

Hosanna in the highest!

In the days to come, God of life, may we be reminded of your holiness, and the blessing of your Child, Jesus. When we fear what lies over the horizon, he comes, arms filled with grace. When worries fall like leaves on our lives, he stands on the front porch, arm in arm with hope. When the rumblings of angry rhetoric waken us in the night, he lullabies us with songs of your love. When sin would lock us away in the shadows of death, he comes like a thief in the night, to steal our hearts back for you.

As we begin our journey to Bethlehem, as we seek to be alert and awake, we would proclaim the mystery of faith:

