

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
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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



Third 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

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 – Prayer Time
- 09:45am - Sunday School
- 11:00am – Worship Service
- Tuesday 11:30am – Craft Group @ Christmas Party (reservations required)
- Thursday 11:00am – Mary & Martha Circle covered dish luncheon @ Pat Randolph’s
- Saturday 11:00am – Cantata Dress Rehearsal Performance
- Next Sunday 08:30am – SESSION
- 07:00pm – Cantata and reception

PLEASE NOTE: All January Crossroads articles and information need to be in the office this week.

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to Alan Straughter and family in the recent death of his mother.

A Praise: Pastor Wilson’s granddaughter Alex is a member of the soccer team that won the NCAA Women’s College Cup on December 4, a day prior to her birthday.

- 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
- 11/30 Jeff Ragan (Cindy’s brother) – facing heart 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
- 12/08 Nicole Smith-Mather (Shelvis & Nancy’s daughter) – young infant in hospital
- 10/31 Mona Steele – recovering from surgery for fractured hip, may receive visitors now
- 12/11 Bud Steele – recovering from partial removal of toe
- 12/08 Katherine Wood (dance class grandparent) – having major health issues, caregiver of 5

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.

Christmas Cantata 2016

You are all invited to our Annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 18, at 7:00pm, followed by a cookie fellowship. If you are unable to come out at night, the choir is having a dress rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 17, at 11:00am. Please feel free to come.



During our Cantata service, we will be collecting gifts for the Christmas Joy Offering which provides much needed assistance to PC(USA) church workers and their families and Presbyterian affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges. This enables students to develop their gifts and find their calling.

Angie Tharp

In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:

Luther and Besse Cooper
Luther Wray
Grover Tharp

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell
Youngblood

In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Honor Of:

Leighton Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Herron Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Youngblood
Jackie Hill

Yusufji Family

In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Honor Of:

Nancy Rasul
Nazir and Miriam Yusufji
Harold Hill
Jackie Hill



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

Hal and Kathy Banke

In Honor Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Honor Of:
In Honor Of:

Angie Tharp
Harold and Margaret Banke
Luther Wray and Grover Tharp
Chris and Mallory Banke
Daniel and Claire Banke

Dinah Bingham

In honor Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:

My Family
Neil Foster and David Bingham
Marvin and Mattilu Foster
Claude and Lourette Jeffries

Debbie Bray

In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:

Bobby and Beverly Bray, parents
J.W. and Estelle Smith, grandparents
Nick and Bertha Bray, grandparents

Blondell Brown

In Honor Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:
In Memory Of:

James Bodden, brother
Jeff and Phillip, sons
Kathleen Bodden, mother
Cyril Bodden, father

Circle One

In Memory Of:
In Honor Of:

Circle Sisterhood our Sister Saints
Patty Boone

Greg Downing

In Honor Of:

The Downing Family

2016 Christmas at PPC

- ☞ **CHRISTMAS CANTATA DRESS REHEARSAL:** The choir will have a dress rehearsal for this year's cantata on Saturday morning, December 17, at 11:00am. 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 18, 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.
- ☞ **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:** We will have a Casual Worship Service on Christmas morning at 11:00am. There will be no Sunday School that day.

<i>Debbie and Greg Durden</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Our Families</i> <i>Neil Foster and David Bingham</i> <i>Jack Durden</i>	<i>Connie McWilliams</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>James (Jim) Ladd McWilliams</i> <i>Chulita Mae McWilliams</i> <i>James & Nellie Pernel</i> <i>Beth Brogden</i> <i>Patty Boone</i>
<i>Betty Foster</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Neil Foster</i> <i>My Family</i>	<i>Emory and Dot Pearce</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Veneta Pearce</i> <i>Bill Mitchell</i> <i>Andy Pounders and Geneva Anderson</i>
<i>Bob and Becky Huie</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Chuck Huie</i>	<i>Jim and Nancy Phillips</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Our Supportive, Prayerful Church Family</i>
<i>Philippe & Celestine Karka</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Jerome Karka</i> <i>Emmanuel and Vicencia TadJela</i>	<i>Rick and Kathie Pierce</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Kayre Griffin Hines</i> <i>Betty L. Clayton</i> <i>Patricia Hoffland Pierce</i> <i>Michael Daniels Clayton</i>
<i>Diane Kitchen and KayLynn LaFoy Roy, Mary, Clara and Landon Kemper</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Honor Of:</i>	<i>Wade and Nancy Kemper</i> <i>Melvin and Josephine Platte</i> <i>Eugene and Helen Kemper</i> <i>Harold Hill</i> <i>Jackie "Grandma" Hill</i>	<i>The Rohrbachs</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Pam Langley</i> <i>Wanda Langley, Gladys Langley</i> <i>Dot Rohrbach</i>
<i>Pam Langley</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Jennifer Rohrbach</i> <i>Wanda Langley</i> <i>Cindy Hopkins</i>	<i>Pam Rountree</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Virginia Hendry Rountree</i> <i>Georgia Jackson Hendry</i> <i>Utelle Walker Rountree</i>
<i>Nellon C. Masdon</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Caudell, mom and dad</i>	<i>Tom and Joyce Smith</i>	<i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Dwayne Ballew</i> <i>London Suchalla</i>
<i>Buck and Annelle Maxwell</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i> <i>In Honor Of:</i> <i>In Honor Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>Betty Foster</i> <i>Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach</i> <i>Connie McWilliams</i> <i>Harold and Clyde Cramer</i> <i>Theodore and Shella Maxwell,</i> <i>Neil Foster</i> <i>Ed Huie</i>	<i>Mona and Bud Steele</i>	<i>In Honor Of:</i> <i>In Memory Of:</i>	<i>The Steele Family</i> <i>Mary E. Doster</i>

Advent Prayer: Draw Close, Lord Jesus

The coming of our Lord is near,
And we wait in joyful expectation,
Draw close, Lord Jesus Christ,
Shed your light on all that is filled with shadows.



The coming of our Lord is near,
And we wait with hope filled hearts,
Draw close, God's beloved son,
Teach us the wonder of your all-embracing love.

The coming of our Lord is near,
And we wait for God's redeeming presence,
Draw close, Saviour of all creation,
Our hearts ache for justice,
our minds long for holiness,
our spirits seek for unity.

The coming of our Lord is near,
And we wait for the fulfillment of God's promises,
Draw close, reconciler and transformer of all things,
Renew our world, restore your peace, display your righteousness.

The coming of our Lord is near,
And we wait for God's light to shine over all the earth,
Draw close, pain bearer, life giver, love sharer,
Shine through us, in us, around us, shine for the world to see.

The coming of our Lord is near,
And we wait attentive to the signs of his coming,
Draw close, Lord Jesus Christ, God beyond imagining,
fully God yet truly human, draw close. Amen

~ written by Christine Sine, and posted on **Godspace**. <http://godspace.wordpress.com/2011/11/21/a-prayer-for-the-first-sunday-of-advent-2011/>

