

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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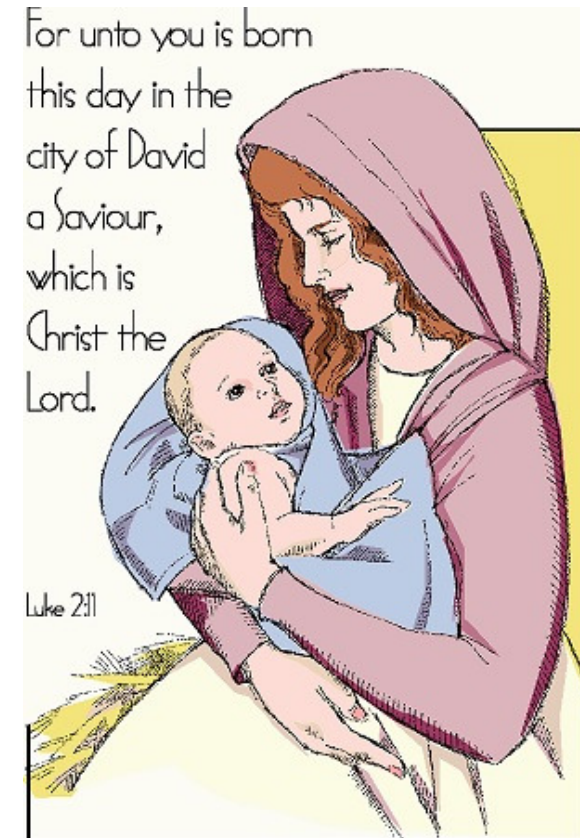
MISSION OUTREACH

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



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

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
351 MORROW ROAD, FOREST PARK, GA 30297, 404-366-1851

December 25, 2016

11:00 AM

SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Gathering Prayer

Like eager children waiting for dawn, tearing at the wrapping to get to the gift,
waking sleeping parents with shouts of joy, let our celebrations begin!

May this Christmas morning find us able to say "Alleluia"
even in the midst of pain and anxiety, because You are our hope.

**Jesus Christ, come to us, fill our hearts with joy in knowing
this deeper truth that life contains, that because You come, all will be well.**

Let us witness not to successful lives, not to perfect health, faultless families,
highly achieving work, or new possessions, but to the quiet inner knowing of You.

**And as we gather this joyful morning, let our Alleluias rise from willing lips,
from lives opened to Your gift, and from hearts filled with Your love.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, and Amen!

Reading #268 Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy!
Response #270 Joy to the World (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Sharing Our First Christmas

Reading #246 Prince of Peace
Response #249 Let's Worship and Adore Him

Sharing Our Favorite Christmas Gifts

SPECIAL SELECTION

Elliot Yancey

Offering
Offertory
Prayer

Eliot Lawrence

*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.**

Reading #242 God With Us
Response Sharing Our Favorite Christmas Songs

Prayer for Christmas (attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson)

**Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the
angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.**

**Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with
every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which
Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.**

**May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Reading #257 Jesus Christ is Born

Benediction #258 Go Tell It On the Mountain



Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. God bless us, everyone.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, December 25, 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 11:00am – Casual Christmas Day Worship
Monday Church Office closed for holiday
Next Sunday 09:30am – Prayer Time
09:45am - Sunday School
11:00am – Worship Service

PLEASE NOTE: Cindy will be out of the office until January 3.

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)

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
- 12/20 Andrew Carter (Pat & John's grandson) – jaw surgery on 1/3**
- 12/19 Susanne Dinan (Jennifer's friend) - breast cancer, battling colitis
- 12/15 Wallace Dunn—radiation treatments for prostate cancer
- 10/31 Terry Folsom (Huie's son-in-law) – paralysis in legs, complications & infection
- 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) – heart bypass surgery on 12/22
- 11/09 Becky Shaw (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) – recovering from lung cancer surgery
- 11/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 12/15 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*

Patty Boone **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 JOY OFFERING

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.**