

January 15, 2017

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Local Benevolences (Pastor's Discretion)*

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PW Least Coin**
PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

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Session & PW Misc. Benevolences*
Shared Mission - PC (USA)*
Souper Bowl of Caring**
The Gideons International**
Thank Offering (PW)*
Thornwell***

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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

January 15, 2017

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

Pulpit Assistant

The Gathering Song

Call to Worship #24

from Psalm 9

Opening Prayer

Psalm 118, verses 19 and 21-24

Open the gates of justice for me, that I may enter them and give thanks unto God...

I give thanks to you for you have answered me and have been my deliverance.

The stone rejected by the builders has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God’s doing; it is marvelous in our sight.

This is the day God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Opening Hymn #401”The Church’s One Foundation”

***Prayer of Confession>** (inspired by 1 Corinthians 2:6-8, 1 Corinthians 3:18-19)

Jesus calls us to love one another, to love everyone, no matter how dangerous that seems.

**We listen to the voice of reason, telling us that laws and rules will keep us safe,
and that safety is the most important goal.**

Jesus calls us to pour out our lives, to give everything we have for the healing of the world.

**We listen to the voice of reason, telling us that money is the measure of success,
and that winning at all costs is always the goal.**

Jesus calls us to follow him beyond the voice of reason, into a world of foolish hope.

Holy One, forgive us when the delusions of the world call us away from the reality of the cross.

(Individual prayers of silent confession)

Words of Assurance

The One, who was born in a stable in Bethlehem and stretched out his arms on a cross in Jerusalem,
forgives us and loves us, no matter how crazy that seems.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Excerpt from PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*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

*Hymn of Preparation #138 “Holy Ground”

Scripture Micah 6:6-8 (OT-821) . . . 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NT-157) . . . Luke 4:38-43 (NT-59)

Anthem

Sermon.....BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITYPastor Wilson

Response> (insert)

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer

Following the Word Into the World

*Closing Hymn #439 “Song for the Nations”

Benediction

Postlude

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 15, 2017

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 – Prayer Time 09:45am - Sunday School 11:00am – Worship Service
Monday	Church Office is closed for the MLK Holiday
Tuesday	09:00am – The Breakfast Club 10:30am – Busy Bees Circle

PLEASE NOTE: Your 2017 offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Please pick them up and save the postage.

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of JoAnn Tatzel who passed away Friday, January 6. Condolences may be sent to her son, Thomas. (see bulletin board)

- 12/03 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce’s sister) – chemo treatments for leukemia
- 12/20 Andrew Carter (Pat & John’s grandson) – jaw surgery on 1/3 was successful. Recovering well.
- 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
- 01/05 Johni Michelle (Pastor Wilson’s friend) – battling breast cancer
- 11/30 Jeff Ragan (Cindy’s brother) –recovering from heart bypass surgery
- 01/09 Randy Ragan (Cindy’s brother) – complications from COPD & Heart Failure, testing**
- 12/09 Becky Shaw (Joyce Smith’s sister-in-law) – recovering from lung cancer surgery
- 01/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood’s daughter-in-law) – evaluating chemo treatments
- 12/15 Willie J. Smith (Mary’s husband) – treatments for prostate cancer
- 12/31 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 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.

Prayer of Intercession

(inspired by 1 and 2 Corinthians)

Eternal God, we thank you for calling us by name. In you we live and move and grow.

We pray for churches and Christians throughout the world. Remind us of our common foundation in Christ. May we grow together in faith and in love, until we attain that unity which is your will.

**Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

Send down your Spirit so that we may know Jesus and bear witness to our life and unity in him. May we know the mind of Christ in order to speak God's wisdom everywhere.

Strengthen us to work towards peace and reconciliation in church and society.

**Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for all churches which are experiencing change – growth, decline, conflict, struggle, reconciliation. Inspire and strengthen them in works of witness and service.

**Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We pray for those who have no home, no land, no food, no work, no medicine, no peace. May we recognize and serve Christ in the suffering and the needy.

**Build us together in Christ,
Make us your dwelling place.**

We thank you for all your gifts of creation. Teach us to abundantly share with others our time, our energy, our resources and our love. Make us sensitive and responsive to the wounds in the human family and creation.

May we be faithful to our calling and live a long life on earth. May we give our whole life to Christ, for we belong to him and in him are united all things on earth and in heaven. Amen.

~ from resources by the *Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity*.

We Are the Body

Let there be no gap between us and Christ.
For if there is any gap, immediately we perish.
For the building stands because it is cemented together.

**Let us not then merely keep hold of Christ,
but let us be cemented to him.
Let us cleave to him by our words and our works.**

He is the head, we are the body.
He is the foundation, we the building.
He is the vine, we the branches.
He is the bridegroom, we the bride.
He is the shepherd, we the sheep.
He is the way, we walk in it.

**Again, we are the temple, he the indweller.
He is the only begotten, we the brothers and sisters.
He is the heir, we the heirs together with him.
He is the life, we the living.
He is the resurrection, we those who rise again.
He is the light, we the enlightened.**

~ from *Homilies on First Corinthians*, St. John Chrysostom (4th century).