

December 3, 2017

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Darr Johnson, Treasurer

OutReach Team

Eliot Lawrence '20, Outreach Chair

Property Management/Memory Garden

Fred Rohrbach '18, Property Chair

Worship & Music Committee

Greg Durden '20, W&M Co-Chair
Debbie Durden, W&M Co-Chair

Clerk's Committee

Jennifer Rohrbach '19, Clerk's Comm. Chair

OTHER COMMITTEES

Officers of the Corporation

Greg Durden, Chair
Darr Johnson, Corp. Treasurer
Rick Pierce, Corp. Secretary

Funeral Stewards

Fred Rohrbach, Chair

Cemetery Committee

Jim Phillips, Chair

Bereavement Committee

Barbara Barlow, Chair

PPC Men's Fellowship

Jim Phillips, Chair

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Debbie Bray, Moderator
Nancy Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer
Jennifer Rohrbach, Historian
Connie McWilliams, Community Missions
Barbara Barlow, Worldwide Missions

Debbie Durden, Search
Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Kathy Banke, Spiritual Growth, Advent
Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Cantata

Frances Youngblood, Busy Bees Chair
Joyce Smith, Circle One Chair
Kathy Banke, Mary & Martha Chair
Pat Randolph, Yearbook

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



1st Sunday of 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

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

December 3, 2017

11:00 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

The Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship

Jim Phillips
Pulpit Assistant

Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ's coming.
Grace to you and peace from God who sent Jesus to us.

Make your ways known to us, O God.

Show us once more your awesome presence.

We are all God's people; no one is excluded.

Come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

Let the mountains quake before you, mighty God.

Let the nations tremble in awe and reverence.

Praise the One who grants us the gift of life.

Give thanks for God's continuing faithfulness.

Heaven and earth will pass away,

But the Word of God is true for all times and places.

The Announcements and Welcome

The Invocation

Amid threatening clouds of anger and selfish strife, come, O God, to bring light. Into our days of worry and anxiety, send a confident hope. Enrich us with spiritual gifts that transcend disappointments and spill out in generous compassion for all your suffering children. Meet us today where we are so we may be equipped for trials yet to come and for joys yet to be revealed. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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.**

*The Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we give our best to you, not out of guilt or fear, but with gratitude and faith. You have been our support in times of need. Every breath we take is a gift from you. We would be awake and watchful for opportunities to make a difference, to help others be alert for your presence, to value life in all its fullness, and to learn to care. We dedicate these symbols of thankfulness and all the days of our lives to those purposes. Amen.

Choir Anthem

Introduction to the Greening Ceremony

The Hymn #245..... *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

The Lighting of the Candles

The Hymn #256..... *"Love Has Come"*

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle.....Rick & Kathie Pierce
Chris & Mallory Banke**

The Hymn #255.....*"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

Hanging of the Wreaths and Holly

The Hymn #262..... *"Away in a Manger"*

Placing of the Poinsettias

The Hymn #290..... *"As With Gladness Men of Old"*

Hanging of the Garlands

The Hymn #270..... *"Joy to the World"*

Decoration of the Christmas Tree

The Hymn #277..... *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

Giving of the Chrismons

*The Hymn #253 *"Silent Night"*

*Benediction

*The Postlude

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 – Hanging of the Green Service
 12:15pm – PWCT

Tuesday 09:00am – Breakfast Club

Saturday 10:30am – Circle One

Next Sunday 09:30am – Christmas Breakfast
 11:00am – Communion Service

ENVELOPES: You may pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes in the narthex. Please do not use until January because the numbers will change. Thank You

ADVENT 2018: Advent material is available in the narthex for everyone in the congregation. There is a calendar that includes scripture and reflections for each day of the Advent season. There is also “Moving Toward The Manger” devotional booklet by Martin E. Marty. Please use these to prepare your heart and soul for the celebration of Jesus’ birth.

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!

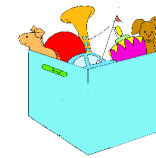
- 11/21 Sydney Bonham (Dinah Bingham’s friend) - stage 4 lung cancer
- 10/17 Angela Brantley (Dot Pearce’s niece) – diagnosed with breast cancer
- 10/30 Diane Brown (the Steele’s niece) – fractured arm in fall
- 11/30 Betty Sue Downing – at Piedmont Fayette with pneumonia & congestive heart failure**
- 11/14 Charles Dunaway (Joan’s brother) – recovering from heart attack
- 11/28 Carol Hamerick (friend of Jim & Nancy) – recovering from heart bypass surgery**
- 10/19 Cheryl Harris (Jennifer’s friend) – diagnosed with cancer
- 11/09 James “Don” Huie (Scott Holloway’s uncle) - under hospice care for bone cancer
- 11/30 Erin Randolph – jaw replacement surgery on 12/15**
- 11/30 Jeff Randolph – surgery for herniated disc on 12/6**
- 11/21 Linda Smith (Joyce Smith’s sister) - heart problems
- 11/21 Lea Turner (Joyce Smith’s sister-in-law) – recovery from pneumonia
- 10/31 Lynn Vandiver – recovering from hip replacement surgery
- 11/21 Bob & Donna Vitale (Jim & Nancy’s friends) – both in treatment for cancer

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

Patty Boone Becky Huie

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

Christmas Breakfast – December 10



We are celebrating Christmas with a fellowship breakfast on Sunday, December 10, at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. The Session is providing all the food and drinks. We ask everyone, who is able, to bring a gift for the children of **Securus House**. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution. They will also need paper to wrap the gifts.

Some suggested items are: toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children’s books. The children range in age from babies to 17. We will place them under the tree when we come for breakfast. If you are unable to get a gift, come anyway and join in the fellowship.



BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHURCH

Bring your Christmas Cards to church members on **December 10**. Bring a Christmas Gift Bag with your name on it to collect the cards you receive. We will sort all of the cards out and the cards will be hand delivered on December 17th before/after service. Please know that if you are giving cards to members who aren’t at church regularly you will want to mail those cards instead of bringing them to Church. You are encouraged to use your saved postage money and give it to your favorite charity or you could donate it towards our Church Renovation project.





Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc.

Securus House is 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. During the month of December we are collecting these supplies and will be delivering them December 18. See your December Crossroads for suggested items to donate.

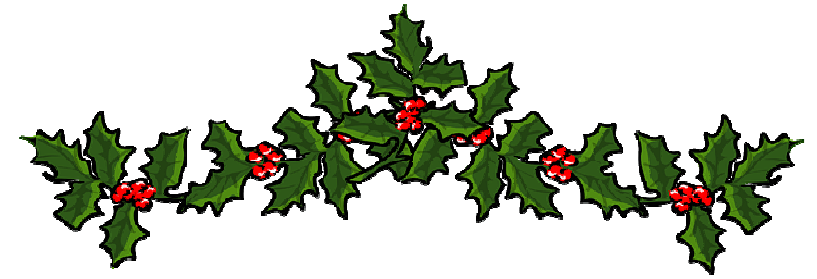
CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group's annual Christmas Party will be December 12, 11:30am, at the Meridian Club House, with a covered dish lunch. The husbands of members are invited.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED



Church Directories: Some of the phone numbers were not in the new Church Directory so we did a reprint. You may pick one up in the narthex.



Christmas at Philadelphia

2017

- ▶ **December 3—11:00am—Hanging of the Green Service**
- ▶ **December 10—9:30am—Christmas Breakfast**
- ▶ **December 10—11:00am—Communion Service**
- ▶ **December 16—11:00am—Cantata Dress Rehearsal**
- ▶ **December 17—11:00am—Praise Dance Team in Worship**
- ▶ **December 17—7:00pm—Christmas Cantata & reception**
- ▶ **December 24—7:00pm—Candlelight & Communion**
- ▶ **December 25-28—Church Office closed**
- ▶ **December 31—Casual Service**
- ▶ **January 1—Church Office closed**