

December 10, 2017

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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**SESSION COMMITTEES**

**Administrative**

Jim Phillips '18, Admin. Chair

**Finance & Stewardship**

Beverly Johnson '20, Finance Chair  
Darr Johnson, Treasurer

**OutReach Team**

Eliot Lawrence '20, Outreach Chair

**Property Management/Memory Garden**

Fred Rohrbach '18, Property Chair

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Debbie Durden, W&M Co-Chair

**Clerk's Committee**

Jennifer Rohrbach '19, Clerk's Comm. Chair

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

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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



*2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10, 2017

11:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Chiming of the Hour & Choral Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Jim Phillips, *Pulpit Assistant*

The Gathering Song

The Lighting of the Bethlehem Candle .....Diane Kitchen, Kalynn LaFoy,

Guy, Serena and Aurora Staats

The Scripture Reading and Prayer ..... Luke1:67-79

\*Congregational Response #250 .....“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of glory, we confess that we have not recognized you in our midst nor listened for your voice. Our faith is fragile, and our iniquity goes unrecognized amid our massive self-concern. We have lived as if we have no need to account for the life we have been given. Our church is focused more on our own survival than on its mission in the world. We come to you today with sincere repentance for our neglect. We have failed to prepare the way for Christ’s entry into our everyday environment. Pardon and change us, we pray. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*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.

We Worship God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

While we are waiting and preparing for Christ to appear, we are seeking, O God, to act as faithful followers. May our offerings extend the promise of salvation to people whose lives are broken by neglect, abuse, bad choices, and sinful ways. May these gifts offer hope to all whose suffering and loss seem too heavy to bear. May our church be a listening, caring presence for all its members and through us for all those we meet in our work and leisure. Amen.

Anthem

Scripture..... Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”—  
<sup>3</sup>“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Message ..... Rev. David Omerod

\*Hymn of Preparation #240 ..... “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

The Lord’s Supper

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn # 682 ..... “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Benediction & Choral Benediction & Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand

**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 11:30am – Craft Group Christmas Party at Meridian – see notice

Thursday 10:00am – Mary & Martha Circle

Saturday 09:00am – Workday  
 11:00am – Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Next Sunday 11:00am – Praise Dance Team in Worship  
 07:00pm – Cantata w/reception to follow

**ENVELOPES:** You may pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes in the narthex. Please do not use until January.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cindy has Jury Duty this week and will be in the office later each day.

**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!

*Many thanks to all our wonderful church friends, for your prayers and concerns during my niece, Regina Allen's long illness and at her death. It means so much to me and my family. Please continue to pray for my sister, Carolyn Allen, who has leukemia and for her daughter, Angela Brantley, who is facing a double mastectomy on Dec. 13. God Bless you all. Dot Pearce*

- 12/07 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) - leukemia
- 11/21 Sydney Bonham (Dinah Bingham's friend) - stage 4 lung cancer
- 12/07 Angela Brantley (Dot Pearce's niece) – double mastectomy for breast cancer
- 10/30 Diane Brown (the Steele's niece) – fractured arm in fall
- 11/30 Betty Sue Downing – home recovering from 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 – recovering from surgery for herniated disc
- 11/21 Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister) - heart problems
- 12/05 Lea Turner (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) – originally diagnosed w/pneumonia, now lung cancer
- 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](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

**BRING YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHURCH:** We will sort all of the cards you brought today and hand deliver them on December 17th before/after service.

**SECURUS HOUSE:** We are collecting these supplies and will be delivering them December 18. Next Sunday is the last day to contribute. 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

