

December 17, 2017

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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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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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



3rd 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

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

December 17, 2017

11:00 AM

THIRD 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

Children’s Dance Ministry

Instructors, Mallory Banke & Marie Dossouvi

The Lighting of the Bethlehem CandleThe Yufusji Family

The Scripture Reading and Prayer Luke 2:15-20

*Congregational Response #272“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night”

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

All-knowing God, we confess our worry and anxiety over unimportant matters. We admit the fears that make us defensive instead of loving. We acknowledge our resentment over losses we have sustained and oppression we have suffered. We recognize that we have been far more concerned for our own welfare than for the building up of Christ’s body, the church. In our congregation, we have focused on survival more than service. We look for what we can gain more than for what we can give. Re-establish your rule among us, we pray, and save us from ourselves. 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

In our unworthiness, O God, may we yet bring worthy gifts to honor the Messiah. May the brokenhearted be led to enriching new celebrations. May the lowly among us come to know their true worth as persons chosen by you to do great things. By your mercy, may the hungry be fed not only with bread but also with opportunities to feed others. We give ourselves as your servants, for no gift is complete without personal commitment. Thank you, God, for expecting great things of us. Our spirits rejoice in the coming of our Savior. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation #244 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
Anthem

Scripture..... *John 1:35-42*

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” ³⁹“Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

The Message Rev. David Omerod

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 # 286 “Once in Royal David’s City”

Benediction & Choral Benediction

Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, December 17, 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 09:30am – Prayer Time
09:30am – Sunday School
11:00am – Praise Dance Team in Worship Service
07:00pm – Cantata w/reception to follow

Monday 05:00pm – SESSION @ Olive Garden, Fyvl
Crossroads Deadline

Tuesday 09:00am – The Breakfast Club
11:30am – Busy Bees @ Longhorn, Jboro Rd., McD

Next Sunday 11:00am – Worship Service
07:00pm – Candlelight & Communion Service

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

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 Jennifer Rohrbach and the family of her friend, **Cheryl Harris**, who passed away on 12/13. Also to the Pierce, Clayton and Banke families for the passing of **Gerald Clayton**, Grandfather of Elizabeth Clayton, Katie Clayton and Mallory Banke, who passed Dec. 14th. Kathie Pierce’s great Aunt **Ethel Phillips**’ funeral will be held Monday, Dec. 18th in Anniston Alabama at 11am. Please keep these families in your prayers.*

- 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. Thank You for your prayers**
- 11/28 Carol Hamerick (friend of Jim & Nancy) – recovering from heart bypass surgery
- 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 or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AT CHURCH

TODAY we will hand deliver your Christmas Cards before/after service. 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.



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. **TODAY** is the last day we are collecting these supplies and will be delivering them December 18. See your December Crossroads for suggested items to donate.