

December 24, 2017

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Cantata

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Calvary Refuge Center*
Child's Fund (PW)*
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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



4th 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 24, 2017

11:00 AM

FOURTH 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
The Gathering Song

Jim Phillips, *Pulpit Assistant*

The Lighting of the Angel CandleThe Rohrbach Family
The Scripture Reading & Prayer..... Luke 2:8-14

*Congregational Response #270“Joy To The World”

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Awesome God, we confess our fear to let down our guard, to feel the wonder, to believe the good news. Why would love choose to live among us, who are so unloving in our words and deeds? Why would you choose to place Trusting Innocence in the hands of sinners like us? We are afraid to bow down, lest we be accused of sentimental weakness. We hesitate to embrace the joy, lest it turn to disappointment in the cruel realities of this world. Forgive us, God, and awaken the child within us, we pray, in Jesus’ name. 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

Thank you, God, for all the gifts you have given us. Most of all, we are grateful for the human child who became the embodiment of your Love. With our offerings, we worship the babe of Bethlehem and recommit ourselves as disciples of the man of Nazareth whom he grew up to be. May the ministry and mission of this church be true to our crucified and risen Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation #250 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Anthem

Scripture..... *Luke 1:26-38*

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” ³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” ³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called[Ⓜ] the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.” ³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

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 # 424 “The Servant Song”
Benediction, Choral Benediction & Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, December 24, 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 – Worship Service
 07:00pm – Candlelight & Communion Service
Next Sunday 11:00am – Casual Worship Service

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be closed this week.

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)

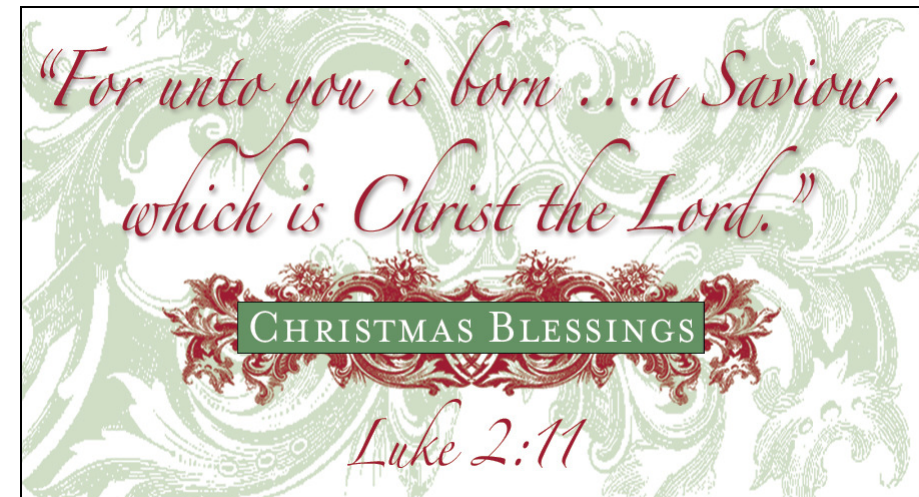
Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

- 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
- 11/28 Carol Hamerick (friend of Jim & Nancy) – recovering from heart bypass surgery
- 12/18 Jackie Hill—under hospice care, unable to swallow**
- 11/09 James “Don” Huie (Scott Holloway's uncle) - under hospice care for bone cancer
- 12/19 Diane Kitchen - recovering from foot surgery**
- 12/19 Pam Langley – recovering from knee injury in auto accident**
- 12/18 Melvin (private man) - Cindy's friend diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer**
- 11/30 Erin Randolph – recovering from jaw replacement surgery
- 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) – diagnosed with lung cancer
- 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.



Join us tonight at 7:00pm for Carols, Candlelight and Communion