

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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Barbara Barlow, Worldwide Missions

Debbie Durden, Search
Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
Connie McWilliams, Cantata Reception
Debbie Bray, Spiritual Growth, PW Retreat

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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***

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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
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December 9, 2018

11:00 AM

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Chiming of the Hour and The Choral Call to Worship

The Welcome and Announcements

Jennifer Rohrbach, Liturgist

The Gathering Song

The Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: He was in the beginning with God.

**All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.**

Leader: What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

**People: The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

*The Hymn of Praise “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

No. 158

The Call to Confession

*The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**Almighty God, who sent a star to guide men to the holy child Jesus:
we confess that we have not followed the light of your word.
We have not searched for signs of your love in the world,
or trusted good news to be good. We have failed to praise your Son’s birth,
and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little, and hoped for less.
Forgive our doubt, and renew in us all fine desires, so we may watch and wait
and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

* The Prayer Response (All Sing)

*“O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today.”*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Meaning of the Candle of Bethlehem

This is the second Sunday of Advent.

Each year on the four Sundays preceding our celebration of Christmas Day
we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior.

Hear now the prophecy of his coming.

The Advent Scripture Matthew 1: 18-2: 12

The Lighting of the Candle

We light the first candle, the *Candle of Prophecy*, to remember the prophet’s
promise of Christ’s coming to be the Savior of the world.

We light this second candle, the *Candle of Bethlehem*,
to remember the dark night when Mary and Joseph found light and warmth
in the stable. The candles are purple signifying the Messiah’s royalty.

The Advent Prayer (In Unison)

**Eternal God, drive away the night of sin by the gracious dawning
of the coming of your Son, so that we may be awake in faith
to welcome him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Prayer Response (All Sing)

*“O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.”*

The Presentation of Our Offering and Congregational Response

*The Response (All Sing)

*“Holy the Infant and holy the mother and holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit and praise to Christ Jesus our King.”*

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**What a joy to give! What a delight to join our efforts to your purposes, amazing God!
May our offerings spread the knowledge of your ways across the earth, widening the
circle of inclusion to embrace all your children, in Jesus’ name, Amen.**

SECURUS HOUSE



Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc.

SECUR'US HOUSE is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. We will be collecting some of their needed supplies in November and December.

Place your donations in the collection bins in the narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place them in the offering plate when it is passed.

All gifts must be received by Sunday, **December 16.**

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

ITEMS NEEDED

Items for infants & children include:

- diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large) , baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline
- bottles with nipples, socks, underwear & undershirts (all sizes)
- crayons, coloring books, markers

Items for the women include:

- new underwear (all sizes), pajamas, gowns & slippers (all sizes)
- personal hygiene products, hair care products for women of all color
- hair blow dryers

Items for the shelter include:

- toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap), paper towels, toilet tissue & facial tissues
- tooth brushes, toothpaste & mouthwash, first aid products; cough drops; lip balm
- Infant & Children's Tylenol (non-generic)

We are going to do the **Christmas Card Exchange** again this year. What that simply means is that if you would like, you can bring your Christmas Cards for Church members who attend regularly and we will sort them out and hand deliver them during before/after service on **December 16, 2018.** This will save you the cost of postage.

Christmas cards are due to the Church no later than Thursday, December 13th if you are participating in the exchange.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND – if you are giving cards to members that don't attend regularly – YOU WILL STILL NEED TO MAIL THOSE CARDS. We will not be mailing cards to members who don't come regularly.



The Hearing of the Word

The Hymn of Preparation "What Child Is This?" No. 159
 Leader: What shall we do to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord?
People: We shall listen and hear the word of faith from the Scriptures.

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 25: 1-10

The Anthem

The New Testament Reading Luke 1: 39-45; 57-66

The Sermon "Christmas Gifts " Rev. Jack Westlund

The Affirming of Our Faith

**Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
 because he has come and has redeemed his people.
 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant
 David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from
 our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us- to show mercy to our
 fathers and to remember his holy covenant, to rescue us from the hand of
 our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and
 righteousness before him all our days.**

from Luke 1: 68-75

The Act of Praise (All Sing)

*"Glo - - - ria in excelsis D-eo
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The Sending of God's People

The Hymn of Departure "The First Noel" No. 156

The Benediction and Congregational Response (All Sing)

*"Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
 Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!"*

The Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

Note: We are using the Red Hymnal for this service

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 – Annual Christmas Breakfast – no Sunday School 11:00am – Worship Service 12:15pm – Congregational & Corporate Meeting
Tuesday	11:30am – Craft Group @ Meridian Clubhouse- reservations required
Saturday	09:00am – Workday 11:00am – Cantata Dress Rehearsal
<i>Next Sunday</i>	07:00pm – Christmas Cantata with reception to follow

Special Notes: This is the last day to make your RESERVATIONS for our Craft Group Christmas Party on Tuesday. Please notify Barbara Barlow. There will be NO Mary & Martha Circle meeting in December.

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)

SOCK DRIVE

We are extending our sock drive until the Christmas season. This year, we mainly need ladies' and children's sizes. Thank you for participating in this much needed ministry.

Jim, Phillips, Men's Fellowship



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 Darr & Beverly Johnson in the passing of their brother in law, Larry Compeau on November 30.

- 10/02 Angela Brantley (Dot Pearce's niece) – infection from reconstructive surgery
- 11/12 Connie Busby (Serena Staat's friend) – needs a miracle (unknown issue)
- 10/11 Nell Cates – recovering from a fall
- 10/09 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky's daughter) – chemo for bone cancer
- 11/28 Marshall Dodgen (Pat Randolph's friend) – recovering from cancer surgery & infection**
- 10/23 Bob Langley (Jennifer & Pam's dad) – recovering from pacemaker surgery
- 10/10 Charles NeSmith – to receive a series of Procrit shots for anemia, prayers appreciated
- 09/23 Cody Roberson (Nancy Phillips' grand nephew) rehab for broken neck
- 11/12 Sandy Staats (Guy's mom) – fell and broke arm – had surgery to repair
- 11/12 Derek Stone – (Serena Staats' cousin) – 36 year old diagnosed with cancer
- 11/20 Michael Trotter – (Joyce Smith's brother) –under hospice care
- 11/06 Charles Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from heart bypass surgery

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.



2018 PPC—Christmas Season

- December 15—11:00am—Cantata Dress Rehearsal**
- December 16—7:00pm—Christmas Cantata & reception**
- December 24—7:00pm—Candlelight & Communion Service**
- December 24-31—Church Office closed**
- December 30— Casual Service**
- January 1—Church Office closed**

