

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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Nancy Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer
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Connie McWilliams, Community Missions
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 16, 2018

11:00 am

The Third 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: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise:

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness.

**People: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed;
the night is far gone, the day is near.**

Leader: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

People: And all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

*The Hymn of Praise

"Joy to the World"

No. 160

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

O God, we rejoice that at Christmas you sent Jesus to redeem us from sin.
Take away from us all pridefulness, all vanity, all selfishness;
remove old hatreds, envy, spite; then fill us with joy and with your peace,
making us more like your Son each day. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 Shepherd's Candle

This is the third 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 Luke 2: 8-20

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 the second candle, the *Candle of Bethlehem*, to remember the dark night
when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the stable.

We light this third candle, the *Shepherd's Candle*, to remember the great light
and joy which surrounded the shepherds at the announcement of Jesus birth.

All three candles are purple signifying the Messiah's royalty.

The Advent Prayer (In Unison)

**God of hope and joy,
the day draws near when the glory of your Son will brighten
the night of the waiting world. Let no vanity hinder the joy of
those who seek him. Let no sin obscure the wisdom seen by
those who find him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 "Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love" (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

**Majestic God, thank you for inviting us to share the blessings you pour out on us. We want to
extend the healing ministry of Jesus who gave sight to those who were blind and new insight to
some who only pretend to see. Use our resources to heal attitudes as well as bodies, to bring
wholeness, not just cures. Help us to address the inequities of the earth that leave so many
without food or shelter or hope. Lead us into your realm in the midst of our daily living. Amen.**

The Hymn of Preparation "There's A Song in the Air!"

No. 155

The Hearing of the Word

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 Isaiah 12: 2-6

The Anthem

The New Testament Reading John 1: 1-11

The Sermon "Christmas Lights" Rev. Jack Westlund

The Affirming of Our Faith

We believe this is how God showed His love among us:
He sent His one and only Son into the world
that we might live through Him.
We believe since God loved us, we also ought to love one another.
We believe no one has ever seen God: but if we love each other,
God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. I John 4: 9-12

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 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" No. 167

The Benediction and Congregational Response (All Sing) and Postlude

"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

SECURUS HOUSE



Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc.

SECUR'US HOUSE is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. TODAY is the last day to bring in their needed supplies. 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 TODAY.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

We are doing the Christmas Card Exchange again this year. What that simply means is that you may have Christmas Cards from Church members to pick up today.



Christmas Joy

For more than 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). Today this offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the board of pensions, which provides critical assistance to current and former Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their callings. Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. Envelopes are provided in the pews.

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	09:00am - SESSION 09:45am – Sunday School 11:00am – Worship Service 07:00pm – Christmas Cantata with reception to follow
Tuesday	09:00am – The Breakfast Club @ Ann & Bill’s Restaurant 11:30am – Busy Bees @ Red Lobster, McDonough

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for the January Crossroads is Monday, 12/17. Please get your articles or info in to the church office asap.

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!

11/12 Connie Busby (Serena Staat’s friend) – needs a miracle (unknown issue)

11/09 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky’s daughter) – chemo for bone cancer

11/28 Marshall Dodgen (Pat Randolph’s friend) – recovering from cancer surgery & infection

12/12 Wade Keeton (Ethel Lynn’s son) – In CCU in Portland, OR with blood disorder

10/23 Bob Langlely (Jennifer & Pam’s dad) – recovering from pacemaker surgery

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 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

