

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

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*December 1, 2019*

*Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

*351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297*

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias  
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent  
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Child's Fund (PW)\*  
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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\*

Forest Park Ministers Association\*  
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  
Forest Park, Georgia 30297

## *The First Sunday of Advent*

*December 1, 2019*

*Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

## *The Hanging of the Greens*

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **The Prelude and Greetings**

#### **The Choral Call to Worship**

#### **The Call to Worship**

Leader: Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.  
People: **Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.**  
All: **And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

**The Hymn of Praise**      "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"      No. 151

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### **The Announcement**

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness."

#### **The Meaning**

Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the coming days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; when nations shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

#### **The Lighting Proclamation**

All: **We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

#### **The Lighting of the Candle**

#### **The Lighting Response**

All: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

#### **The Advent Prayer** (*In Unison*)

**O God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives ignoring your judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world, for we make our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our 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 Offering of Our Gifts

#### **The Offertory**

**The Response** "Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love" (*See insert*)

### 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**      **Psalm 72: 1-15**

#### **The Anthem**

**The New Testament Reading**      **Luke 1: 1-25**

**The Sermon**      **"Preparing for Christmas"**      **Rev. Jack Westlund**

### The Affirming of Our Faith

**We believe that in the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways. We believe, as did the Apostles, that God has spoken to us by his Son,  
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whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom God made the universe. We believe the Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. We believe that he has provided purification for sins and that he sits at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. *(from Hebrews 1-3)*

*(See back of insert for continuation of service.)*

## Poinsettias

### The Act of Praise *(All Sing)*

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

### The Presenting of the Holly and the Poinsettia

Leader: Holly and the Poinsettia have become symbols of Christ's passion, the holly with its prickly leaves represents the crown of thorns; the berries of the holly and the leaves of the poinsettia represent the blood shed for us; the bitter bark of the holly symbolizes the drink Jesus was offered on the cross.



Each Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor or memory of someone special. We will order red and white plants, with gold sleeves. The cost will be **\$12.50** per plant. You may order a plant in honor or memory of someone by filling out the order form and giving it to Connie McWilliams or the Church Office. It is not necessary to purchase more than one plant in order to honor more than one person.

Make checks payable to Connie McWilliams and not to the church. **Please place your order as soon as possible. The absolute deadline is December 1.**

### The Lighting of the Chrismon Tree

Leader: In ancient times the cedar was known as the tree of royalty. Today we often use cedar, along with other greens... pine, fir, spruce, juniper, and rosemary... which we prize for their fragrance as well as their symbolism of our expectation and hope of the coming of the Christ child again. As we light our tree, we remember that Christ is ever-present and that he is the "Tree of Life". The lights on our tree remind us that the Christ Child came to earth as the "light of the world".

### The Presentation of the Chrismons

### The Sending of God's People

The Hymn of Departure "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" No. 184

### 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

WORSHIP NOTE: The hymns today are in the Presbyterian Red Hymnal



## POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM



PLACED BY \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_  
*(YOUR NAME)* *(COST PER PLANT: \$12.50)*

COLOR PREFERENCE: \_\_\_RED \_\_\_WHITE \_\_\_NO PREFERENCE

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

*(circle one)*

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*(Please make checks payable to Connie McWilliams.)*

**DEADLINE TO ORDER – TODAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019**

**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** 09:45am – Sunday School
- 11:00am – **Hanging of the Green Service**
- Tuesday 09:00am – The Breakfast Club
- Saturday 10:30am – Circle One @ Carole Masdon’s home
- Next Sunday 12:15pm – Christmas Luncheon**

**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!*

- 10/26 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky’s daughter) – new medicine & chemo for bone cancer
- 11/19 James Ballew (Joyce Smith’s son) – colon problems - testing
- 11/18 Jeff Hyladik (Ray Morgan’s grandson) - recovering from surgery in Chicago
- 11/17 Buck Maxwell—Stage 4 cancer—strength building at Pruitt Health, Fairburn, some stronger
- 11/18 Emory Pearce— at home recovering from surgery to repair fractured hip
- 11/13 Doris Ragan (Cindy Adair’s mom) – recovering from fractured pelvis
- 10/09 Bill Smith (Tom’s brother) – treatment for lung cancer
- 11/03 Claude Shaddix (Serena Staats’ friend) – bone cancer – out of treatment options
- 10/7 Emily Wallace (Huie’s granddaughter) – diabetes, thyroid cancer surgery

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Marie Foster 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.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

We will have a Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, **December 8**, immediately following worship. The Session will provide the meats so bring your favorite side dish or dessert and join in the fellowship.

This years, we will have a guest speaker, Latosha Hall with Securus House. She is the donation coordinator for the facility. We ask everyone, who’s able, to bring a gift for the children of **Securus House**. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution.

**Some suggested items are:** toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children’s books. The children range in age from babies to 17.

If you don’t bring the gifts to the luncheon, then please have them to the church by December 22.

