

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
Connie McWilliams, Cantata Reception
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Calvary Refuge Center*
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Christmas Joy Offering***
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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*

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
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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Eleven O'clock in the Morning

The Chiming of the Hour and The Choral Call to Worship

The Welcome and Announcements

Debbie Durden, Liturgist

The Gathering Song

The Call to Worship

Leader: The day of God is coming; lift up your voices.
Cry out with the strength God provides.

**People: We await God's coming day with anticipation.
We seek the peace and patience God provides.**

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.
Speak tenderly to my suffering people.

**People: We will prepare the way for One who is coming.
We look forward to baptism in the Spirit,**

Leader: God will feed us like a shepherd.
God will gather us in gentle, caring arms.

**People: God's hand is upon us in blessing;
We are welcomed by God's steadfast love.**

*The Hymn of Praise

"The First Noel"

No. 265

The Call to Confession

*The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of glory, we confess that we have not recognized you in our midst nor listened for your voice. Our faith is fragile, and our iniquity goes unrecognized amid our massive self-concern. We have lived as if we have no need to account for the life we have been given. Our church is focused more on our own survival than on its mission in the world. We come to you today with sincere repentance for our neglect.

We have failed to prepare the way for Christ's entry into our everyday environment. Pardon and change us, we pray. Amen.

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 nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

The Lighting Proclamation

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

The Lighting of the Candle (two purple candles)

The Lighting Response

ALL: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Advent Prayer

Eternal God drive away the night of sin by the gracious dawn 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 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*)

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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 11:1-10**

The Anthem

The New Testament Reading **Matthew 11: 2-11**

The Hymn of Preparation **“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”** **No. 251**

The Sermon **“Go and Tell!”** **Rev. Katie Sundermeier**

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, 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)

***The Hymn of Departure** **“What Child Is This”** **No. 281**

***The Benediction and Choral Response**

The Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

PLEASE NOTE: *The 2020 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex throughout December. Please pick yours up today.*

“Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love”

Refrain
F Am Dm Gm Dm Gm

Ho - ly the In - fant and ho - ly the moth - er And ho - ly and

C F G C F

pre - cious the gifts that we bring; Praise to the Fa - ther and

Am Dm Gm C C7 F B^b F

praise to the Spir - it And praise to Christ Je - sus our King.

Philadelphia Presbyterian Christmas Cantata:
A Festival of Lessons and Carols



Although the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is popularly associated with King's College, Cambridge, the tradition had existed before the 19th century with singers visiting people's homes and singing Christmas Carols. The tradition now includes 9 biblical readings that cover the stories of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and Jesus' birth. Each reading will have a musical response, either a carol for all to join in singing, or a choir anthem.

This year we have a very special addition of a string quartet, playing along with our hymns, carols and choir anthems. This will be a very special evening with warming Christmas music and cheer. Please join us and invite friends and family! Sunday, December 15th at 7pm.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group's Annual Christmas party will be December 10, 11:30am, at the Meridian Club House, Stockbridge. This is a covered dish lunch. Husbands of Craft Group Members are invited. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Please contact Barbara Barlow.

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 – Worship Service
12:15pm – Christmas Luncheon
- Tuesday 11:30am – Craft Group Christmas Party @ Meridian Clubhouse
- Thursday 10:00am – Mary & Martha Circle
- Saturday 11:00am – Cantata Dress Rehearsal
- Next Sunday** **Christmas Card Exchange** (see Crossroads)
07:00pm – Christmas Cantata with reception to follow

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 Hal & Van Banke and family in the sudden loss of their cousin Kathy Brittain. Her mother Martha Nelle, 94, has to settle estate.

12/02 Steve Cooper (Kathy Banke’s cousin) – serious motor cycle accident

10/26 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky’s daughter) – new medicine & chemo for bone cancer

11/19 James Ballew (Joyce Smith’s son) – colon problems – surgery on December 20

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

12/04 Charles NeSmith – moving from Piedmont-Henry to Laurel Park for rehab, COPD issues

11/18 Emory Pearce— recovering from surgery to repair fractured hip

11/13 Doris Ragan (Cindy Adair’s mom) – recovering from fractured pelvis

11/09 Bill Smith (Tom’s brother) – treatment for lung cancer

11/03 Claude Shaddix (Serena Staats’ friend) – bone cancer – out of treatment options

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 or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

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

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

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.

