

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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MISSION OUTREACH

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

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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: Come apart to this place of rest and renewal;
Let your spirits rejoice in the presence of God.

People: We will sing for God's steadfast love for all people.

We will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: God looks with favor on the humble and lowly.
God's covenant does not focus on rank or position.

People: God strengthens those who are weak.

The proud are scattered in the thoughts of their hearts.

Leader: Blessed are those who walk in God's light.
Blessed are all who say 'yes' to God's call.

People: Let the heavens proclaim the wonders of God.

Let all the earth rejoice in Christ's coming.

*The Hymn of Praise "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 249

The Call to Confession

*The Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Gracious God, in whom all things are possible, we confess that we have doubted what we cannot explain. We have sought strength and enjoyment apart from you. We have taken pride in ownership more than giving praise through stewardship. We neglected to thank you, either in good times or when you have supported us during days of uncertainty. We have resisted the newness you offer. Forgive us, we pray, for installing ourselves as reigning deities. Lead us, rather, in paths of trust and obedience. 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 wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The Lord will give you a sign.
Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

The Lighting Proclamation

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

The Lighting of the Candle (three purple candles, one rose candle)

The Lighting Response

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

The Advent Prayer

God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love, and our minds search for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and strengthen us to grow in love, that at the dawn of his coming we may rejoice in his presence and welcome the light of his truth. This we ask in his holy name. 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."*

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The Offering of Our Gifts

The Offertory

The Response “Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love” (See insert front)

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 7:10-16** **Anna Claire Cables**

The Anthem

The New Testament Reading **Matthew 1:18-25**

The Hymn of Preparation “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” **No. 277**

The Sermon “Trust” **Rev. Katie Sundermeier**

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 Hymn of Departure** “Joy to the World” **No. 270**

***The Benediction and Choral Response**

The Postlude **Jonny Sundermeier**

**Please stand as you are able*

“Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love". It is written for voice and piano. The score is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly the In - fant and ho - ly the moth - er And ho - ly and pre - cious the gifts that we bring; Praise to the Fa - ther and praise to the Spir - it And praise to Christ Je - sus our King." The score includes a Refrain section and is accompanied by piano chords: F, Am, Dm, Gm, Dm, Gm, C, F, G, C, F, Am, Dm, Gm, C, C7, F, Bb, F.



Please join us at 7:00pm, December 24, 2019, for a
Candlelight and Carols Service, a time for casual family worship.

Thru the **Christmas Joy Offering** we support the unmet needs of families who devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). It is shared equally by the Assistance Program that provides assistance to current and former Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges. **Envelopes are provided in the pews.**



Christmas Joy

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
Tuesday 07:00pm – Candlelight & Carols Service

PLEASE NOTE: The Church Office will be closed until Monday, January 5.

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!

- 11/19 James Ballew (Joyce Smith’s son) – colon problems – surgery on December 20
- 12/18 Ruby Chapman (Serena’s mother) – in Piedmont Fayette with fluid on lungs**
- 12/02 Steve Cooper (Kathy Banke’s cousin) – serious motor cycle accident
- 11/26 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky’s daughter) – new medicine & chemo for bone cancer
- 12/10 Becky Earls (a former member) recently treated for lung cancer and broken leg
- 12/10 Marie Foster - in early stages of dementia
- 12/04 Charles NeSmith – at Laurel Park for rehab, COPD issues
- 11/18 Emory Pearce— recovering from surgery to repair fractured hip
- 12/10 Pat Randolph – did not have a mild heart attack doing better**
- 11/09 Bill Smith (Tom’s brother) – treatment for lung cancer
- 11/03 Claude Shaddix (Serena Staats’ friend) – bone cancer – out of treatment options
- 12/11 Emily Wallace (Huie’s granddaughter) – recovering from additional 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 or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

