

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

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*December 13, 2020*

*Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

*351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297*

*404-366-1851*

**CHURCH STAFF**

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Fred Rohrbach , Property Co-Chair  
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Debbie Durden, W&M Co-Chair

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Jennifer Rohrbach '22, Clerk's Comm. Chair

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Debbie Durden, Search  
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)\*  
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\*

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\*\*\*

\*Budgeted      \*\*Contributions from the Congregation

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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 Third Sunday of Advent*

*December 13, 2020*

*Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

The Prelude

*The Welcome and Announcements*

The Call to Worship

Greg Durden, Liturgist

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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

**The Announcement**

**The Lighting of the Candle**

**The Question**

**The Meaning**

**The Advent Scripture**

**Luke 2: 8-10**

**The Advent Prayer**

The Old Testament Reading

The Sacred Music

The New Testament Reading

The Sermon

Rev. Katie Sundermeir

The Affirmation of 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**

**The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever. Amen."**

The Benediction

The Postlude

### **Protocol adjustments for congregation and visitors for the time being:**

1. No ushers - Fred will be at the back door and will provide guidance/info
2. Bulletins will be placed on a table in the Narthex for individuals to pick up
3. Masks will be REQUIRED and are to be worn throughout the service.
4. Hand sanitizer will be available on the pews that seating is allowed.
5. Doors will be open whenever/wherever possible
6. There will be NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING during service.
7. Offertory plates will be in the Narthex. Members can place their tithes there.
8. Please sit with whomever you come with.
9. We encourage you to greet one another but please do not hug, etc.
10. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church.

**WELCOME!** We are so thankful you chose to worship with us. 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.

**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.

### **THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA**

TODAY 11:00am – In Person Worship Service and Livestream thru Facebook  
Congregational Meeting to follow.

*We are thankful for all who are reaching out to each other in prayer and encouragement. We would also like to thank our Philadelphia family who are being faithful to continue to give your tithes and offerings to the church during this difficult time. If you are still unable to attend, you may mail your gifts to the Church at 351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, GA 30297. You may also place your offering in the locked mailbox outside of the Fellowship Hall.*

**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!*

**11/10 Jeff Cannon (Frances' son-in-law) – cleared to return to work after COVID-19 Thanks for prayers**

11/11 David Hatch – back in Worship now, still recuperating

11/22 Ethel Lynn & Wade Keeton—recovering from COVID-19

11/01 Paul Kress (Rick Pierce's nephew) – recovering from COVID-19 and pneumonia

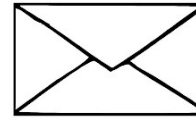
11/01 Mike Kress (Rick Pierce's nephew) - recovering from COVID-19

11/11 David Lamon (Mary Smith's nephew) – prostate cancer

11/11 Lucie Stanton (Cathy Morris' sister) – recovering from COVID-19, special needs

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*  
Marie Foster Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

**Prayer Request:** Call 404-366-1851, Email [secyppec@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppec@bellsouth.net) or call a Session member or Shepherd.



### **2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

During the month of December, your 2021 offering envelopes will be available in the narthex. We need your help to distribute them. If you live near someone who is not coming to “in sanctuary services” at this time, please take the new boxes to them to save the mailing cost. Put your initials beside their name on the list so I'll know you have them. If you live nearby and feel ok to come by the office, please do so on Tuesday or Wednesday. Thanks, Cindy

### **Secur'us House**



**Once again this year, we have the opportunity to serve the community thru Secur'us House. SECUR'US HOUSE** is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children.

Each Christmas we ask everyone, who's able, to bring a gift for the children. The children range in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution.

**Some suggested gift items are:** toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books.

We will also be collecting some of their needed supplies. You may bring your donations in right away. Place them in the collection bin in the narthex. If you are not attending worship in the sanctuary but still wish to donate, please bring your gifts by the church on Tuesdays or Wednesdays while Cindy is in the office or contact Connie McWilliams to meet you and let you in the church.

**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 or mail to the church office. All donations and gifts must be received by Sunday, December 20.*

**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**



### *Christmas at Philadelphia 2020*

Even though the pandemic has kept us from celebrating together as much as we do each year during Advent, we do plan to have a **Virtual Christmas Cantata on Sunday evening, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm.** Look for it on Facebook.

We are also planning to have a **Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.** The protocol adjustments listed in this bulletin will be followed so that everyone can safely social distance.