

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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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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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*

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

April 25, 2021

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord’s Day
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Serena Staats, Liturgist

Call to Worship

We are your people, O God –

The sheep of your pasture,

The flock you have gathered.

Lead us beside still waters;

Teach us the way of righteousness;

And feed us at your table;

Through Jesus Christ,

Our good shepherd.

From Psalm 23

Let us worship the Lord.

Music

Call to Confession

The one who calls us to repent, hears us. Therefore, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. Lord have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God’s deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. We seek God’s grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

First Reading

Mark 8:1-10

Second Reading

John 21:1-14

Sermon

Feeding the Children

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

by Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of Thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer
Benediction**

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY 11:00am – In Person Worship Service and Livestream thru Facebook

Next Sunday 11:00am – Communion Service

MEMORY GARDEN: *Thank You* to Fred Rohrbach, Rick Pierce, Jim Simpson, Danny & Cathy Morris, Jim Phillips, and Luis Mendes for helping out with Workday last Saturday. It is such a blessing to have so many show up and help out. We need YOUR help! Beginning May 1 at 9:00 am, come join Fred Rohrbach every Saturday with your rakes and gloves and help us put the garden back in good shape for wandering and pondering God's good creation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

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!

03/23 Helen Carter (Pat & John's daughter) – radiation in sensitive area near heart

03/22 Jane Lovern (Tom Murphy's sister) – recovering from lumpectomy

03/24 Carole Masdon—recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous tumor, doing well

03/22 Richard Phillips (Jim's brother) liver cancer-radiation going well

03/31 Connor Rawls (Francis Youngblood's grandson) – recovering from brain infection

04/23 Mary Smith—recovering from gallbladder surgery

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

Nell Cates Marie Foster Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

On May 9, Mother's Day, we will celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering supports three PCUSA programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please give generously. You can make out your check to PPC and put One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line. These programs help communities in the U.S. and around the world who have suffered natural disasters, and they provide grants to help economically poor countries start their own programs for development.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PENTECOST!

We will start an expanded schedule with **Sunday School** on May 16. Two Sunday School rooms will be opened up with long tables so that attendees can be socially distanced, while masked. Debbie Durden will teach, and Mary Smith is seriously considering bringing the doughnuts! So please join us for a time together to study at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, before the worship service.

The next Sunday, May 23, is **Pentecost**, when we remember the birth of the church - tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit lighting on the believers in that room 50 days after Jesus crucifixion and the movement of that little group out into the world to spread the gospel. We hope to go outside after the service for refreshments, as well as to show off the cleaned-up Memory Garden. It is full of beautiful flowers and unusual plants, and we are working hard to get old leaves and debris raked up.