

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

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*May 9, 2021*

*Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

*351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297*

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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\*\*\*

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*Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
Clayton County, Georgia - Organized 1825*

***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

May 9, 2021

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Prelude**      **Ave Maria** by Bach/Gounod      **Verena Anders with Debbie Durden on flute**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**Let the floods clap their hands;**

**let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord,**  
for he is coming to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.**

*Psalm 98*

Let us worship the Lord.

**Music**      **O Perfect Love**

**Call to Confession**

**Debbie Durden, Liturgist**

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess our shortcomings in following his calling.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to care for your entire family and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his friends. If we can forgive our friends, how much more does Christ forgive us! Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**First Reading**      **1 John 5:1-6**

**Second Reading**      **John 15:9-17**

**Sermon**      **Becoming a Family**      **Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**Anthem**      **Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love** by Gabriel Faure, arr. Allan Robert Petker

**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**

**Benediction Response**      **God Be with You**

**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

Thursday 07:00pm – Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)

*Next Sunday 09:45am - Sunday School*

**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

**05/02 Beckie Huie – experiencing weakness and passing out**

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

**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](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or call a Session member or Shepherd.

**MOTHER'S DAY: TODAY, Mother's Day, we are celebrating 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:** 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.

**PENTECOST:** 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. **REMEMBER TO TRY AND WEAR RED.** 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.

**SECURUS HOUSE DONATIONS:** **Secur'us House**, Clayton County's home for abused women and children is in need of several items at this time. In the month of May we will be collecting the needed items listed in the newsletter. The deadline to bring in your donations is **Sunday, May 30.** See your May Crossroads for details.

## **Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love**

by Gabriel Faure, arr. Allan Robert Petker

Lamb of God, what wondrous love, O my soul,  
Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die,  
that Thou for me, shouldst die.  
Lord of Grace, what matchless love, O my soul,  
Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice,  
Thou loving sacrifice for me.  
Here, O Lord, am I,  
fearful, sinful, man,  
guilty and condemned,  
Thy death is surely mine.  
Cross of God, I would turn away,  
yet Love it bids me stay, O my soul.  
Can it be the very death I fear  
is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?  
Lamb of God, Thou died for me.  
Lamb of God, what wondrous love.

*Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
That person is like a tree planted  
by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.*

Psalm 1:1-3