

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
Jennifer Rohrbach, Spiritual Growth, PW Retreat

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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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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

November 28, 2021

11:00am

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

**The Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Advent – Hanging of the Green**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude **Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier** **J.S. Bach (BWV 731)**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.
And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Let us worship the Lord.

*** Opening Hymn** **Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus** **No. 244**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath **The Hal Banke Family**

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." 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 nations shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war any more.

We light this candle as a sign of hope for the coming light of Christ.

The Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Let us walk in the light of the Lord with hope for the salvation of all.

Call to Confession **Jennifer Rohrbach, Liturgist**

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

Prayer of Confession

O God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives ignoring your judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world, for we make our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (All Sing)

***“O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.”***

Call for the Offering

The Lord has given us so much. Let us praise the Lord through our gifts for the uplifting of God's kingdom.

Offering **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** **Arr. Marshall McDonald**

*** Doxology (All Sing)**

***“O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.”***

First Reading **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Second Reading **Luke 21:25-36**

Sermon **The Promise** **Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

Anthem **You Are the Light** **Arr. Tom Fettke**

*** 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 represent-tation 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)

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, November 28, 2021

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. Bulletins will be placed on a table in the Narthex for individuals to pick up.
2. Hand sanitizer will be available on the pews.
3. Doors will be open whenever/wherever possible.
4. If you are not vaccinated or have been unmasked in the public, please wear a mask.
5. Please keep an empty row between seating.
6. Masks are needed during Sunday School and in the choir.
7. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY 09:45am - Sunday School
 11:00am – Worship Service
 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Next Sunday 12:15pm PWCT

SECUR'US HOUSE: We are collecting gifts and needed items for Securus House during the months of November & December. Please see the Crossroads for details. The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 19.

SCRIPTURE IN YOUR POCKET: We encourage you to sign up for sharing your favorite scripture on the 3RD Sunday of each month. Just let Cindy know ahead so she can print it so folks can take it home in their pocket!

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!

- 11/07 Rick Burchette (Durden's daughter-in-law's dad) – emergency heart surgery w/kidney dialysis
- 10/13 Tom Harris (friend of Rohrbach's) – broken bones & fractures in fall
- 09/29 Becky Huie – trouble with balance and falling
- 10/12 Pam Langley – staying with family - recovering from falls & hospital stay
- 11/21 Todd Long (Nancy's nephew) – stroke recovery, coming home
- 11/07 Connie McWilliams – twisted her knee
- 11/21 Richard Phillips (Jim's brother) – chemo treatments for liver cancer
- 10/13 Rick Pierce –recovering from knee replacement surgery
- 10/31 Doris Ragan (Cindy's mother) –compound fractured femur & hip-rehab going slow
- 11/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, finished radiation, now on chemo
- 11/15 Sarah Trotter (Joyce's niece) breast cancer, had surgery and still taking chemo

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

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

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

ADVENT: Please pick up your advent devotional and calendar in the narthex. We hope you enjoy these inspirational resources during this season.

Poinsettias



Each Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor or memory of someone special. We will order red plants only this year. The cost will be \$16.50 per plant. You may order a plant in honor or memory of someone by filling out the order form and giving it to Connie McWilliams or the Church Office. It is not necessary to purchase more than one plant in order to honor more than one person. Make checks payable to Connie McWilliams and not to the church. **The deadline to order is TODAY.**

(order form on back cover)

* **Gloria Patri** **Glorify Thy Name (v.1)** **No. 9**

The Presenting of the Holly and the Poinsettia **Debbie Durden**

Holly and the Poinsettia have become symbols of Christ’s passion, the holly with its prickly leaves represents the crown of thorns; the berries of the holly and the leaves of the poinsettia represent the blood shed for us; the bitter bark of the holly symbolizes the drink Jesus was offered on the cross.

The Lighting of the Chrismon Tree **Debbie Durden**

In ancient times the cedar was known as the tree of royalty. Today we often use cedar, along with other greens... pine, fir, spruce, juniper, and rosemary... which we prize for their fragrance as well as their symbolism of our expectation and hope of the coming of the Christ child again. As we light our tree, we remember that Christ is ever-present and that he is the “Tree of Life”. The lights on our tree remind us that the Christ Child came to earth as the “light of the world.”

The Presentation of the Chrismons **Debbie Bray**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

* **Benediction Hymn** **Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming** **No. 255**

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Response**

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

* Please stand as you are able



POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM



PLACED BY _____ **NO. OF PLANTS** _____
(YOUR NAME) (COST PER PLANT: \$16.50)

COLOR: RED only this year

(circle one)

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

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