

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
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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

December 19, 2021

11:00am

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**The Service for the Lord’s Day
Fourth Sunday in Advent - Love**

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

The Messiah is coming.

Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, the teenager mother and carpenter:

The Messiah is coming.

Not announced by priests and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:

The Messiah is coming.

Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

For The Messiah is coming.

Let us worship the Lord.

*** Opening Hymn**

Love Has Come!

No. 256

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Diane Kemper Family

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 anymore.

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 Emmanuel.

We light these candles as a sign of love for the coming light of Christ.

The Lighting of the Candle of Love

Let us walk in the light of the Lord with love for all of God’s children.

Call to Confession

Jim Simpson, Liturgist

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

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. 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

*** 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

Micah: 5:2-5a

Second Reading

Luke 1: 39-56

Sermon

Blessings

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY 09:45am - Sunday School
11:00am – Worship Service
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
Tuesday 07:00pm – SESSION - virtual

SECUR'US HOUSE: TODAY is the deadline for Secur'us House donations.

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!

- Our annual Christmas Eve service is on December 24th, at 7:00pm.
- Bring in your **Christmas Joy** offering throughout December.

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to the Hal and Van Banke and family in the passing of their aunt, Martha Nelle Brittain on December 7.

11/30 Phyliss Allen (Randolph's friend) –heart surgery on Dec 21-changed due to weakness

11/07 Rick Burchette (Durden's daughter-in-law's dad) – emergency heart surgery w/kidney dialysis

11/21 Todd Long (Nancy's nephew) – stroke recovery at home

11/21 Richard Phillips (Jim's brother) –liver cancer – under Hospice Care

11/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment

11/15 Sarah Trotter (Joyce's niece) breast cancer, taking chemo

11/28 ByeonSoon Yoon (Heawoon's mom) – diagnosed with cancer

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.

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.

(order of service continued)

* 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.
(from Hebrews 1-3)

* Gloria Patri

Glorify Thy Name (v.1)

No. 9

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

* Benediction Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 278

* Benediction

* Choral Response

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, December 19, 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.