

**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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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

November 27, 2022

11:00am

## The Service for the Lord's Day First Sunday in Advent - Hanging of the Green

### Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit                      People Look East                      Trad. French Carol, arr. V. Ryan

### 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.

### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### The Durden 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.**

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

### 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 Little Town of Bethlehem                      Arr. St. Louis by L.H. Redner

### \* 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                      Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading                      Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon                      The Messenger                      Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem                      O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

### \* 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.**

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

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**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**

The word Chrismon comes from a combination of Christ’s Monograms. Chrismons are symbolic of the life of Christ and the meaning of Christmas. They are usually handmade by the congregation in colors of white and gold – white for the purity of Christ, and gold for His royalty.

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

\* **Benediction Hymn** Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

**No. 255**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Benediction 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 if you are able

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, November 27, 2022**

**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. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church.
7. Based on the latest CDC guidelines, masks are optional. If you feel more comfortable continuing to wear your mask, please do so.

**THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA**

**TODAY**

09:30am – Sunday School

11:00am – *Hangin' of the Green Service*

01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Tuesday

7:30pm – Christmas at Clayton State Concert @ Spivey Hall

Saturday

7:30pm - Southern Crescent Orchestra Concert to benefit Good Shepherd Clinic @ FBC Morrow

**You are invited!**

**Tuesday, November 29 at 7:30pm** Christmas at Clayton State Concert, including CSU Chorale, CSU Community Band, CSU Orchestra, Masterworks Chorus, & Faculty Soloists. Our own Debbie & Greg Durden and Kathy & Hal Banke will be in the performance.



**MORROW FOOD PANTRY:** We are continuing to collect plastic grocery bags for the food bank to use. Place them in the narthex in the bin provided.

**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!*

- 11/13 Dinah Bingham – dealing with arrhythmia
- 11/13 Gerri Dean Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – immunotherapy for lung cancer
- 10/28 Connie McWilliams – recovering from additional procedure on knee
- 10/16 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – prostate cancer and shingles
- 10/16 Willie Smith – recovering from leg amputation
- 08/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment pills now

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

**CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTIONS:** We will again this year, be gathering Christmas Cards for our PPC family that will be here in December. Bring in a gift bag (the size of most cards) with your or your family's name on it. Bring in your Christmas Cards for Church members who attend regularly and we will sort them out and hand deliver them during before/after service on December 18. The postage your save can be donated to Philadelphia. December 11 is the last day to turn them in for sorting.

**Community Outreach - The Babb Project**



Each Friday afternoon, the staff at Babb Middle School send home bags of food items with some of the students who are homeless or very low income so that they can eat over the weekend. We have partnered with them to provide some of the needed items for these bags. **FOR CHRISTMAS:** We are collecting hats, gloves, & scarves for the students. There are 5 girls and 6 boys involved. We would need these items by December 11. Thank you, **Community Outreach**



**December 17—Christmas Concert—3:00pm**

**A cookie reception will follow**



**Christmas Breakfast – Secur'us House Gifts – Community Missions**

December 18 will be our annual Christmas Breakfast. The congregation is asked to bring breakfast dishes to share with others. Session will provide juice & coffee. Each year we ask, if you are able, to bring a suggested gift for the children spending their Christmas at Secur'us House, Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. Suggestions are listed in your December Crossroads. Thank you, **Community Missions**