

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
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Local Benevolences (Pastor's Discretion)*

Mission Haven (PW)***
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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

December 18, 2022

11:00am

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

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Banke 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.

* Opening Hymn Love Has Come! No. 256

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 In Dulci Jubilo German Carol arr. D. Overton, Flute by J. Galway
* 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 Isaiah 7:10-15
Second Reading Matthew 1:18-25
Sermon Obeying The Angel Rev. Jeanne Simpson
Anthem A Christmas Blessing from Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland,
Music by P. Stopford

* 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
(continued on back of bulletin insert)

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.

Safety Protocols:

- 1. Hand sanitizer is available for use.
- 2. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church.
- 3. If you feel more comfortable continuing to wear your mask, please do so.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY	09:00am – Christmas Breakfast with Secur’us House Gifts 09:30am – Sunday School 10:45am - Card Distribution 11:00am – Worship Service 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
Monday	Deadline for all January Crossroads articles & information
Saturday	03:00pm – Christmas Eve Service-Candles, Carols, & Communion
Next Sunday	11:00am – Christmas Worship <u>on Facebook only</u>

PLEASE NOTE: Your 2023 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up to help save on postage. Begin using them the 1st Sunday in January. **Thank You**

DON'T FORGET: The deadline for getting in your January Crossroads articles & information is tomorrow. Cindy will be out of the office, on vacation, on December 27 & 28.



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.

PLEASE DO NOT bring in any more clothing items for the Community Missions room at this time. As soon as Connie is able to resume sorting she will let us know. Thanks

* **Benediction**

* **Benediction Response (All Sing)** **O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v.4**

*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.*

*Please stand if you are able

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, still some problems, back at church
- 11/13 Gerri Dean Bradley (Mary Smith’s sister) –immunotherapy for lung cancer
- 10/28 Connie McWilliams – recovering from knee replacement, in therapy
- 12/11 Nancy Phillips – at home waiting for test results**
- 11/25 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 or call a Session member or Shepherd.

CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION: We will hand deliver Christmas Cards during before/after service TODAY. The postage your save can be donated to Philadelphia. **Make sure you pick up your bag of cards before leaving.**



Christmas Breakfast – Secur’us House Gifts – Community Missions
TODAY is our annual Christmas Breakfast. Thank you for bringing gifts for the children of Secur’us House.
Connie McWilliams,Community Missions

*Christmas Eve Service, 3:00pm, Saturday, December 24.
Please join us for Carols, Candlelight and Communion.*



There will be no Sunday School or “In Person” Worship Service on Sunday, December 25. Please look for us on Facebook and enjoy your family time. Worship in the sanctuary will resume on January 1.