

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

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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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\*\*\*

\*Budgeted      \*\*Contributions from the Congregation      \*\*\*Budgeted + Contributions from the Congregation

**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.*



Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
Clayton County, Georgia ~ Organized 1825  
E.A. Nielsen

*Welcome*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

January 8, 2023

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord’s Day  
Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit                      O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Ordination and Installation of Elders**

**Call to Worship**

Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:  
**The Messiah has come.**  
Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, the teenager mother and carpenter:  
**The Messiah has come.**  
Not announced by priests and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:  
**The Messiah has come.**  
Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:  
**For The Messiah has come.**

Let us worship the Lord.

**\* Opening Hymn                      As With Gladness Men of Old                      No. 290**

**Call to Confession                      Debbie Bray, 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                      Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring**

**\* 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                      Matthew 3:13-17**

**Second Reading                      Acts 10:34-48**

**Sermon                      Baptism for All                      Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**Anthem                      What Child is This?**

**\* 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**  
***Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.  
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.***

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**\* Benediction Hymn      Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne                      No. 292**

**\* Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response (All Sing)      Sing We Now of Christmas, vs.4                      No. 275**

***Wise Men sought and found him, treasures did they bring;  
Bowling down they worshiped Christ, the King of Kings.  
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!    Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!***

\*Please stand if you are able

**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

09:30am – Sunday School

11:00am – Worship Service with Elder Ordination and Installation

12:15pm – Bridal Shower for Elizabeth Clayton

See the January Crossroads for details

01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Tuesday11:30am – Craft Group @ Red Lobster, Tara Blvd.

then back to church for planning

Thursday07:00pm – Mary & Martha meeting – virtual

SaturdayPW Retreat at Geneva Lodge, Calvin Center

CONTINUING COLLECTIONS: 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry

2- Food items for Babb Project (see Crossroads for details)

**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 Philippe Karkā and family in the death of his brother, Michel Karkā, in Africa.*

11/13 Dinah Bingham – dealing with arrhythmia, still some problems, back at church

01/01 Gerri Dean Bradley (Mary Smith’s sister) –PRAISE: thru therapy and your prayers, lungs are clear

01/01 Dan Kadel (Joyce Smith’s brother-in-law) – in and out of hospital - Lymphoma & liver failure

10/28 Connie McWilliams – recovering from knee replacement, in therapy

01/01 Mark McWilliams – (Connie’s son) – prostate cancer surgery on 1/6


01/01 Dot Pearce – fell & hit head, stiches & black eye

01/02 Nancy Phillips –treatments for metastatic cancer

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



**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. See the Crossroads for a list of items needed. We are also trying at this time to supply some **school uniforms** for the Babb Students first and then for siblings if possible. Please see the list below for details if you are able to help out. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. See Mary Smith if you have questions.

Community Outreach

Babb Middle School Students					
Student	Grade/Age/Gender	Uniform Shirt Color/Size	Uniform Pants Color/Size	Shoe Size	Winter Coat Size
1	7th Grade/13 yrs/Female	Red/Large	Black/13 Juniors	7	Large
2	7th Grade/14 yrs/Male	Red/10-12 Large	Khaki/Black/ 12	5.5	10-12 Large
3	6th Grade/12 yrs/Female	White/10-12 Medium	Khaki/Black/ 13	5	10
4	7th Grade/15 yrs/Female	Red/10-12 Medium	Black/10-12	7	Medium
5	8th Grade/13 yrs/Female	White/Medium	Khaki/Black/ 13-14	8	14-15
Siblings					
Student	Grade/Age/Gender	Uniform Shirt Color/Size	Uniform Pants Color/Size	Shoe Size	Winter Coat Size
6	5th Grade/11 yrs/Female	Black/Red/Blue/7-8	Black/Navy Blue/7-8	4.5	8
7	4th Grade/11 yrs/Male	White/Blue/10-12	Khaki/Black/ 14	7	12
8	3rd Grade/8 yrs/Male	White/Blue/6-7	Khaki/Black/ 5	1.5	8
9	7th Grade/13 yrs/Female	Burgandy/12-14	Khaki/Black/ 16	5.5	15-17
10	1st Grade/7 yrs	Yellow/8	Black/8	2	9
11	KK/5 yrs	Yellow/6	Black/6	1.5	7