

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

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*November 12, 2023*

# *Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

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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\*\*  
Para Cristo Presbyterian\*\*

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*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

November 12, 2023

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day**

**Choral Introit**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Give ear, O people of God, to his teaching.

**We will tell to the coming generation**

The glorious deeds of the Lord and his might

**And the wonders that he has done.**

We will rise up and tell them to our children,

**So that they will set their hope in God,**

And not forget the works of God,

**But keep his commandments.**

Let us worship the Lord.

*from Psalm 78*

**\* Opening Hymn**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**No. 377**

**Call to Confession**

**Jennifer Rohrbach, Liturgist**

Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin and find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us Lord and turn us back to you, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.**

**We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel! Our sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Call for the Offering**

Freely we have received: Let us freely give, with gratitude and joy for the work of God's church.

**Offering**

**\* Doxology**

**No. 815**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Anthem**

**First Reading**

**2 Samuel 5:1-7, 9-10**

**Second Reading**

**2 Samuel 6:12-15, 17-19**

**Sermon**

**The Return of the Ark**

**Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving**

**Lord, Speak to Me**

**No. 667**

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Glory Be to the Father**

**No. 812**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\* Benediction Hymn**

**Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy**

**No. 677**

**\* Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response (All Sing)**

**Yes, Lord, Yes**

**No. 601**

**I'll say yes, Lord, yes to Your will and to Your way.**

**I'll say yes, Lord, yes; I will trust you and obey.**

**When your Spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I'll agree,**

**And my answer will be yes, Lord, yes.**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH      SUNDAY, November 12, 2023**

**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.

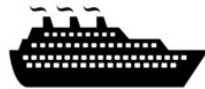
**Safety Protocols:**

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  
                  12:15pm – Thanksgiving Luncheon  
                  01:00pm – Service available on Facebook  
Tuesday      11:30am – Craft Group @ O'Charley's, Stockbridge  
Saturday     09:00am - *Workday*

**CONTINUING COLLECTIONS:** 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry  
2- Food items for Babb Project (*see bulletin board for details*)



I am retiring from my corporate job after 42 years effective December 31, and through the generosity of the company, Jim and I are going to be able to take a 94 day cruise through the South Pacific and Australia. That means that I will be gone for 3 months, from January 2 through April 6. I have one month's vacation and the Session has generously granted me an unpaid leave for the other 2 months. Jack Westlund will be with you during this time, and I will be sending periodic updates about "Where in the World the Simpsons Are." My father served in the Pacific in WWII and always wanted to go back, so in a way this trip is in his memory. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity in allowing me to take this time off. You are our beloved family and we will be thinking of you constantly as we travel through a part of the world we have never seen.

*Jeanne and Jim*

**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!*

10/22 Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – evaluating for new lung cancer treatment, chemo not working

09/26 Sidney Cooper (Angie Tharpe's brother) – new leukemia meds

**11/07 Charles Dunaway (Joan Murphy's brother) – at Piedmont Henry, testing for health issues**

09/20 David Hatch – recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous growth

10/01 Becky Huie – suffering with severe vertigo

**11/07 Eliot Lawrence –further amputation of lower leg due to infection, recovery & rehab at Emory Rehabilitation Hospital, Clifton Rd., Decatur**

10/21 John Lovern – (former member, Tom & Joan Murphy's BIL) – hospice care for heart failure

10/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – many health issues with recovery from fall

10/08 Jo Nelson – home still recovering from breaks in both legs

10/03 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – evaluating for various health issues

10/03 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer spread to other bones, looking for new meds.

10/03 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) –polynoid fibrosis in lungs, evaluating for heart problems

**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—Community Outreach**



We are thrilled to have been awarded the **Diaconal Ministry Grant** from the Presbytery to serve the Babb Project. We hope to be able to fund a "uniform closet" at the school for homeless and other transient or disadvantaged students who have no uniforms.

We are always in need of **food items** for the bags we give them each week. See the bulletin board for a complete list. Keep in mind that the food items we give the students need to be in cups or containers that can be eaten out of and be individually wrapped when purchased. It is better if the milk is in bottles that are easily poured from. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info, see Mary Smith or Eliot Lawrence.

Community Outreach

**SECUR'US HOUSE** is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. Each Christmas we ask everyone, who's able, to bring a gift for the children, ranging in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Secur'us can direct their distribution. These gifts are due by December 10. See the Crossroads for details.