

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
Connie McWilliams, Cantata Reception
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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 03, 2023

11:00am

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

Choral Introit **Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel**

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
And he will bring justice to the nations.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
He will not falter or be discouraged
Till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching we will put our hope.
Let us worship the Lord.

from Isaiah 42

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Banke 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 anymore.

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

Fran Youngblood, 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 Little Town of Bethlehem No. 250, v4
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 **Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring/The First Noel**

*** Doxology (All Sing) O Come All Ye Faithful (chorus) No. 249**
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

First Reading **Isaiah 40:1-5**

Second Reading **Mark 1:1-8**

Sermon **Hope Comes** **Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

Anthem **Of the Father's Love Begotten**

The Lord's Supper

*** 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 represent-tation 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.

The Hanging of the Green

see small insert

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*** Benediction Hymn Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming No. 255**
*** Benediction and Response** **No. 245, v1**

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

- TODAY** 09:30am – Sunday School
- 11:00am – *Hanging of the Green Service*
- 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
- Tuesday 09:30am – The Breakfast Club at “Eggs Up”
- Friday 11:30am – Mary & Martha Circle lunch at Jim & Nicks
- Saturday 10:30am – Circle One
- Next Sunday – 09:00am – Christmas Breakfast*
- 11:00am – Elder Ordination & Installation*

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



The Babb Project—Community Outreach



- + A "Uniform Closet" at the school for homeless and other transient or disadvantaged students coming soon.
- + We are always in need of **Food Items** for the bags we give them each week. See bulletin board for a complete list.
- + **Monetary Gifts** are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project.

- 12/10 9:00am** - Congregational Christmas Breakfast - Members are asked to bring a breakfast dish to share.
- 12/16 3:00pm** - A Lesson in Carols – Christmas Music Program. Cookie Reception to follow
- 12/17 11:00am** - Christmas Card Swap - bring your Christmas Cards to church no later than SATURDAY, 12/16. Only bring cards for members who attend regularly – we will not mail cards to those not at church. Also, don't forget to bring a bag so we can put your cards in it when we sort them.



NOTE: Today is the deadline for Poinsettia Orders.



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:

- Cindy & Ed Adair and family in the passing of Cindy's brother, Jeff Ragan on 11/26.*
- Cathy & Danny Morris in the passing of a dear friend, Cheryl Rogers, on 11/26.*
- Joan & Tom Murphy and family in the passing of Tom's brother in law, John Lovern, a former PPC member, on 11/27.*

- 10/22 Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – new lung cancer treatment
- 10/26 Sidney Cooper (Angie Tharpe's brother) – new leukemia meds
- 11/12 Pam Langley – recovering from fractured toe & sprained ankle
- 11/07 Eliot Lawrence –rehab for leg amputation below knee
- 10/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – many health issues with recovery from fall
- 11/14 John Randolph – recovering from removal of another bladder tumor, awaiting biopsy
- 11/03 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer spread to other bones, looking for new meds.
- 11/03 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) –heart problems are causing breathing issues

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

SECUR'US HOUSE

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 and place it under the tree at our **Christmas Breakfast on December 10**. The children range in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution. If you could stick a note of them with retail price info, that would be helpful for reporting records. **Some suggested gift items are:** toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books.



We will also be collecting some of their needed supplies. You may bring your donations in right away. See a detailed list in Crossroads and place them in the collection bin in the narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: *You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place them in the offering plate or mail to the church office.*

All donations and gifts must be received by Sunday, December 17.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the narthex. Please pick yours up and save us the postage.



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

Kathie Pierce

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.