

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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PW Blessing Boxes**
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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 10, 2023

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in Advent - Peace**

Choral Introit O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.2)
Welcome and Announcements

Ordination and Installation of Elders Cathy Morris, Rick Pierce, Thomas Thigpen

Call to Worship *From Isaiah 26*

Those of steadfast mind You keep in peace,

In peace because they trust in You.

Trust in the Lord forever,

For in the Lord God we have an everlasting rock.

The way of the righteous is level;

Straight is the path of the righteous that You clear.

In the path of Your judgments,

O Lord, we have placed hope.

Let us worship the Lord.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath **The Rohrbach 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.

We light this candle as a sign of peace for the coming light of Christ.

The Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Let us walk in the light of the Lord with peace for all of God's children.

*** Opening Hymn Of the Father's Love Begotten No.240**

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

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace with ourselves or with our neighbors. We repent of these offenses and turn to you, asking forgiveness for our sin, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. 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 "In the Bleak Midwinter" by G. Holst

*** 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 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Second Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

Sermon Peace Comes Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Morn"

*** 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 Hark the Herald Angels Sing No. 277**

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response (All Sing) O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v.2**

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, Our spirits by Thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And Death's dark shadows put to flight.

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** **09:00am – Christmas Breakfast**
 11:00am – **Elder Ordination & Installation**
 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
- Tuesday 11:30am – **Craft Group Christmas Luncheon @ Meridian Clubhouse**
 TODAY is the last day to make reservations
- Saturday **09:00am – New Elder training**
 03:00pm – Lessons & Carols with cookie reception
- Next Sunday Deadline to bring in Secur’us House Christmas Present donations**
 11:00am – Christmas Card Swap
 12:00pm – Staff & Elder Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

- 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 your check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project.

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.

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!

PRAISES: **Dot Pearce is a 4th time great great grandmother – new baby's name is Betsy Claire.**
Connie McWilliams is a new great grandmother – new baby's name is Lorelei.

- 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 –nursing home to continue rehab for leg amputation below knee**
- 12/04 Angela McWilliams (Connie's Daughter) – rash on hand & foot, doctors can't identify**
- 10/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – many health issues with recovery from fall
- 11/14 John Randolph – tumors not invasive but will require chemotherapy**
- 12/04 Wayne Smeltz (Ann NeSmith's son-in-law) – surgery to remove right leg below knee on 12/06, went well**
- 12/04 Grant Southers (Dot Pearce's grand-son) – broken leg from tree cutting accident**
- 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.