

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

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*Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

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Calvary Refuge Center\*  
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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\*\*\*

\*Budgeted    \*\*Contributions from the Congregation

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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 17, 2023

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
Third Sunday in Advent - Joy**

**Choral Introit**                    **O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.3)**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

*From Isaiah 12*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his holy name.

**The Lord is our strength and salvation.**

Proclaim the mercy of the One who comes as one of us.

**The Lord is our strength and salvation.**

Trust and do not be afraid.

**The Lord is our strength and salvation.**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of peace.

**The Lord is our strength and salvation. Hallelujah!**

Let us worship the Lord.

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**The Staats 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.

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

**The Lighting of the Candle of Joy**

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

**\* Opening Hymn**

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore You**

**No. 271**

**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**

**The Lord is near. In your presence, Holy God, we confess that we need repentance. We have broken your commands against idolatry. We do not live in peace with your creation or your people. We have not trusted your word, and we**

**are afraid. Forgive us, restore us, and turn our shame into praise, for the sake of the One who proclaims the good news and for the sake of all the world. 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            "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring/ The First Noel,"            *Dr. J. Xaveir Carteret, Piano***

**\* 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**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**Second Reading**

**Luke 1:47-55**

**Sermon**

**Joy Comes**

**Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**Anthem**

**"All Is Well,"            *by M. W. Smith, Erin Randolph, Soprano; Xavier Carteret, Tenor***

**\* 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**

**Joy To The World!**

**No. 270**

**\* Benediction**

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

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v.3**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high    And order all things, far and nigh;**

**To us the path of knowledge show    And cause us in her ways to go.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, December 17, 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.

**THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA**

- TODAY** 09:30am – Sunday School  
 11:00am – Worship Service  
 12:00pm – Staff & Elder Luncheon  
 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
- Monday** **Deadline for articles & info for January Crossroads**
- Tuesday** 10:30am – Busy Bee Circle  
 07:00pm – SESSION
- Next Sunday** **11:00am – Christmas Eve Worship**

**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.

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

**SECUR'US HOUSE**

**TODAY is the last day to bring in your Christmas gifts for the children.**

**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.*

**All donations and gifts must be received TODAY.**

**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**

