

*** 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

The Lighting of the Candle of Light

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

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

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Lighting of the Congregation Candles

Glory to God in the highest.

Peace, good will to all.

*** Benediction Hymn** **Silent Night** **No. 253**

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational Response (All Sing)** **No. 258**

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

**Please stand if you are able*

May this Christmas and all the days to come bring you hope, peace, joy, and love in the knowledge that your Savior is born today to redeem you from the darkness.

The staff of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church wish you a Merry Christmas.

December 24, 2023

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Welcome

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

December 24, 2023

11:00am

**Christmas Eve
Fourth Sunday in Advent - Love**

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

The Messiah is coming.

Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, the teenager mother and carpenter:

The Messiah is coming.

Not announced by priests and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:

The Messiah is coming.

Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

For The Messiah is coming.

Let us worship the Lord.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Cathy & Danny Morris

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.

The Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son

And shall name him Emmanuel.

We light these candles as a sign of love for the coming light of Christ.

The Lighting of the Candle of Love

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

*** Opening Hymn**

Love Has Come!

No. 256

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

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 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

*** 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.

Anthem

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-14

Sermon

Love Comes

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 278

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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 – **Christmas Eve Worship**
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Next Sunday 11:00am – Worship Service

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



+ 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
- 12/19 Ann Marie Iliria (Diane Kemper's friend) – in CCU at Piedmont Henry with heart attack**
- 11/12 Pam Langley – recovering from fractured toe & sprained ankle
- 11/07 Eliot Lawrence –at AG Rhodes, Grant Park, 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
- 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, new meds.
- 12/03 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) –heart & breathing issues, pacemaker insert delayed, weakness**

OUR HOMEBOUND: *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

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Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd

