

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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Calvary Refuge Center*
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Christmas Joy Offering***
Columbia Friendship Circle (PW)**
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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

January 7, 2024

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord**

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Debbie Bray, Liturgist

Call to Worship

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

The Messiah has come.

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

The Messiah has come.

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

The Messiah has come.

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

For The Messiah has come.

Let us worship the Lord.

*** Opening Hymn**

As With Gladness Men of Old

No. 290

Call to Confession

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

Psalms 23

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:6-20

Sermon

The Gift of Life

Rev. Jack Westlund

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

No. 292

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 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**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

No. 273

*** Benediction**

***Benediction Response (All Sing)**

Sing We Now of Christmas, vs.4

No. 275

Wise Men sought and found him, treasures did they bring;

Bowing down they worshiped Christ, the King of Kings.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

*Please stand if you are able

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

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 – **Communion Service**
12:15am - PWCT
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
- Tuesday** **11:30am – Craft Group @ Red Lobster, Jonesboro**
then back to church for 2024 planning
- Thursday** 07:00pm – Mary & Martha Circle-virtual
- Saturday** 10:30am – Circle One
- 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 the office** concerning new info and updates.

- 12/22 Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – lung cancer treatment
- 12/31 In-law families of the Rohrbachs – having health issues**
- 12/12 Pam Langley – recovering from fractured toe & sprained ankle, boot is off now**
- 12/07 Eliot Lawrence – rehab for leg amputation below knee, brief stay at Piedmont Henry**
- 12/04 Angela McWilliams (Connie's Daughter) – rash on hand & foot, doctors can't identify
- 12/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – many health issues with recovery from fall
- 12/14 John Randolph – tumors not invasive but will require chemotherapy
- 12/04 Wayne Smeltz (Ann NeSmith's son-in-law) – recovering from amputation right leg below knee
- 12/03 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*
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

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We are accepting soups, canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to a local food pantry during the months of January & February. Cash donations are also accepted. Just mark your check or envelope as Souper Bowl.



Connie McWilliams, Community Missions