

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

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Kinship Care Resource Center\*\*  
Cristo Iglesia 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

October 27, 2024

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day**  
**Reformation Sunday**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Processional**

**Highland Cathedral**

Ulrich Roever, Michael Korb, **Sam Wiley**, Bagpiper

**Presentation of the Bible**

**Debbie Bray, Beadle**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

We have gathered today in search of reformation.

**We want to reform ourselves, our church, and our society.**

We stand fearless at the edge of change.

**For God is in the midst of us and we shall not be moved.**

Be still, and know that God is God.

**God is our rock and our redeemer.**

Let us worship the Lord.

**\* Opening Hymn**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**No. 562**

**Call to Confession**

**Greg Durden**

Let us confess our sins to God, who alone has the power to save and waits in mercy to forgive.

**Prayer of Confession**

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our heart.

**We confess that our allegiance is less than complete.**

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our soul.

**We confess that we long to have our own way.**

We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our mind.

**We confess that our thoughts are seldom so pure.**

We are taught to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

**We confess preference for ourselves being first.**

God have mercy upon us as we make our confession.

**Christ have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, contribute to the needs of the saints, and extend hospitality to strangers. For in doing so, you will live in the new life promised by the risen Christ and show forth the love of God. Know that through Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Response Unto Thee All Praise Be Given**

William Williams

**Call for the Offering**

The Lord is good indeed, for God has blessed us richly. Let us offer back a portion of that blessing, in gratitude and love.

**Offering**

**The Skye Boat Song**

arr. Tim Curd, **Debbie Durden**, flute

**\* Doxology**

**No. 815**

**First Reading**

**Psalm 8**

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 9:1-22**

**Sermon**

**A New Covenant**

**Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**Anthem**

**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

arr. Dan Forrest

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

**from The Scots Confession, 1560**

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**No. 812**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn**

**Amazing Grace**

**No. 343**

**Benediction**

**Benediction Choral Response**

**Irish Blessing**

**Traditional**

**Recessional**

**P/M John Recknagel**

**Sam Wiley**

**Abby's March**

**We thank Sam Wiley as our bagpiper today.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, October 27, 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 – **Reformation Sunday and Kirkin Service**  
12:00pm – Church-wide Luncheon  
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook  
**Saturday 09:00am – Workday**  
Next Sunday 11:00am – Communion Service  
12:15pm – PWCT

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



### TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please **notify the office** concerning new info and updates.

09/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems  
10/16 John Randolph –metastasized bladder cancer, chemo treatments started Friday  
10/09 Pat Randolph – recovering from hip replacement, doing great, walking w/o assistance  
10/16 Jim Simpson recovering from surgery

### 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

**The Babb Project:** We are in need of food items for the bags we give the homeless or near homeless students each week. See the [bulletin board](#) for a list of needed products. **Monetary Gifts** are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the [Babb Project](#). For more info, see [Cathy Morris](#).



**WORKDAY is SATURDAY, November 2 @ 9:00AM.** Please know that help is needed to get things ready for Homecoming. I hope you will come and help as you can. If you have any questions, see [Fred Rohrbach](#).

## Our Reformed Heritage...

The Protestant Reformation was a major movement in western Christianity in the mid 1500s. It consisted of a political and religious challenge to the Catholic Church, especially the authority of the Pope. Led by reformers like Martin Luther, Huldrych Zwingli, and John Calvin, reformers stressed worship in the language of congregations rather than Latin, translations of the Bible into those languages so that congregants could read the Bible themselves, reform of practices like paying of indulgences, and reliance on the authority of scripture rather than the Pope. These ideas spread across Europe. John Knox studied with Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, and returned to Scotland to press for reform of the Catholic Church. In 1560 a special Scottish Reformation Parliament was called, and it approved a Protestant confession of faith, rejecting papal jurisdiction and the Mass. The Scots Confession is one of the 12 creeds or confessions adopted by the Presbyterian Church (USA). We confess communally as a congregation, rather than individually to a priest, and Presbyterian theology stresses self study of scripture and preaching of the Word so that all believers are educated in the faith.

We have provided some elements of Kirkin' of the Tartans in today's service. This service was begun in 1941 by Rev. Peter Marshall to raise funds for Scottish churches during World War II. The service stressed the Scottish heritage of our church and later evolved into a tradition whereby American Presbyterians honor that heritage. Tartans, cloth plaid patterns that vary by families, called clans, were outlawed by the English after the Battle of Culloden in 1746. British troops were ordered to kill anyone dressed in or displaying a tartan. However, Scots would secretly carry a little piece of their tartan to church, and the minister would slip a blessing (a kirkin') into the service. This went on for 50 years until the law was repealed. After that, the Church of Scotland would celebrate a Service of Family Covenant, when the tartan of each family was offered for God's blessing. We today celebrate all native, identifying clothing that signifies the importance of family tradition in the Reformed church.

## What's a Beadle?

In the Church of Scotland, the title was used for one who attends the minister during worship. The Beadle opened the church, made sure it was dusted and clean, protected the Bible, and made sure order was maintained during the service. Bibles were very rare in the early days of the church, so the Kirk Bible was locked up. The Beadle would carry it into the church at the beginning of the service and open it to the first reading for the minister, and then carry it back out after the service and lock it back up. The Beadle at times was called the "Constable

of the Kirk.” He often carried a big staff with which he would herd dogs (or other “riff raff”) out of the sanctuary, and at times would keep time to the hymns by pounding the staff on the floor. Hymns in the mid 1500’s through the 1700’s were fairly stark and measured. They were often sung *a cappella* with this rhythmic staff pounding, since organs were expensive and rare in these early Scottish Protestant churches. The hymn “Unto Thee All Praise Be Given” reflects this style of singing. Today, the Appalachian form of shaped note singing in the round reflects this ancient tradition, with a song leader beating out the rhythm with a staff or hand motion.

### About Today’s Music...

The tune “**Highland Cathedral**,” was composed by German musicians Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb in 1982 for Highland games held in Germany. Written for bagpipes, it has become so popular that it has been proposed as a replacement for the current Scottish national anthem, “Scotland the Brave.”

The hymn, “**Be Thou My Vision**,” had its origins almost fifteen hundred years ago in Ireland. It is believed to have been written by the sixth century Irish poet, Dallán Forgaill, also known as St. Dallán. Monks chanted his poetry, and someone much later used it as the basis for this hymn. Since 1919 it has been commonly sung to an Irish folk tune, noted as "Slane" in church hymnals, and is one of the most popular hymns in the United Kingdom.

The tune, “Bryn Calvaria,” was written by a Welshman, William Owen (1813-93) of Pryscol, and the name means “Hill of Calvary.” Owen was the singing leader at the Caeathro Calvinistic Methodist chapel. This tune is his most famous work. The words, “**Unto Thee All Praise Be Given**,” were written by another Welshman, William Williams (1717 – 1791) of Pentycelyn. He is generally seen as Wales' premier hymnist. He is also rated as one of the great literary figures of Wales, as a writer of poetry and prose. In religion he was among the leaders of the 18th-century Welsh Methodist revival.

“**The Sky Boat Song**” is a **Gaelic Air**. The word “gaelic” is related to the language and culture of a people called “Gaels” or “Celts” from northeastern Ulster in Ireland. In the 5th and 6th centuries A.D, these people migrated throughout Ireland and the north and western isles of Scotland. Today, six Celtic languages remain, including Scottish Gaelic,

Irish, Welsh, Breton, Cornish, and Manx. An air is a musical composition often based on folk songs and ballads. “The Sky Boat Song” is a late 19th-century Scottish song recalling the journey of Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) from the Isle of Uist to the Isle of Skye as he evaded capture by government troops after his defeat at the Battle of Culloden in 1746. Sir Harold Boulton, 2nd Baronet, composed the lyrics to an air collected by Anne Campbelle MacLeod in the 1870s, but Robert Louis Stevenson rewrote the lyrics around 1885, and those are the words we know today from the theme song of the series “Outlander.”

“**The King of Love my Shepherd Is**” was written by Henry Williams Baker in 1868 and set to an ancient Irish melody, St. Columba. The text is a Welsh version of Psalm 23. Dan Forrest added a beautiful piano motif to the hymn, along with rich harmonies, to create the anthem sung this morning.

“**Irish Blessing**,” or “**May the Road Rise to Meet You**,” is a prayer originally written in Gaelic. The author of the prayer isn’t known for certain, although many attribute it to St. Patrick, as it is similar to his other writings. The words are well known:

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

"**P/M John Recknagel**" and "**Abby's March**" were both written by our bagpiper, Sam Wiley.