

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

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*December 1, 2024*

# *Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

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Greg Durden, W&M Co-Chair  
Debbie Durden, W&M Co-Chair

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**Christian Education & Fellowship**

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Debbie Bray, Moderator  
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Pat Randolph, Historian  
Connie McWilliams, Community Missions  
Kathie Pierce, Worldwide Missions

Debbie Durden, Search

Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias  
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent  
Connie McWilliams, Cantata Reception  
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**MISSION OUTREACH**

Calvary Refuge Center\*  
Child's Fund (PW)\*  
Christmas Joy Offering\*\*\*  
Columbia Friendship Circle (PW)\*\*  
Good Shepherd Clinic\*  
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\*\*\*

\*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 1, 2024

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day - Hanging of the Green  
First Sunday in Advent - Hope**

**Choral Introit**                      **Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

*from Isaiah 42*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
**My chosen one in whom I delight;**  
I will put my Spirit on him,  
**And he will bring justice to the nations.**  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;  
**He will not falter or be discouraged**  
Till he establishes justice on earth.  
**In his teaching we will put our hope.**  
Let us worship the Lord.

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**The Banke Family**

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness." Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the coming days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; when nations shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.

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

**The Lighting of the Candle of Hope**

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord with hope for the salvation of all.**

**\* Opening Hymn**

**Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus**

**No. 244**

**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**

**O God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives ignoring your judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us**

**wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world, for we make our prayer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16, Malachi 3:1-4**

**Second Reading**

**Luke 1: 67-80**

**Sermon**

**Zechariah's Prophecy      Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**Anthem**

**Of The Father's Love Begotten**

**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 represent-tation 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.**

**The Hanging of the Green**

*see small insert*

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\* Benediction Hymn      Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**No. 255**

**\* Benediction & Benediction Response**

**No. 245, v1**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel**

**That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

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

*\*Please stand if you are able.*



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**PLEASE NOTE:** The deadline to purchase *Poinsettias* is December 8. If you intend to make a purchase on that day, please let Connie know. The florist will need an estimated count by December 2. Thank You!  
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### Poinsettias

Each Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor or memory of someone special. We will order red plants this year. The cost is \$19.50 each. You may order a plant in honor or memory of someone by filling out the order form. It is not necessary to purchase more than one plant in order to honor more than one person.

Make checks payable to Connie McWilliams and not to the church.

The deadline to order is Sunday, December 8.



### POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM



PLACED BY \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_  
 (YOUR NAME) (COST PER PLANT: \$19.50)  
COLOR: RED

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(circle one)

*(Please make checks payable to Connie McWilliams.)*



### The Presenting of the Holly and the Poinsettia

**Debbie Durden**

Holly and the Poinsettia have become symbols of Christ's passion, the holly with its prickly leaves represents the crown of thorns; the berries of the holly and the leaves of the poinsettia represent the blood shed for us; the bitter bark of the holly symbolizes the drink Jesus was offered on the cross.

### The Lighting of the Chrismon Tree

**Debbie Durden**

In ancient times the cedar was known as the tree of royalty. Today we often use cedar, along with other greens... pine, fir, spruce, juniper, and rosemary... which we prize for their fragrance as well as their symbolism of our expectation and hope of the coming of the Christ child again. As we light our tree, we remember that Christ is ever-present and that he is the "Tree of Life." The lights on our tree remind us that the Christ Child came to earth as the "light of the world."

### The Presentation of the Chrismons

**Debbie Bray**

The word Chrismon comes from a combination of Christ's Monograms. Chrismons are symbolic of the life of Christ and the meaning of Christmas. They are usually handmade by the congregation in colors of white and gold – white for the purity of Christ, and gold for His royalty.

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, December 1, 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 – **Hanging of the Green & Communion Service**  
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook  
**Tuesday** 09:30am – The Breakfast Club @ Eggs Up, Morrow  
**Next Sunday** 12:00am – **Staff & Elder Luncheon**



**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**.

**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. The children range in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution. See the Crossroads for details.

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 15. Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**



**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!*

- 11/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems
- 11/16 John Randolph –metastasized bladder cancer, chemo treatments
- 11/09 Pat Randolph – recovering from hip replacement, walking w/o assistance
- 11/12 Pam Rountree – surgery, melanoma on left arm, physical therapy, torn meniscus, rt knee
- 11/27 Serena Staats – recovering from knee replacement, at home

**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.

**SOMEONE'S MOVED:** Nell Cates has moved. You will find her new address on the bulletin board in the hall. She would love to hear from you.

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



*Christmas at Philadelphia*

Please mark your calendars with the following events:

- Dec 1 - 11:00am— Hanging of the Green
- Dec 8 - 12:00pm—Staff and Elder Luncheon
- Dec 15 - 11:00am—Lessons and Carols with light lunch reception  
Bring you Secur'us House gifts this day
- Dec 22 - 10:00am—Christmas Breakfast
- Dec 24 - 05:00pm—Joint Christmas Eve service at FBC, Morrow