

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
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Mission Haven (PW)***
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PW Blessing Boxes**
PW Least Coin**
PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

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Session & PW Misc. Benevolences*
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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

December 15, 2024

11:00am

**Lessons and Carols
Third Sunday in Advent - Joy**

Choral Prelude

Ding Dong Merrily on High

**Born on a New Day
Ubi Caritas et Amor**

Welcome

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

***Hymn**

Once in Royal David's City

No. 286

Bidding Prayer

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Morris 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.

*** Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(see words below)

First Lesson

Genesis 3

God announces in the garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

*** Hymn**

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

No. 255

Second Lesson

Isaiah 9

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Musical Offering

To Thee My Heart I Offer

Third Lesson

Luke 1

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Musical Offering

I Heard the Bells

Fourth Lesson

Luke 2

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

*** Hymn**

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

No. 251

Fifth Lesson

Luke 2

The shepherds go to the manger.

Musical Offering

We Three Kings

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 2

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Musical Offering

How Great Our Joy

Seventh Lesson

John 1

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

Musical Offering

Joy To the World

John Rutter

Prayer and Benediction

*** Benediction Hymn**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

No. 277

**Please stand if you are able.*

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch after the program, with thanks to the Presbyterian Women for their generosity.

A special thanks to Music Director Dr. Xavier Carteret, the Chancel Choir, accompanist Alisa Kirk, and readers Frances Youngblood and Jeanne Simpson.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas.



Joint Christmas Eve Service

You are welcome to join us on December 24, at 05:00pm for a Joint Christmas Eve service at First Baptist Church, 1647 Lake Harbin Rd, Morrow, GA 30260.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

**Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King, of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture – in the body and the blood –
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth fro the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!



You may find the special envelopes in the pew back in front of you

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 – **Lessons & Carols** with light lunch & cookies to follow
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Next Sunday 10:00am – Annual Christmas Breakfast
Members are asked to bring a breakfast dish to share



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. 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 TODAY, December 15. Connie McWilliams, Community Missions***

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



PLEASE NOTE: If your giving does not come thru the mail, your 2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up so that you can begin using them the 1st Sunday in January. **Thank You**

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to Rick & Kathie Pierce and family in the homegoing of Kathie's dad, Rev. Bill Hines on December 11.

11/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems

12/08 Cleveland Lamon (Mary Smith's BIL) – having kidney issues

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 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 your check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info, see **Cathy Morris**.

TODAY IS our annual **Christmas Card Swap** - bring your Christmas Cards to church. Only bring cards for members who attend regularly – we will not mail cards to those not at church. Pick your cards up in the back of the sanctuary.

