

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
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Mission Haven (PW)***
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Presbyterian Homes***
PW Birthday Objective**
PW Blessing Boxes**
PW Least Coin**
PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

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Session & PW Misc. Benevolences*
Shared Mission - PC (USA)*
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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 22, 2024

11:00am

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

Mary Smith and Thomas Thigpen

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 1:46-55

Sermon

Blessing

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

*** 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**

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 278

*** Benediction**

*** Congregational Response (All Sing)**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v.4

O come, Desire of nations, bind, All peoples in one heart and mind.

Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

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

**Please stand if you are able.*

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, December 22, 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 10:00am – Annual Christmas Breakfast
11:00am – **Worship Service**
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Tuesday 05:00pm – Joint Christmas Eve Service at FBC, Morrow

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**

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.



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**.

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
- 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
- 12/17 Bill Wood (Frances Youngblood’s brother) – in hospital in MS, pneumonia & sepsis.**

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.



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.



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