

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Mission Haven (PW)***
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PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

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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 29, 2024

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day
First Sunday in Christmastide**

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

A child has been born for us,

A Son given to us;

Authority rests upon his shoulders;

And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Come, let us adore him.

Let us worship the Lord.

*** Opening Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 249

Call to Confession

Fran Youngblood, Liturgist

As we celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior, let us acknowledge our failure to receive him fully into our world, trusting in the mercy of God.

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love in sending us your Son, Jesus to dwell among us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy. People of God, rejoice in the birth of our Savior! In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

Call for the Offering

With grateful hearts, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, giving thanks to God for his blessings.

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

Psalm 148

Second Reading

John 1:1-14

Sermon

Light From Darkness

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Away In a Manger

No. 262

*** 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, From the Realms of Glory, vs. 1, 2, 5

No. 259

*** Benediction**

*** Benediction Response**

Sing We Now of Christmas (all sing)

No. 275

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!

Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

**Please stand if you are able.*

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 11:00am – **Worship Service**
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Just to let you know: Cindy Adair will be out of the office until January 7. The January Crossroads will go out on January 8.

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**



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.

