

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

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*February 16, 2025*

# *Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

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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

February 16, 2025

11:00am

## The Service for the Lord's Day

**Choral Introit** "This Is My Father's World"

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Reception of New Member Salvatore Fuentes**

**Call to Worship**

In the sanctuary, God, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.  
**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our work, God calls us.**  
We respond with our whole heart,  
**Singing God's praise and giving thanks.**  
In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives.  
**We listen for the promise of God's love and faithfulness.**  
Let us worship the Lord.

**\* Opening Hymn** **Rejoice, The Lord Is King** **No. 370**

**Call to Confession** **Cathy Morris, Liturgist**  
Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession**  
**Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care, and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray; enfold us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**  
Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Call for the Offering**  
As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude, offering ourselves and our tithes to the Lord.

**Offering**

**\* Doxology** **No. 815**  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.**  
**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Anthem** **"Ride on King Jesus"** *traditional African American Spiritual*

**First Reading** **Psalm 138**  
**Second Reading** **Luke 5:1-11**  
**Sermon** **Fishers of Men** **Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving** **Jesus Calls Us** **No. 592**

**\* Affirmation of Faith** **The Apostles' Creed**  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**  
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\* Gloria Patri** **Glory Be to the Father** **No. 812**  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**  
**World without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**\* Benediction Hymn** **O For a Heart to Praise My God** **No. 650**  
**\* Benediction**  
**\*Benediction Response (All Sing)** **Blest Be The Tie That Binds** **No. 426**  
**Bless be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;**  
**The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, February 16, 2025**

**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.

**We welcome Salvatore Fuentes this morning as our newest member. He is originally from Buffalo, New York, and has been involved in the ministry of several churches. He comes to us by Profession of Faith.**

**THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA**

**TODAY** 09:30AM – Sunday School  
11:00am –Worship Service  
**12:00pm – Homecoming Committee meeting**  
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook  
**Monday Crossroads deadline, please send your articles & info to the church office**  
**Tuesday** 10:30am – Busy Bees Circle

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



**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**.

**HOMEcoming 2025:** As we begin the year of our 200th anniversary as a church, we are setting up a website page focusing on the celebration, and working on activities for October 12, 2025, when we will have a catered luncheon after worship. As part of those activities, the website will contain commemorative items that can be ordered, including 200th anniversary shirts in blue (the blue of our sanctuary door). We are taking orders now for those shirts so we can begin wearing them throughout our anniversary year. If you are interested, please let Jeanne know so that we can get the order in.

**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!*

- 01/13 Toni Griffin Fields (Jeanne’s friend) – husband has stage 4 pancreatic cancer
- 01/13 Erwin Gettys – has had a hard time for the last few years
- 01/28 Eliot Lawrence – home recovering from heart ablation, change in meds for swelling in leg
- 02/04 Dot Pearce – testing for cause or severe hip pain
- 01/28 Emory Pearce – back pain, working with doctor, more testing
- 01/28 John Randolph –cellulitis, metastasized bladder cancer, good Cardiologist report
- 02/09 Ginger Westlund – homebound with lymphedema in both legs after hip replacement**

**Please pray for the AA Participants meeting at our church**

**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.

**FOOD DRIVE:** We are accepting soups, canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to a local food pantry during the months of January & February. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and mark it for Super Bowl/Food Pantry.

**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**



**SAVE THE DATE:** May 17 we will have the PW Retreat in the church fellowship hall, beginning at 9:00 with a light breakfast. Rev. Jeanne will lead us in a study of "grace."

**CRAFT GROUP LADIES**

**PLEASE NOTE:** On February 25, at 11:30am, we will be visiting Papi’s Cuban Restaurant, 1375 Rock Quarry Rd, Stockbridge. See you there! Barbara Barlow