

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Mission Haven (PW)***
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)***
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)*
Souper Bowl of Caring**
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

February 9, 2025 11:00am

The Service for the Lord’s Day

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *from Psalm 138*

We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole hearts;
Before you we sing your praises;
We bow down toward your holy temple
And give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
For you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
On the day we called, you answered us; you gave us strength in our souls.
Let us worship the Lord.

* Opening Hymn Love Lifted Me No. 508

Call to Confession Cathy Morris, Liturgist

Trust in the one who made us and redeemed us. God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult. Trusting in God’s saving love, let us confess our sin before God.

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we admit to you and each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us for being timid disciples. Fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God has loved us since the beginning, and God’s love for us will never end. Do not fear, therefore, but have faith in God’s steadfast love. In God’s steadfast mercy, our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

As God is a generous giver of gifts, let us bring our offerings with thanks and praise, for the gifts we give are the gifts of God.

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

First Reading	Psalm 71:1-6	
Second Reading	Luke 4:21-30	
Sermon	The Hometown Folks	Rev. Jeanne Simpson
* Hymn of Thanksgiving	It Is Well With My Soul	No. 705
* 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	Take Time to Be Holy	No. 656
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* Benediction

* Benediction Response	Bless Be The Tie That Binds (vs 1)	No. 426
Blest 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 9, 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.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY

09:30AM – Sunday School
11:00am –Worship Service
12:00pm – Session Meeting in parlor
12:15pm – Secret Pal Reveal Party see note below
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Tuesday

11:30am – Craft Group @ TBA

Wednesday

07:00pm Mary & Martha Circle - virtual

Saturday

09:00am – Workday

Next Sunday

12:00pm – Homecoming Committee meeting

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.

Secret Pal Reveal Party

The Secret Pal Group will gather in the Fellowship Hall TODAY, for a Revealing Party with a covered dish lunch immediately following Morning Worship. If anyone would like to join the group for 2025, please contact one of the members, either join us for lunch or add your name for the coming year. We only give our Pals one gift all year and that is at Revealing Party. Join us for fun and fellowship.



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!

- 02/02 Carol Baker (Mary Smith’s friend) – in hospital with low potassium
- 12/29 Greg Durden—recovering from hip replacement surgery
- 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 Nancy & Jim Phillips – recovering from COVID
- 01/28 John Randolph –cellulitis, metastasized bladder cancer, good Cardiologist report

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.

Doris Turner, Joyce Smith’s sister, passed away January 19. Below is the information of her memorial service:

A memorial service celebrating Doris's life will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 11 o'clock at the chapel of Parrott Funeral Home, 8355 Senoia Road, Fairburn, GA 30213. The family will receive friends at 10 o'clock, one hour prior to her service.

Please know that we appreciate everyone’s prayers during this time. We are thankful for a loving church family. Joyce and Tom Smith

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."