

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
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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***

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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 23, 2025

11:00am

The Service for the Lord’s Day

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 121

We lift up our eyes to the mountains—where does our help come from?

Our help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord watches over us—the Lord is our shade at our right hand;

The Lord will keep us from all harm—he will watch over our life;

The sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will watch over our coming and going both now and forevermore.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

No. 151

Call to Confession

Cathy Morris, Liturgist

We cannot earn God’s grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God’s love for us, even when we are not faithful, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God is for us and not against us! God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

All that we have is a gift from God. In faith and gratitude, let us return now a portion of what we have so abundantly received.

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

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Second Reading

Luke 6:12-26

Sermon

Beatitudes

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

My Jesus, I Love Thee

No. 79

* 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

They’ll Know We Are Christians

No. 429

* 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 23, 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
	01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
Tuesday	11:30am – Craft Group @ Papi’s Cuban Restaurant, 1375 Rock Quarry, Stockbridge

CONTINUING COLLECTIONS:

- 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry (place in bin in narthex)
- 2- Food items for Babb Project (see bulletin board for details)
- 3- Campbell's soup labels and stamps – for Thornwell Home
- 4- Pull tabs from beverage cans - for Ronald McDonald House (you may place 3 & 4 in the little box under the bulletin board)



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**.

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to Connie McWilliams and family in the loss of her aunt and Janice Lockhart and family in the loss of her cousin, both in the week of February 9.

- 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
- 02/19 Natalie Langley (Jennifer’s SIL) - in the hospital with diverticulitis
- 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
- 02/16 Arlene Wood (Frances’ SIL) – diagnosed with lung cancer

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 secyppec@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

FOOD DRIVE: Today is the last day we are accepting soups, canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to a local food pantry. 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."