

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Calvary Refuge Center*
Child’s Fund (PW)*
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Columbia Friendship Circle (PW)**
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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 ***Budgeted + Contributions from the Congregation

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

March 30, 2025

11:00am

The Service for the Lord’s Day
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

God guides me along good paths according to His goodness.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I am not afraid,

For He is with me and comforts me.

God anoints me with blessings; my cup is so full it spills over!

Yes, God’s goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Opening Hymn

We Have Come Into His House

No. 224

Call to Confession

Debbie Durden, Liturgist

As children of God’s light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil.

Knowing that we turn from the light, let us confess to God, so that the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved and live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The psalmist assures us that God’s goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God’s forgiven people, know this, my friends. Our sin is forgiven and we can live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, let us bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

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 63

Second Reading

Luke 9:51-62

Sermon

The Troubled Trek

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

As The Deer

No. 548

* 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

No. 684

* Benediction

*Benediction Response (All Sing)

God Be With You

No. 232

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

*Please stand if you are able.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 30, 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

- TODAY09:30AM – Sunday School
11:00am –Worship Service
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
- Tuesday09:30am – The Breakfast Club @ Egg’s Up, Morrow
- Saturday09:00am – **Workday**
- Next Sunday11:00am – Communion Service

- 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 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 you are beginning to see on some of our members. We are taking orders now for those shirts so we can wear 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!

- 03/23 Pam Langley—home from hospital but still having weakness
- 03/18 Cathy Morris - in Cardiac Care @ Piedmont Fayette with multiple issues
- 03/18 Danny Morris – recovering from COVID at home
- 03/18 Dot & Emory Pearce – still dealing with pain
- 03/23 Jim Phillips – physical therapy for pinched nerve in back
- 02/28 John Randolph –metastasized bladder cancer
- 03/11 Pam Rountree – surgery on 4/3, at Piedmont Atlanta to repair torn meniscus on right knee
- 03/23 Jim Simpson—in hospital for treatment for UTI
- 03/16 Arlene Wood (Frances’ SIL) – radiation for 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 secyppe@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.



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."

SECURUS HOUSE – CALL FOR EMERGENCY NEED: Help us collect Bath Towels & Wash Cloths (new or slightly used) of **any color** for the women’s shelter. Bring them in and leave in the narthex as you are able. We will take them to Securus House as we receive them until May 31. Thank You!



Dot and Emory Pearce have moved to Oaks at Eagle’s Landing. You may find their new address on the bulletin board.