

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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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      \*\*\*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

April 6, 2025 11:00am

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

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 130

I wait for the Lord;  
My soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
And with him is great power to redeem.  
Let us worship the Lord.

\* Opening Hymn Jesus Loves Even Me No. 495

Call to Confession

Greg Durden, Liturgist

Paul tells us that the only one who stands in judgment over us is God. God brings hidden things to light and makes public our true hearts. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God’s mercy to forgive and to restore.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live? Who could stand? We seem to have more faith in things that destroy us than those that give us hope in your promise of life. We refuse to resolve conflict and instead, hold grudges. We forget about the hungry, sick, and dying, and instead pursue our own needs. And even so, you love us; you continue to forgive us. You alone, O Lord, can redeem us from our sin. Help us, we pray, in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the God who judges us has been made known in Jesus Christ, who died for our sake. The good news of the gospel is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. We are held with love in God’s hands.  
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 Isaiah 55:1-9  
Second Reading Luke 13:1-9  
Sermon Bear Fruit Rev. Jeanne Simpson

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving Nearer, My God, to Thee No. 553

The Lord’s Supper

\* 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 Spirit Song No. 384  
\* 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, April 6, 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 – **Communion Service**  
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
- Monday 10:30am – Gospel Sing at FBC Morrow – see bulletin board for details
- Tuesday 11:30am – Craft Group @ City Café, Fayetteville
- Wednesday 07:00pm – Mary & Martha Circle virtual
- Saturday 10:30am – Circle One
- Next Sunday** **11:00am – Palm Sunday Service**  
12:00pm – Homecoming Committee meeting

**Mark your calendar** – April 20, at 10:00am will be our **Easter Breakfast**. Bring your favorite breakfast dish!



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

**HOMECOMING 2025:** During 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. **For those of you who have already picked up the new logo shirts, the invoice has come - men's shirts are \$35 and women's blouses are \$40 - please pay Jeanne, not the church. More shirts are available.**

**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)



**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 Cindy Adair and family in the passing of her mother, Doris Ragan.*

**03/23 Pam Langley—after a hospital stay is still dealing with falls and weakness**

**03/18 Cathy Morris – is at home but now dealing with shingles**

03/18 Danny Morris – recovering from COVID at home, much better, thank you for your prayers

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 a rehab facility and is having issues progressing**

03/16 Arlene Wood (Frances' SIL) – finished radiation for lung cancer, thank you for your prayers

**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.



**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**.

**Slight change: SECURUS HOUSE – CALL FOR EMERGENCY NEED:** Help us collect **NEW Bath Towels & Wash Cloths** (change of policy) 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!

