

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
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MISSION OUTREACH

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 27, 2025

11:00am

The Service for the Lord’s Day
Second Sunday of Easter

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 150

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!

Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

Let us worship the Lord.

* Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

No. 360

Call to Confession

Greg Durden, Liturgist

When we keep our fears and faults locked up inside us, it is hard to be healed and receive new life. Let us open ourselves to God in confession, trusting the Lord’s desire to give us peace.

Prayer of Confession

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, help us be strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, open our hearts, and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing new life into us. As God’s own forgiven people, we can rejoice that our sin is forgiven. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

We belong to Jesus Christ; all things are his, for he is Lord of all. Therefore, let us then give generously, as God has given to us.

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

"Psalm 23"

by Paul Basler featuring *Debbie Durden, flute*

First Reading

Psalm 30:1-5, 8-12

Second Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Walking to Emmaus

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Worship Christ, the Risen King (v. 1,2,4,5)

No. 361

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth; 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

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

He Lives

No. 368

* Benediction

*Benediction Response (All Sing)

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 428

In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love Thro’out the whole wide earth.

*Please stand if you are able.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, April 27, 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

Saturday 09:00am - **WORKDAY**
Next Sunday **11:00am – Communion Service**



ANNUAL PW RETREAT: May 17 we will have the PW Retreat in the church fellowship hall, beginning at 9:00am with a light breakfast at 8:15am. Rev. Jeanne will lead us in a study of "grace." For lunch, we're asking that everyone bring either a salad or sandwiches to share with others. Ladies, please sign-up for salads or sandwiches on the sheet in the Narthex.

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. See order envelopes in the narthex.**

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!

- 04/15 Tony Bray (Debbie's brother) – in hospital, breathing issues after major surgery**
- 04/20 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah's brother) - diagnosed with colon cancer**
- 04/20 Nancy Fuentes (Salvatore's mom) - surgeons removed mass, awaiting test results**
- 03/23 Pam Langley—gaining strength
- 04/18 Cathy Morris – recovering from shingles
- 04/18 Dot & Emory Pearce – pain management
- 04/23 Jim Phillips – physical therapy for pinched nerve in back
- 04/28 John Randolph –metastasized bladder cancer
- 04/11 Pam Rountree – physical therapy after right knee surgery
- 04/23 Jim Simpson— in a rehab facility with therapy
- 04/15 Thomas Thigpen – undergoing cancer treatment

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.



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**.

SECURUS HOUSE – CALL FOR EMERGENCY NEED

Help us collect **NEW Bath Towels & Wash Cloths** 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!

