

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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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

May 18, 2025

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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Welcome

**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.*

May 18, 2025

11:00am

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

Choral Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

From Psalm 16

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
Even at night my heart instructs me.  
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.  
Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
You make known to me the path of life;  
You will fill me with joy in your presence,  
With eternal pleasures at your right hand.  
Let us worship the Lord.

\* Opening Hymn                      O How He Loves You and Me                      No. 349

Call to Confession                      Jennifer Rohrbach, Liturgist

God has been made known to us in deeds of power and the resurrection of his Son.  
He will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives. Confident in God’s  
love, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other  
things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of  
death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the  
fullness of joy. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

My friends, God is our refuge. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a  
promise of peace and joy. In this glorious Eastertide, hear the good news: in Jesus  
Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

God has given us abundant life and blessings. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and  
the fruit of our labor to God’s service.

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                      1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Second Reading                      John 14:1-14

Sermon                      The Way To The Father                      Rev. Jeanne Simpson

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving                      Immortal Invisible                      No. 33

\* Affirmation of Faith                      from A Brief Statement of Faith  
In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune  
God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers  
in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate  
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\* Gloria Patri  
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                      I Will Sing the Wondrous Story                      No. 499

\* 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, May 18, 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
Monday	Deadline for June Crossroads articles & info
Tuesday	07:00pm - SESSION
Saturday	09:00am - <b>Workday</b>

**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 wish to order the new logo shirts, 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.**



**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!

- 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) – recovering from major surgery
- 05/11 Helen Carter (John & Pat’s daughter) – serious car accident, suffering effects of whiplash**
- 04/20 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah’s brother) – at home recovering from colon surgery
- 04/20 Nancy Fuentes (Salvatore’s mom) – home from hospital and doing well
- 04/28 John Randolph – no cancer in his lungs, Thanks be to God!**
- 05/11 Pat Randolph – was told she is officially free of cancer, Thanks be to God!**
- 04/23 Jim Simpson— in a rehab facility with therapy

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:** **School is out for the summer!** This is the last week we will collect **food items** for the bags we give the homeless or near homeless students.

Watch your bulletin for the next collection of food for the coming school year, sometime in July. **Monetary Gifts** are welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. *For more info, see **Cathy Morris**.*