

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Jim Phillips ‘26, Finance Chair

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Debbie Durden, W&M Co-Chair

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Kathie Pierce, Worldwide Missions

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Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
Connie McWilliams, Cantata Reception
Jennifer Rohrbach, Spiritual Growth, PW Retreat

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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**

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**
Thank Offering (PW)*
Thornwell***

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October 12, 2025

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
200 Year Celebration



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.*

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

October 12, 2025

11:00am

The Service for the Lord’s Day
200th Anniversary

Prelude	Holy, Holy, Holy	Sharon Goza, Organist
Chiming of the Hour		
Choral Introit	Come Build A Church	Ken Medema

Welcome, Announcements and Proclamation

Call to Worship	Rev. Jeanne Simpson, Liturgist
Praise the Lord!	
Praise God in his sanctuary;	
Praise him in his mighty firmament!	
Praise him for his mighty deeds;	
Praise him according to his surpassing greatness!	
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!	from Psalm 150
Let us worship the Lord.	

* Opening Hymn	The Church’s One Foundation	No. 401
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Call to Confession

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and forgetful of your blessings. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we do not return to you. Have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us live the faith that keeps us close to you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear the good news: our call has been answered. Christ heals us and shows us mercy, even when we do not deserve it. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

With gratitude and joy in the gifts of God, let us offer our tithes and offerings for the work of the church.

Offertory	He Knows My Name	Tommy Walker
	Van Banke, Soloist	

* 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	Take My Life, and Let It Be	Arr. Verena Anders
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First Reading	Psalm 66:1-8
Second Reading	Colossians 3: 12-17

Sermon	Come And See What God Has Done!	Rev. John Westlund
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* Hymn of Thanksgiving	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	No. 151
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* 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	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	Amazing Grace	No. 343
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Special Music	I Go To The Rock	Dottie Rambo
	Dinah Bingham, Soloist	

Benediction		
Benediction Response	May The Road Rise To Meet You	Trad. Irish

*Please stand if you are able.

Make sure you sign the picture mat for today’s celebration.

THANK YOU!

We welcome **Rev. John Westlund**, who grew up in this church when his father, Rev. Jack Westlund, was minister. We are proud that he survived being a Preacher’s Kid and now serves as the Executive Director of the Calvin Center, our local retreat and conference center. John and his wife Holly enjoy spending time with their children, Avery, Bryce, and Kendall.

The anthem “Take My Life, and Let It Be,” was written in 1874 by Frances Ridley Havergal. Many thanks to **Greg and Debbie Durden** for their commission to **Verena Lucia Anders**, our former Music Director, of a new arrangement of this hymn.

Many thanks to our special musicians today: **Alisa Kirk, Van Banke, Sharon Goza**, and **Erin Rudolph**.

The flowers today are given by **Rev. Jeanne Simpson** in thanksgiving for this church and its legacy of service to the community, and in loving memory of her husband, Jim Simpson, who loved being a “preacher’s spouse.”

If you have registered for a meal and have received a meal ticket, please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a catered lunch. If you registered but have not paid or gotten your meal ticket, please see **Rick Pierce**.

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.

THANK YOU

Words of appreciation are extended to members of the Homecoming Committee, decorating committee and our many volunteers who have served so diligently to ensure that God is glorified on this day.

200th Anniversary HOMECOMING Picture Share site



Use QR code to upload your photo’s of today’s gathering.



Ask me- If you need assistance or have a question about the activities of the day, please find someone with this on their name tag.

Copies of **Philadelphia Presbyterian Church’s History booklet** are available at the registration table. It includes much of the history and events of the last 200 years. Please only take 1 per family. Thank you.

Jim Simpson’s Memorial Service will be **Wednesday, October 22, at 11:00am** in the sanctuary. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Please keep Rev. Jeanne and all of the Simpson family in your prayers.

Homecoming

As we prepare for Homecoming, Jim has his own.
As we toil and try to repair, down to the bone.
Jesus met His own Homecoming, on His own cross
May each of us walk our own path, towards our own loss.
May we be thankful for the cross that leads to Home.
And not to loss but only gain, We’re just on Loan.

Cathy(Stanton) (Brannan) Morris



The Babb Project—Community Outreach

Thank you for all your donations for Babb Project. You can help us in the collection of food items. See a list of needed foods on the bulletin board. **Monetary Gifts** are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info, see **Cathy Morris**.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY 09:30am – Registration & Refreshments
11:00am – ***HOMECOMING SERVICE***
12:00pm – Meal in Fellowship Hall
01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
Tuesday 11:30am – Craft Group @ Long Horn, Morrow
07:00pm – SESSION
Wednesday 07:00pm – Mary & Martha Circle
Saturday Huie Reunion in Fellowship Hall

PLEASE NOTE: We will be having our annual Congregation Meeting on Sunday, October 26.

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 Rev. Jeanne Simpson and family in the home-going of her husband, Jim Simpson on October 3

10/05 Bob Huie – has 5 fractures and is recovering after a long hospitalization and rehab

10/07 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) – has H. Pylon, bacterial infection of the stomach. Awaiting biopsy results for stomach cancer

09/10 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah's brother) –chemo treatments continuing

09/10 John Randolph – metastatic bladder cancer

08/13 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – failing from COPD and other health issues

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 or call a Session member or Shepherd.

Homecoming 2025 *Celebrating 200 Years*



Welcome