

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Christmas Joy Offering***
Columbia Friendship Circle (PW)**
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Kinship Care Resource Center**

*Budgeted **Contributions from the Congregation ***Budgeted + Contributions from the Congregation

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Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
Connie McWilliams, Cantata Reception
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Pat Randolph, Yearbook

MISSION OUTREACH
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***

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.

December 7, 2025

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church



Welcome

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

December 7, 2025

11:00am

The Service for the Lord's Day Second Sunday in Advent - Peace

Choral Introit

Emmanuel

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Those of steadfast mind You keep in peace,
In peace because they trust in You.

Trust in the Lord forever,
For in the Lord God we have an everlasting rock.
The way of the righteous is level;
Straight is the path of the righteous that You clear.
In the path of Your judgments,
O Lord, we have placed hope.
Let us worship the Lord.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We are preparing ourselves for the coming days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

We light this candle as a sign of peace for the coming light of Christ.

The Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Let us walk in the light of the Lord with peace for all of God's children.

* Opening Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

No. 240

Call to Confession

Fran Youngblood, Liturgist

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbors.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful God, we confess that we have not led lives of holiness. We suffer from impatience, apathy, and greed; we have not been at peace with ourselves or with our neighbors. We repent of these offenses and turn to you, asking forgiveness for our sin, that we may walk in righteousness to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (All Sing) O Little Town of Bethlehem No. 250, v4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray.
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.

Call for the Offering

The Lord has given us so much. Let us praise the Lord through our gifts for the uplifting of God's kingdom.

Offering

* Doxology (All Sing) O Come All Ye Faithful (chorus) No. 249
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Sermon

Light to the Gentiles

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem

One Small Child

David Meece

The Lord's Supper

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe that in the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways. We believe, as did the Apostles, that God has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom God made the universe. We believe the Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. We believe that he has provided purification for sins and that he sits at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

(from Hebrews 1-3)

* Gloria Patri

Glorify Thy Name (v.1)

No. 9

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

* Benediction Hymn O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

No. 282

* Benediction

* Benediction Response (All Sing) O Come, O Come Emmanuel, v.2

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And Death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*Please stand if you are able.

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 12:15pm – Staff & Elder Luncheon 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
Tuesday	11:30am – Craft Group Christmas Lunch – Reservations Required
Friday	11:30am – Mary & Martha Christmas Lunch @ J.Henry's
Saturday	10:30am – Circle One
Next Sunday	Congregational Meeting, Lessons & Carols w/luncheon,

Securus House

SECUR'US HOUSE is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. Each Christmas we ask everyone, who's able, to bring a gift for the children. The children range in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution.

Christmas gifts and monetary donations need to be given to Connie McWilliams by December 14, 2025. If you make a monetary donation please make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House.

Some suggested gift items are: toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books. We will also be collecting some of their needed supplies. You may bring your donations in right away. Place them in the collection bin in the narthex. Shelter items needed:

Items for infants & children include: diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large), baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline, bottles with nipples, socks, underwear & undershirts (all sizes), crayons, coloring books, markers

Items for the women include: new underwear (all sizes), pajamas, gowns & slippers (all sizes), personal hygiene products, hair blow dryers, hair care products for women of all color

Items for the shelter include: toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap), paper towels, toilet tissue & facial tissues, tooth brushes, toothpaste & mouthwash, first aid products, lip balm



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!

- 11/16 Chris Banke—recovering from gallbladder surgery
- 11/16 Greg Durden—recovering from ablations on back due to pain
- 11/23 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) chemo therapy for stomach cancer
- 11/10 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah's brother) –chemo treatments continuing
- 10/05 Bob Huie – has 5 fractures and is recovering after a long hospitalization and rehab
- 10/14 Danny Morris' sister's son in stage 4 cancer
- 11/10 John Randolph – metastatic bladder cancer
- 11/16 Fred Rohrbach Sr— physical therapy for rotator cuff surgery
- 10/14 Serena Staats – physical therapy for rotator cuff surgery

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.

12/14 11:00am – Christmas Card Swap – bring your Christmas Cards to church no later than SATURDAY, 12/13. Only bring cards for members who attend regularly – **we will not mail cards to those not at church**. Also, don't forget to bring a bag with your name on it so we can put your cards in it when we sort them.



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**.

Christmas at PPC

Please mark your calendars with the following events:

Dec. 14 – 11:00am –Congregational Meeting, Lessons and Carols with light lunch reception
Bring your Secur'us House gifts this day

Christmas Card exchange

Dec. 21 - 10:00am – Christmas Breakfast

Dec. 24 - 5:00pm - Christmas Eve Service at 1st Baptist Church of Morrow

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING on December 14th at the beginning of service for the purpose of electing a new elder.