

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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Diane Banke, Church Genealogy/Historian

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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***

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



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

December 14, 2025

11:00am

Lessons and Carols		
Third Sunday in Advent - Joy		
Congregational Meeting		
Announcements		
Celebration of Cindy Adair’s Retirement		
Choral Prelude	Born on a New Day	John David, arr. Peter Knight
*Hymn	Once in Royal David’s City	No. 286
Bidding Prayer		
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
The Durden Family		
We light the candles of hope, peace, and joy, representing the gifts of this season in the coming of the Christ child. May we be blessed as we wait in anticipation of our Savior.		
* Hymn	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	(see words below)
First Lesson		
Genesis 3		
God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent’s head.		
* Hymn	Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming	No. 255
Second Lesson		
Isaiah 9		
Christ’s birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.		
Musical Offering	Breath of Heaven	Chris Eaton, Amy Grant
Third Lesson		
Luke 1		
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.		
Musical Offering	Love Came Gently	Marty Funderburk
Fourth Lesson		
Luke 2		
Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.		
Musical Offering	Let Me Seek You in All Things	Jay Rouse, Randy Vader
Fifth Lesson		
Luke 2		
The shepherds go to the manger.		

Musical Offering	We Three Kings	arr. Doreen McGowan
Sixth Lesson		
Matthew 2		
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.		
Musical Offering	O Holy Night	Arr. Craig Courtney
Seventh Lesson		
John 1		
John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.		
Musical Offertory	Joy To the World	Arr. John Rutter
Prayer and Benediction		
* Benediction Hymn	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	No. 277
A special thanks to Music Director Dr. Xavier Carteret, the Chancel Choir, accompanist Alisa Kirk, and readers Frances Youngblood and Jeanne Simpson.		
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence		
Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.		
King, of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood, Lord of Lords, in human vesture – in the body and the blood – He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.		
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vangard on the way, As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.		
At His feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!		

**Please stand if you are able.*

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 14, 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 – Congregational Meeting, Lessons and Carols

12:15pm – Light Luncheon

01:00pm – Service available on Facebook

Tuesday

10:30am – Busy Bees

07:00pm – Session Mtg

Next Sunday

10:00am – Christmas breakfast

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 – Today is our Christmas Card Swap. Your Christmas Cards are located on the back pew(s). Please make sure you pick up your cards before you leave today.

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. 21 - 10:00am – Christmas Breakfast
Dec. 24 - 6:00pm - Christmas Eve Service at 1st Baptist Church of Morrow (Please note that the time has changed for the service.)

We will be taking up the Joy Gift Offering on Dec. 21 and Dec. 28. Half the contributions go to church workers and families in critical financial need, and half go to Presbyterian-related schools.