

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Mission Haven (PW)***
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)***
Presbyterian Homes***
PW Birthday Objective**
PW Blessing Boxes**
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PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

Forest Park Ministers Association*
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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

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: For the benefit of the congregation, please try to give announcements to Jennifer 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

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

January 4, 2026

11:00am

The Service for the Lord's Day Epiphany

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

Adoration

No. 289

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

The Messiah has come.

Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph, the teenager mother and carpenter:

The Messiah has come.

Not announced by priests and kings, but by two women, who were the first to know:

The Messiah has come.

Nothing will be impossible for God, but when and where we least expect it, look among the straw and the stars:

For The Messiah has come.

Let us worship the Lord.

* Opening Hymn

As With Gladness Men of Old

No. 290

Call to Confession

Debbie Bray, Liturgist

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

Prayer of Confession

God our Savior, we ask for your mercy. Though we have heard Mary's song, we still seek security in pride and power and possessions. Though we know your story, we resist the costs of following you. We pass by those considered lowly in this world. We turn away from hungry people who still wait to be filled. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to work for the justice you intend. Make us messengers of the peace you bring. As we wait for you, turn our apathy into acts of love and service. 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

Psalm 72:10-15, 17

Second Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon

A Child of God

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

Anthem

We Three Kings

arr. Doreen McGowan

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

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

No. 292

* Benediction

*Benediction Response (All Sing)

Sing We Now of Christmas, vs.4

No. 275

Wise Men sought and found him, treasures did they bring;

Bowing down they worshiped Christ, the King of Kings.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

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 11:00am – Communion Service
 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
 Tuesday 09:30am – Breakfast Club at Eggs Up
 Saturday 10:30am – Circle One
Next Sunday 11:00am – Worship Service and Installation of Elders

CONTINUING COLLECTIONS: 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry
 2- Food items for Babb Project (*see bulletin board for details*)

Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive

During the months of January and February, we will collect canned goods as part of our Souper Bowl Fundraiser. Please make sure that any items you donate have not expired. The collected items will be donated to a local food pantry. You may also make a monetary donation if you prefer – just make your check out to PPC and indicate it’s for Souper Bowl. If you have any questions, please see *Connie McWilliams*.

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 your check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project.

At this time we find that we are in need of additional help with the Babb Project. If you are available and willing to help with this project please contact Debbie Durden.

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!

- 12/28 Barbara Barlow – broken arm. She is home and recovering – no visitors please**
- 12/28 Tabatha Cantrell (Jennifer & Fred’s niece)-surgery on 12/30 to remove kidney stone**
- 12/28 Zenas Carteret – Xavier’s brother – in hospital with severe infection, fluid retention**
- 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
- 11/10 John Randolph – metastatic bladder cancer
- 11/16 Fred Rohrbach Sr— physical therapy for rotator cuff surgery
- 12/14 Tom Smith – fell and broke 2 ribs
- 11/14 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.

