

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

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*March 15, 2026*

# *Philadelphia Presbyterian Church*

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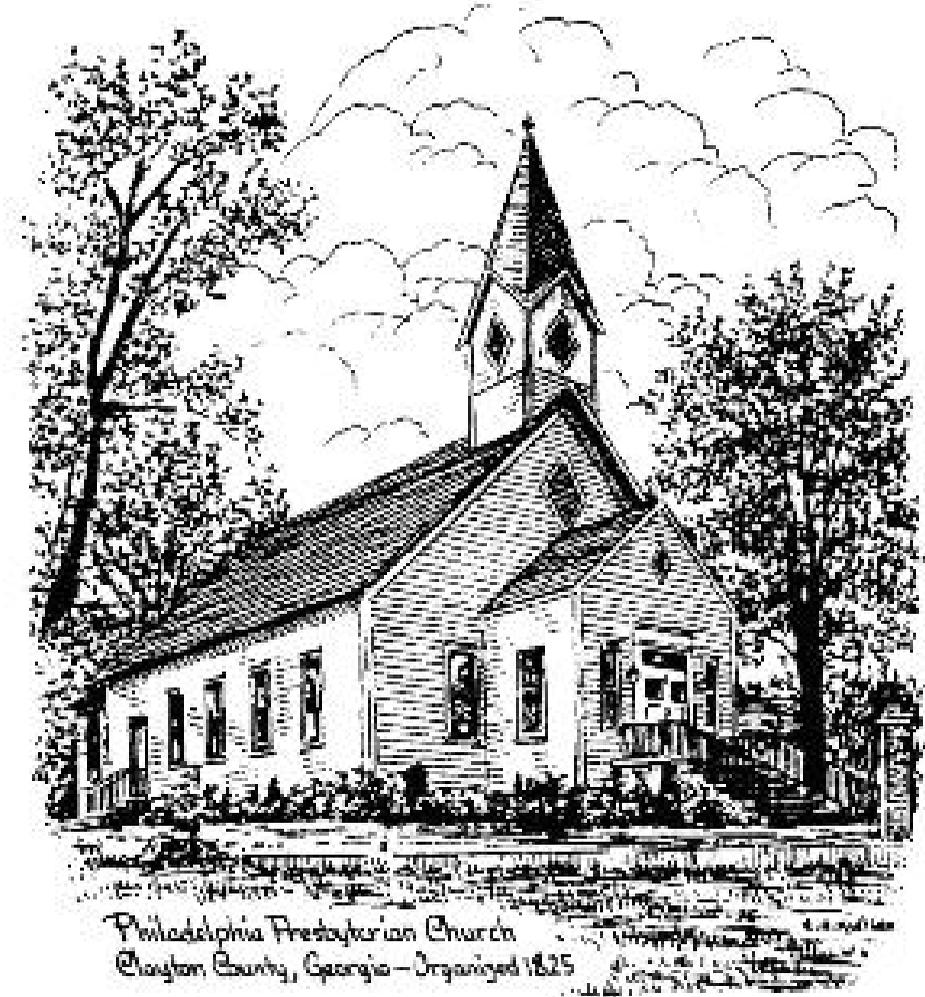
**MISSION OUTREACH**

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 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.*

# PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

March 15, 2026

11:00am

## The Service for the Lord's Day Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Amazing Grace**

**John Newton**

**Call to Worship**

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

**God guides me along good paths according to His goodness.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I am not afraid,

**For He is with me and comforts me.**

God anoints me with blessings; my cup is so full it spills over!

**Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.**

Let us worship the Lord.

*From Psalm 23*

**\* Opening Hymn**

**We Have Come Into His House**

**No. 224**

**Call to Confession**

**Debbie Durden, Liturgist**

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, let us confess to God, so that the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved and live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, know this, my friends. Our sin is forgiven and we can live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Call for the Offering**

Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, let us bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

**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**

**Ain'-a That Good News**

**William Dawson**

**First Reading**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Second Reading**

**John 9:1-41**

**Sermon**

**Blindness**

**Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving**

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**No. 293**

**\* Affirmation of Faith**

*from Hebrews 1-3*

**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.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Glory Be to the Father**

**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**

**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

**No. 684**

**\* Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response (All Sing)**

**God Be With You**

**No. 232**

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**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**

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| <b>TODAY</b>       | 11:00am – Worship Service<br>1:00pm – Service available on Facebook                        |
| Tuesday            | 7:00pm – Session Mtg via Zoom  |
| Saturday           | 9:00am – Church workday  |
| <b>Next Sunday</b> | 11:00am – Worship Service<br>2:30pm – PW Annual Gathering at Radcliffe Presbyterian Church |

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

**The Babb Project—Community Outreach**



Thank you for all your donations to the 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.

*This evening Atlanta Voices, under the direction of Verena Anders, will perform at 7:30p.m. The concert will be at the Church at Ponce and Highland. According to the website, tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$15 for Seniors. Our very own Debbie & Greg Durden are members of this group!*

**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!*

- 03/11 Barbara Barlow – physical therapy is going well and she’s getting stronger**
- 03/11 Margaret Brady – Joyce Smith’s sister – not at Christian City. She is at a nursing home in Griffin and doing well.**
- 03/03 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray’s brother – diagnosed with lung cancer, scheduling appointment with oncologist
- 03/02 Ann Bryant (Janice Lockhart’s stepmom)-in rehab facility but hoping to go home on 3/6 and receive PT at home for her hip and her shoulder.
- 03/02 Clyde Bryant (Janice’s dad) – dementia, mobility issues, multiple dr appointments
- 02/08 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell’s daughter) chemo therapy for stomach cancer
- 02/15 Betty McDonald – recovering from bacterial meningitis and doing remarkably well
- 02/24 Rick Pierce – procedure went well and waiting for results
- 03/04 John Randolph – home under Hospice care. He’s comfortable and resting
- 03/11 Tom Smith – waiting for dr to decide whether or not he can safely have pacemaker surgery and still having lots of difficulty with his knee.**
- 03/01 Rusty Taylor – recovery going well. Cast should come off this month and will start therapy soon
- 02/11 Joyce Williams – Debbie Bray’s cousin’s wife. Joyce has broken ribs and multiple injuries from a car accident.

**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@att.net](mailto:secyppc@att.net) or call a Session member or Shepherd.

*Thank you so much for all of your prayers, phone calls, and cards! We truly appreciate you checking on us. Joyce Smith*



\*\*\*Please take note that the church email address has changed.

