

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

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# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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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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Clayton County, Georgia – Organized 1825

**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

April 26, 2026

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord’s Day  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Choral Introit**

**Shine, Jesus, Shine**

**No. 431**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Let the righteous be joyful!

**Let us rejoice before God.**

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.

**Sing praises to God most high.**

Let the righteous be joyful!

**Let us be jubilant with joy!**

Let us worship the Lord.

*From Psalm 68*

**\* Opening Hymn**

**All People That On Earth Do Dwell**

**No. 101**

**Call to Confession**

**Greg Durden, Liturgist**

Friends, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness.

Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally. Let us confess our sin to God who provides steadfast love.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Loving God, we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name. We are rebellious and weak; we flee before your goodness. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ, that we may be restored in peace to love and serve your world. We pray in your Son’s name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God rests upon you, to restore, support, and strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Call for the Offering**

God is generous to us. In gratitude, let us offer our gifts to further His work in the world.

**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**

**Prayer of St. Francis**

**Allen Pote**

**First Reading**

**Zechariah 13:7-9**

**Second Reading**

**John 16:16-33**

**Sermon**

**Courage**

**Rev. Jeanne Simpson**

**\* Hymn of Thanksgiving**

**Blessed Assurance**

**No. 572**

**\* 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**

**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**

**Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

**No. 370**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Benediction Response (all sing)**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

**No. 359**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

*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 – Worship Service  
 1:00pm – Service available on Facebook  
**Next Sunday** 11:00am – Worship Service

**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. The school year is rapidly coming to an end. **If you want to donate any food items for Babb, please do so by Sunday, May 3rd.** 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 Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, there is a free concert at Spivey Hall. The concert is titled “Independence” and is a concert celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Declaration of Independence. Several choir members, the Bankes and the Durdens, will be performing with the Masterworks Chorus.

**\*\*PW members and Elders – please don’t forget to check your mailboxes.**

**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!*

04/16 Barbara Barlow – going through chemo treatments  
 03/11 Margaret Brady – Joyce Smith’s sister – not at Christian City. She is at a nursing home in Griffin and doing well.  
**04/22 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray’s brother – in the hospital – intermediate ICU, is being treated for low blood count and a large stomach ulcer**  
 03/15 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell’s daughter) having difficulty with chemo therapy but is halfway through her treatments for stomach cancer  
 03/22 Betty McDonald – back home and staying with Mike and Kim and is doing well  
**04/21 Nancy Phillips – in the hospital but will soon go home under Hospice Care**  
 03/22 Dot Pearce – recovering from a recent medical issue  
**04/19 Tom Smith – scheduled for pacemaker surgery on 4/28 and still having difficulty with his knee.**  
 03/01 Rusty Taylor – recovery going well. Cast should come off this month and will start therapy soon

**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.

*PW is currently collecting **new** towels and wash clothes for Securus House. The towels and wash clothes can be any color. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project! You can place them in the Narthex.*



**SAVE THE DATE:**

On Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a community church choir at Spivey Hall. Several community choirs, including our very own Philadelphia choir, will perform together. The concert is free and will start at 7:30pm. We hope you will plan to come and enjoy some wonderful music!!!

