

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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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

May 3, 2026

11:00am

The Service for the Lord's Day Fifth Sunday of Easter

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

Sweet Hour of Prayer

No. 640

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;

In your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

Save me in your steadfast love.

Let us worship the Lord.

From Psalm 31

* Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

No. 377

Call to Confession

Jennifer Rohrbach, Liturgist

Let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors, so that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

God, lover of humankind, you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people. We confess that we have held back from doing that, shy and self-conscious. Though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. The promise of our faith is that we are already forgiven and, in Christ's name, given the power to rise up and subdue all that separates us from God and each other. With joy, let us believe the good news: in Jesus Christ our sin is forgiven.

Call for the Offering

God has given us abundant life and blessings. In gratitude, let us offer our hearts and the fruit of our labor to God's service.

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

Sing Me To Heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

First Reading

1 Peter 3:13-18

Second Reading

John 17:1-15, 20-22

Sermon

Passing the Torch

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

O Perfect Love

No. 458

The Lord's Supper

Break Thou The Bread of Life

No. 413

* 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

And Can It Be?

No. 347

* 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 – Communion Service
 1:00pm – Service available on Facebook
 Wednesday 9:30am – Breakfast @ Eggs Up
 Saturday 10:30am – Circle One Meeting
Next Sunday 11:00am – Worship Service/Mother’s Day

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. **Today is the last day to donate any food items for Babb.** 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.



Many thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. We both appreciate all of the prayers and well wishes. Love, Tom and Joyce

****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.
04/27 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray’s brother – home from the hospital and hoping to restart chemo treatments soon for lung cancer
 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
04/26 Nancy Phillips – at home and resting
 03/22 Dot Pearce – recovering from a recent medical issue
04/29 Tom Smith – pacemaker surgery went well and he went home the same day. He’s doing well and resting comfortably.
04/27 Thelma Truex – (Dave’s mom & Elizabeth’s MIL) – fell in a parking lot and hit her head, broke her right ankle and broke her left pelvic bone. Currently in the hospital and will soon go to a rehab facility for at least 6 weeks.

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 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 20th, there will be a community church choir performance 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!!!

