

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***

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



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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

May 17, 2026

11:00am

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Ascension of the Lord and Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

Once to Every Man and Nation

No. 733

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

from Psalm 93

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty;

The Lord is robed; he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

Your throne is established from of old;

You are from everlasting.

Holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Let us worship the Lord.

*** Opening Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 33

Call to Confession

Jennifer Rohrbach, Liturgist

God watches over all our ways and loves us. Let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors, that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

God, 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. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us, so that we may be filled with your joy. We pray this 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. With joy, let us acknowledge that in Christ, our sin is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

God invites us to give the testimony of our hearts by sharing our offerings of money and time. Let us testify to God's love by giving generously.

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

Softly and Tenderly Calling

arr. Patti Drennan

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading

Luke 24:36-53

Sermon

Ascension

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Ye Servants of God

No. 38

*** 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**

To God Be The Glory

No. 56

*** 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.*

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 17, 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

TODAY 11:00am – Worship Service
1:00pm – Service available on Facebook
Tuesday 7:00pm – Session Mtg via Zoom
Wednesday 7:30pm – Church Choir Concert at Spivey Hall - free
Next Sunday 11:00am – Worship Service

CONTINUING COLLECTIONS: 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry



The Babb Project—Community Outreach

Thank you for all your donations to the Babb Project. At this time we are not taking any food donations. **Monetary Gifts** are still welcomed. Make your check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project.

CONCERT THIS WEEK:

This week 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!!!



*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.*

PARENTS DAY:

On Sunday, May 31st, we will have our Parents Day Luncheon after service. This is a covered dish luncheon, so please bring your favorite dish to share with others.

Columbia Friendship Circle

Just a reminder – we are still collecting donations for Columbia Friendship Circle and will do so through the end of May. Just notate on your check that your contribution is for Columbia Friendship Circle.

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

05/13 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray's brother – has restarted chemo treatments

05/13 Sherry Ellington – Serena's cousin – having heart issues

05/13 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) only 2 chemo treatments left and has a PET scan this week.

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.

05/13 Angie Tharp – recovering from Covid

05/03 Thelma Truex – (Dave's mom & Elizabeth's MIL) –is doing better and making great progress in recovery and mobility. She has been moved to a rehab facility.

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.

JCTS Free Online Courses Through October

by Paul Roberts, Justice Center for Sacred Theological Studies

Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, now doing business as the Justice Center for Sacred Theological Studies, has a sparkling new catalog of some 80 self-paced, online courses. Content ranges from biblical studies to critical thinking to women in ministry--and so much more! Visit jcsts.org/programs to check it out. These courses are self-paced and absolutely free!

PW Birthday Offering

Each May, we contribute to the PW Birthday Offering, which funds projects to improve the lives of people in need. This year, the following two projects will receive our help: (1) City Mission of Findlay, a Women and Children's Crisis Center in Ohio, provides safe shelter and warm meals. The Birthday Offering grant will support renovations to their facility including roof and window replacements, an upgraded water heater and a new air conditioning unit, plus a vehicle to provide transportation to employment, medical appointments, recovery meetings, childcare, and community services. (2) Haywood Christian Ministry in North Carolina provides food for those in need in the Smoky Mountain area. The Birthday Offering grant will equip a commercial kitchen, facilitating the preparation of food from rescued produce, plus retrofitting a school bus into a mobile market.

You may make your contributions at May PW Circle meetings or put them in the offering plate on any Sunday in May. Please note on your check that it is for PW Birthday Offering. Thank you for your generous support of these deserving projects.

