

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Calvary Refuge Center*
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Mission Haven (PW)***
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)***
Presbyterian Homes***
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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

August 23, 2026

11:00am

The Service for the Lord’s Day

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

Blessed Assurance

No. 572

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

from Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
In the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
Studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work,
And his righteousness endures forever.
Praise the Lord! Let us be called to worship.

* Opening Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

No. 403

Call to Confession

Cathy Morris, Liturgist

Let us confess our sin to the all-wise God who is gracious and merciful and keeps covenant with us.

Prayer of Confession

All-knowing God, we are your children, but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways. We have lived carelessly and squandered time. We have been foolish and failed to understand your will. Purge us from sin and fill us with your Spirit. Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk in your ways. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the Lord is gracious and merciful! God shows great and steadfast love to us through Jesus Christ, our bread of life. By his flesh and blood our sin is forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Call for the Offering

Remembering Christ’s generosity toward us, let us offer our gifts of thanksgiving to God.

Offering

It Is Well With My Soul

No. 705

* 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

Psalm 23

Paul Basler

First Reading

Psalm 138

Second Reading

Matthew 16:1-4, 13-20

Sermon

Who Are You?

Rev. Jeanne Simpson

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

No. 686

* Affirmation of Faith

from the Presbyterian Worshipbook

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the disciples, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. With the faithful of every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* Gloria Patri

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

Sweet By and By

No. 778

* Benediction

*Benediction Response (All Sing)

Peace Like A River

No. 750

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

*Please stand if you are able

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 23, 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
Monday CROSSROADS Deadline
Next Sunday 11:00am – Worship Service

CONTINUING COLLECTIONS: 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry

You are invited!!!

On August 29th, Dot Pearce is going to celebrate her 95th birthday!!! Her family is hosting a birthday party for her at The Oaks, and we're all invited to come. The party will be held in the back dining room from 1:00-3:00p.m. The family has requested that we only bring cards – no gifts. If you are planning to attend, please let Dot's daughter, Chris McCall, know that you are coming. Chris's phone number is 770-883-5433

PW Ladies:

The PW Annual meeting has been changed to Sunday, September, 27th following the worship service. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend. It will be a short meeting to review the current PW budget & disbursements, approve the 2027 PW budget, and approve offices for the coming year.

The 4 R's of Sunday: be Rested, be Restored, be Refreshed, and be Renewed.

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!

06/17 Barbara Barlow – Dr is pleased with PET scan results and is reducing the frequency of her chemo treatments

08/09 – Ruth Barnes – friend of Thomas Thigpen – has been diagnosed with brain cancer

08/10 Dinah Bingham – biopsy postponed due to an infection

08/19 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray's brother –struggling & weak; doctors determining next treatments for lung cancer.

08/19 Sherry Ellington – Serena's cousin – her procedure has not done what drs were hoping for; drs determining next step

07/08 Jimmy Moore – former member – not doing well. Has had at least one more stroke since May. On every stroke medication possible but there's not much else drs say they can do.

08/09 Pat Randolph – back pain/discomfort has returned

07/30 Joyce Smith – still can't put weight on her leg but sees dr in 2 weeks and will hopefully be able to do so after her appointment

07/30 Tom Smith – has received a nerve block shot in his knee to help with the pain

08/04 Serena Staats – rotator cuff surgery went well and she's home and recovering

08/16 Buddy Stanton – Cathy Morris's brother – in the VA hospital in NC

07/26 Larry & Thelma Truex – with Dave's brother and still recuperating.

08/16 Bill Wood – Fran Youngblood's brother – is in a rehab facility; continuing to recover from various medical issues but very weak

08/19 Sid Woodham – Debbie Bray's BIL – immobile for another 2-3 months with broken leg

07/14 Feroze Yusufji – home recovering from extensive spine surgery on 7/8

OUR HOMEBOUND: ***Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information***

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

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