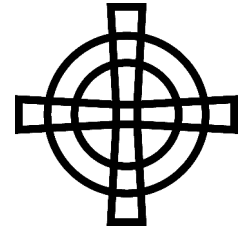


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From Your Pastor's Desk,

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

John 8:31 - 32

The recent past has presented us with a number of challenges. Yet, God's truth triumphs in the midst of disappointment, confusion and loss. Stand in that truth and be encouraged by the following affirmation of God's presence, promises, power and love.

An Advent Credo

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to destruction and loss— This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life;

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction— This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word, and that war and destruction rule forever— This is true: Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, his name shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world— This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo I am with you, even until the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the Church before we can be peacemakers— This is true: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions and your old men shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for liberation of humankind, of justice, of human dignity, of peace are not meant for this earth and for this history— This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that the true worshipers shall worship God in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope. Let us see visions of love and peace and justice. Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage: Jesus Christ—the life of the world.

From Walking on Thorns, by Allan Boesak, Eerdmans, 2004.

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A light in the community that brings all people to God through Christ centered worship and ministry and nurtures their faith in order to extend His kingdom.

Wishing you and yours a blessed holiday season and a very merry Christmas.

Your pastor, sister and friend, Sylvia

**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!*

**THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**

- 01/ Dot Morgan
- 08/ Joyce Smith
- 20/ Guy Staats
- 21/ Van Banke
- 25/ Frances Youngblood
- 27/ Sylvia Wilson
- 29/ Ann NeSmith

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

- 01/ *Kathy & Hal Banke*
- 01/ *Debbie & Greg Durdan*
- 20/ *Jo & Don Nelson*
- 21/ *Serena & Guy Staats*
- 23/ *Jane & Buddy Ashmore*
- 28/ *Dot & Ray Morgan*

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

- Danny Morris
- Mary Smith
- Pat Randolph
- Emory Pearce

**NURSERY**

- 04/ Diane Kitchen
- 11/ Cathy Morris
- 18/ Mary Smith
- 25/ Guest

- 11/03 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) – chemo treatments for leukemia
- 10/31 Terry Folsom (Huie's son-in-law) – treatment for paralysis in legs
- 10/24 Beckie Huie – injection for neck pain
- 10/27 Dr. Gloria Johnson (Pastor Wilson's friend) – undergoing chemo for cancer
- 11/16 Don Olden (John Randolph's friend) – had bypass surgery with complications, now facing stint
- 10/18 Emery Rose Morris (Danny's grand-niece) preemie
- 11/09 Becky Shaw (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) – diagnosed with lung cancer, testing further
- 11/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 10/18 Willie J. Smith (Mary's husband) – treatments for prostate cancer
- 10/31 Mona Steele – recovering from surgery for fractured hip, no visitors please
- 10/20 Bud Steele – facing partial removal of toe

**PNC: Barbara Barlow, Greg Downing, Marie Dossouvi, Emory Pearce and Mary Smith**  
**ALTS: Debbie Bray and Darr Johnson**

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

Becky Huie    JoAnn Tatzel    Dot Upchurch

**Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and drop in offering.**

**THANK YOU**

*Dear Church Community,  
Thank you for celebrating  
my 100th Birthday with  
me.  
Love to all of you,  
Anne Dunivin  
With Love & God's Bless-  
ings, Ginny*

**THANK YOU**

*Dear PPC Family,  
I would like to thank everyone for their cards and  
prayers as I went thru my surgery and recovery.  
It really means a lot to me to have the church  
family I have. My therapy is going very well and  
soon I will be better than before. Again thank you  
for your love and prayers.  
Pam Langley*

**Securus House**

Clayton County's home for abused women and their children is an organization that provides a refuge in a time of crisis. We here at PPC are privileged to partner with this organization to provide much needed supplies throughout the year. During the month of December we are collecting these supplies and will be delivering them December 20.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place them in the offering plate when it is passed.

Place your donations in the collection bins in the narthex. All gifts must be received by Sunday, **December 18.**

**See the back of the calendar for a list of the needed items.**



### PW MESSAGE CORNER



- No PWCT until February 5
- DEC 3 —10:30AM—Circle One
- DEC 15 —11:00AM—Mary & Martha @ Pat Randolph's home—covered dish luncheon with husbands
- DEC 20—11:30AM—Busy Bees Circle—Luncheon at Silver Bay, N. Henry Blvd., Stockbridge

### FROM THE PNC...



We have completed the Ministries Information Form. It has been approved by Presbytery. We are now entering into Phase 5 (over 1/2 way there) of our search journey. Please keep us and our continued effort in your prayers.

**Greg Downing**  
PNC Chair

### CRAFT GROUP

DEC 13—11:30am—CHRISTMAS PARTY

reservations are required

### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 2016

We are celebrating Christmas with a fellowship breakfast on Sunday, December 4. The breakfast get together will be from 9:30-10:30. Members are invited to bring their favorite breakfast dish to share with others.



**We will have a toy drive for the children at Securus House. Please consider buying a new toy/gift for a child. The age range is from infant to 17 years old. Please do not wrap the gift - just bring it and place under the tree in the fellowship hall.**

**Some suggested items are:** toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books. The children range in age from babies to 17.

If you are unable to get a gift, come anyway and join in the fellowship.



2016 PPC  
Christmas Season

- ∞ November 27—11:00am—Hanging of the Green Service
- ∞ December 4—9:30am—Church Christmas Breakfast
- ∞ December 17—10:00am—Cantata Dress Rehearsal
- ∞ December 18—7:00pm—Christmas Cantata & reception
- ∞ December 22-29—Church Office closed
- ∞ December 24—7:00pm—Candlelight & Communion
- ∞ December 25—11:00am—Casual Worship Service —no Sunday School
- ∞ January 1—11:00am—Communion Service
- ∞ January 2—Church Office closed

### ADVENT 2016

Advent material is available in the narthex for everyone in the congregation. There is a calendar that includes scripture and reflections for each day of the Advent season. There is also "From Heaven to Manger" devotional booklet by Danielle Bean. Please use these to prepare your heart and soul for the celebration of Jesus' birth.



### CHRISTMAS CANTATA DRESS REHEARSAL



The choir will have a dress rehearsal for this year's cantata on Saturday morning, December 17, at 10:00am. If you would like to see the program but are unable to come at night, please feel free to come.

**OUR MISSION:** is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

**OUR CORE VALUES:**

- Radical Hospitality** (Romans 12:9-21)
- Passionate Worship** (John 4:21-24)
- Intentional Faith Development** (I Corinthians 9:19-24)
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service** (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Extravagant Generosity** (II Corinthians 9:6-15)

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# SECURUS HOUSE ITEMS NEEDED

**SECUR'US HOUSE** is the refuge for abused women and their children. We will be collecting supplies in December.

**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**

**Items for infants & children include:**

- diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large)
- diaper rash cream
- baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline
- bottles with nipples
- diaper bags & baby strollers
- socks, underwear & undershirts (all sizes)
- pajamas & slippers (all sizes)
- crayons, coloring books, markers

**Items for the women include:**

- new underwear (all sizes)
- pajamas, gowns & slippers (all sizes)
- personal hygiene products
- hair care products for women of all color
- hair blow dryers
- casual clothes (all sizes)

folders for personal documents

**Items for the shelter include:**

- toiletries (deodorant, shampoo bar soap)
- laundry detergent & fabric softener
- dish-washing detergent (hand & machine)
- paper towels, toilet tissue & facial tissues
- trash bags (large kitchen & heavy-duty yard)
- toothbrushes, toothpaste & mouthwash
- first aid products; cough drops; lip balm
- Infant & Children's Tylenol (non-generic)
- twin sheets sets (any color)
- 9-oz. & 16-oz. cups
- paper plates
- office supplies
- 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
- Post-it notes (all sizes)
- 9 x 12 manila envelopes

**New Start Items:**

- (new or slightly used)
- suit case
- towels & wash cloths
- sheets sets (any color)
- flatware & glasses
- pots & pans
- kitchen utensils

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**ALSO:**

**Check the Christmas Breakfast invitation for Christmas Gift items for the children.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

