



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, we've unmasked and now we're going to have a meal together. Save the date for breakfast at 9:30 on Easter morning, April 17. Jim Phillips and crew are going to do pancakes and eggs and all the fixins. I can't wait – I've heard about this famous breakfast for a year and I've been salivating – waiting to indulge!

As we approach Holy Week during this season of Lent, please also mark your calendars for the noon Good Friday service. We will listen to the Passion Narrative from Luke and the choir will contribute meaningful music to that story.

As Greg and I talk about ordering palms for Palm Sunday, I am reminded of the circular liturgical year, with us just burning those palms from last year and marking our foreheads with them on Ash Wednesday. Jesus enters Jerusalem in triumph, only to immediately encounter open animosity from the Jewish religious leaders. The week that begins with Hosannas of acclamation ends with death and days of darkness while we await the resurrection of the Messiah. From palms to ashes. From Hosanna's to silence. From hurried burial before Passover starts to an empty tomb. Such enormous dichotomies in the final week of this man's journey. I am reminded of words from Isaiah 53:

He was despised and rejected by others;
 a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;
 and as one from whom others hide their faces
 he was despised, and we held him of no account.
 Surely he has borne our infirmities
 and carried our diseases;
 yet we accounted him stricken,
 struck down by God, and afflicted.
 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
 crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
 and by his bruises we are healed.
 All we like sheep have gone astray;
 we have all turned to our own way,
 and the Lord has laid on him
 the iniquity of us all.
 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
 yet he did not open his mouth;
 like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
 and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
 so he did not open his mouth.

He was wounded for us, he was oppressed, for us, and yet – and yet – he did not open his mouth in protest. Thanks be to God for this Savior that we don't deserve.

Jeanne

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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.**

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

- 06/ Fred Rohrbach Jr.
- 08/ Erin Randolph
- 13/ Tom Smith
- 14/ Mallory Banke
- 17/ Kathie Pierce
- 23/ Serena Staats
- 24/ John Randolph
- 26/ Trinity Staats

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 15/ Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach
- 21/ Mallory & Chris Banke
- 24/ Glenda & Rusty Taylor

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

- Jim Phillips
- Philippe Karka
- Tom Murphy

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!

- 02/02 Eve Hines Hanie – (Kathy Pierce's sister) accident & skull fracture, improving slowly
- 01/25 Rev. Bill Hines (Kathy Pierce's dad)— new meds improving energy, seeing cardiologist
- 02/15 Beverly Johnson – recovering from knee replacement surgery, doing well
- 03/22 Emory Pearce—broke ankle in 3 places, facing surgery to repair**
- 03/15 Donna Randolph (Pat & John's daughter in law) – major neck & spinal surgery 3/30**
- 02/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment with bad side effects
- 02/15 Sarah Trotter (Joyce's niece) recovering from breast cancer surgery
- 02/26 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) – recovering from surgery to remove tumor behind ear
- 02/28 ByeonSoon Yoon (Heawoon's mom) – recovering from brain surgery for cancer, Heawoon is in Korea with her mom

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

- Nell Cates
- Patty Boone
- Becky Huie
- Pam Langley
- Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Morrow Food Bank in celebration of Souper Bowl of Caring. We were able to send them 243 items valued at \$353.68 and a check for \$200.00.



Connie McWilliams
Community Missions



Thank you for your many cards, phone calls, flowers, gifts, and well wishes during my recovery from knee surgery. You truly made me feel much better and more patient about my progress. Special thanks are due to Connie McWilliams, who stayed with me and made it possible for me to get through this ordeal. I couldn't have done it without her. Also, Janice Lockhart provided transportation to Northside several times and stayed during my surgery there. These two ladies are my beloved Circle Sisters and so much more!

Beverly Johnson

Six months ago our bachelor nephew Todd had a stroke. His sisters were told he would never be able to work again. By the grace of God he was transferred to Brooks Rehab Hospital in Tallahassee for six weeks. With his hard work, many therapists and much prayer he is now driving and running his tractor supply business. His recovery has been a miracle and we thank all of you for your prayers. This past year our family has been on the prayer list multiple times and please know how much we appreciate being a part of such a loving church family and always know prayer works.



God is good all the time.

Jim and Nancy Phillips

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

APR 03—12:15pm—PWCT

APR 09 – 10:30am—Circle One

APR 19 – 10:15am—Busy Bees

APR 14 — 7:00pm—Mary & Martha
(virtual)



PLEASE NOTE: In April our PW Circles will be collecting contributions for Columbia Friendship Circle to help support students at Columbia Seminary.

A message from the PPC Men's Fellowship:

Breakfast

You are all invited to join us for BREAKFAST on April 17, Easter Morning at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We will not be having Sunday School that day.

Join us for a great time of fellowship.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group will meet for lunch at Red Lobster (Tara Blvd) Tuesday, April 12, at 11:30 am. Afterwards we will go to the Plot room and plan our calendar for the rest of the year.

Barbara Barlow

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Can you believe it's already Spring? I am so excited to have the warm weather return. I am starting to work in the yard, and I love seeing all of the spring flowers and shrubs bloom. God truly paints beautiful pictures in the Spring. We also have Easter this month and that is such a special holiday for all of us.

The Session did meet on Monday, March 14, 2022 via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of February, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$73,918.01
Monthly Total Revenue – \$11,352.23
YTD Revenue – \$26,040.48
Monthly Total Expenses – \$10,714.62
YTD Expenses – \$21,253.42

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!!

If you have been missing your donuts and coffee on Sunday mornings – they are back!!! I also wanted to let you know that we are planning to have breakfast at church on Easter morning. There will be more details to come but I hope you will be able to join us for breakfast on that special morning.

As always if you know of someone who is in need, please let myself or one of the other elders know. If you have an idea as to how we can help one another, please share your idea(s). Together we can accomplish much.

May God bless you and your families.

Love,

Jennifer



HOLY WEEK

APR 10—11:00am—Palm Sunday Service

APR 15—12:00pm—Good Friday Service

APR 17—9:30am—Easter Breakfast

APR 17—11:00am—Easter Service



April 17, 2022

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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