

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

What a glorious day we had on Homecoming! People came from far and wide, and whole groups of families had their own mini reunions over lunch. Rev. John Westlund inspired us all with his reminiscences over being a youth at the church, and both the Morrow Mayor and Chair of the Clayton County Commission had proclamations proclaimed. The choir sang an anthem commissioned by the Durdens by our former music director, Verena Anders, and we sang other favorite pieces from years back. A former intern, Michael Poulos, came with his wife, and she presented us with a new pottery communion set she made. We've been using a plain glass pitcher and a glass, with a silverplate dish for those items, so from now on we have a very meaningful set for communion. We are using it the first Sunday in November for All Saints' Day. So come up and take a look at it.

We also change time zones back to standard time November 2, so set your clocks BACK an hour and get an extra hour's sleep! If you forget, you can start the coffee for Sunday School! And you're all invited to Sunday School. We are studying a wonderful series of lessons on Israel before and during the time of exile by Rev. Janice Catron, who wrote several Bible studies for Presbyterian Women. We have doughnuts and coffee too! Now that you get an extra hour's sleep, join us at 9:45.

Our Thanksgiving lunch will be Nov. 16, and we have so much leftover food from our Homecoming that we have frozen it to use on that date. So we will enjoy BBQ and fixin's. Come celebrate with us as we prepare to enter the season of Advent November 30.

May your month be filled with thanksgiving.

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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

05- Emory Pearce
06/ Debbie Bray
12/ Elizabeth Truex
20/ Ray Morgan
23/ Nancy Phillips
25/ Bob Huie
26 Jance Lockhart

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

11/ Erin & Jeff Randolph
14/ Cathy & Danny Morris

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Fred Rohrbach
David Hatch
Debbie Bray

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!

10/07 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) stomach cancer surgery, needs chemo as well

09/10 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah's brother) –chemo treatments continuing

10/05 Bob Huie – has 5 fractures and is recovering after a long hospitalization and rehab

10/15 Pam Langley – in ICU at Piedmont Fayette on a ventilator

10/14 Danny Morris' sister's son in stage 4 cancer, his wife Erika Meares died 10/11

09/10 John Randolph – metastatic bladder cancer

10/14 Serenna Staats – rotator cuff surgery scheduled for November 6

08/13 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – failing from COPD and other health issues

Please pray for the AA Participants meeting at our church

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 secypcc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.



9:30am on Tuesday,
November 4, @
Egg's Up, Morrow.
See you there!

Ray Morgan will be **100** on November 20, 2025! Let's shower him with cards to celebrate. You can find his address on the bulletin board.



HOMEcoming 2025

If you have not been able to upload pictures of homecoming to our picture website, try this QR Code.

Babb Project Report

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Babb Project thru out the past few years. Because of your generosity, we are able to supply week-end food bags for 14 homeless students. We also plan to purchase school uniforms for them as well. In September we spent 433.82 for the food items needed for the bags. We are always in need of **food items** we give the students each week. **Breakfast Items:** Individually wrapped cereal, Pop tarts Cereal bars, Granola bars, Nutria-grain bars, Individual ready to serve cups of Grits or Oatmeal, etc. **Lunch Entrees:** (in micro-wavable containers) Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Spaghetti O's with Meatballs, Individually wrapped Mac and Cheese, Vienna Sausages, Beef stew, Red Beans and Rice, Beans and Franks, Beef a Roni, Soup, Corn Beef Hash, Ramen Noodles, etc. Juice Boxes, Milk Boxes (in pourable containers & shelf-safe) **Snacks:** Dried or canned fruits, fruit chews, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, goldfish, pudding or jello cups, mini microwave popcorn, etc. in individually wrapped bags. **Monetary Gifts** are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. Thank you to all who are able to come by on Wednesdays to help fill the bags and deliver them to the school. **See Cathy Morris for details.**

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

NOV 2—following worship—PWCT meeting

NOV 12—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle—virtual

NOV 15—10:30am—Circle One

NOV 18— Busy Bees—TBA



Craft Group

NOV 11—11:30 Craft Group @ Mellow Mushroom,
Hudson Bridge, Stockbridge

Only 1 this month

Securus House

SECUR'US HOUSE is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. Each Christmas we ask everyone, who's able, to bring a gift for the children. The children range in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution.

Some suggested gift items are: toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books.

We will also be collecting some of their needed supplies. You may bring your donations in right away. Place them in the collection bin in the narthex.

Shelter items needed:

Items for infants & children include: diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large), baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline, bottles with nipples, socks, underwear & undershirts (all sizes), crayons, coloring books, markers

Items for the women include: new underwear (all sizes), pajamas, gowns & slippers (all sizes), personal hygiene products, hair blow dryers, hair care products for women of all color

Items for the shelter include: toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap), paper towels, toilet tissue & facial tissues, tooth brushes, toothpaste & mouthwash, first aid products, lip balm

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 or mail to the church office. All donations and gifts must be received by Sunday, December 14.*

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



2025 Holiday Events

November 16—12:15pm—

Thanksgiving Lunch The meats and main dishes will be provided. You may bring a dessert to share.

**December 7—12:15pm—Staff
Christmas Lunch**

**December 14—11:00am—Lessons &
Carols with Cookie reception**

**December 21—9:30am—Christmas
Breakfast**

**Bring you favorite breakfast
dish**

WORKDAY— 9:00AM SAT, November 1

We are putting the stuff we got out for Homecoming back up in storage. All help is greatly appreciated.

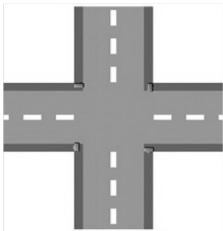


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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'This church is dear to me'

Philadelphia Presbyterian to celebrate 200th anniversary

By Anthony Rhoads

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10/3/25

FOREST PARK — It's not a megachurch with thousands of members or modern amenities but Philadelphia Presbyterian Church has served the Forest Park community and Clayton County area for generations.

Founded in 1825, the church predates the founding of the city of Forest Park (1908), Clayton County (1858) and the city of Atlanta (1837).

On Sunday, Oct. 12 at 9 a.m., the church at 351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, is celebrating its homecoming to commemorate the church's 200th anniversary.

Debbie Bray has strong ties to the church. She not only grew up in the church, her fifth great-grandparents — James and Mary Lynn Huie — were some of the founders of the church.

"This church is dear to me," she said.

The Rev. Dr. John Simpson Wilson organized the church in 1825 and in April, 1826, reported

WHAT TO KNOW

Who: Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

What: 200th anniversary celebration.

Where: 351 Morrow Road, Forest Park.

When: Sunday, Oct. 12 at 9 a.m.

For more information: Visit the church's Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064573156105>, call 404-366-1851 or email secyppc@bellsouth.net.

to the Presbytery of Hopewell (the predecessor of today's Presbytery of Greater Atlanta), that he had organized a church on Dec. 26, 1825 called the Philadelphia Church with 14 members, according to information from the church.

It's Clayton County's oldest congregation and has been on the same land since its founding.

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CHURCH

From A1

One of the founders of the church, Robert Collins Huie Sr., bought the land in 1825 after his brother Joseph Huie won the adjacent land in the 1821 Land Lottery.

There have been three church buildings — one in 1825, one in 1858 and one 1895, the current building.

The exact location of the first building is unknown but it was in the immediate vicinity of the current building.

The second building was about 300 feet west of Old Dixie Road just across Morrow Road from the present building.

The second building was marked on the map of the area by Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's civil engineers before the Battle of Atlanta.

It was also used by Clayton County as an elementary schools until they discontinued the school in 1927 and it was used by the Boy Scouts until sometime in the 1950s.

In 1947, the first education addition to the sanctuary was completed and in 1954 the interior of the sanctuary was improved and remodeled.

Also in 1954, at the request of the Session, Clayton County paved the road in front of the church.

In 1960, the addition of the two-story annex housing the fellowship hall and additional Sunday school rooms was completed and a consecration ceremony was held Oct. 25, 1960.

On May 15, 1975, the sanctuary caught fire but was saved from total destruction. During the fire, Clayton County Fire Chief Bill Guice saved the 1866 pulpit Bible, which is now preserved in a wood and glass case.

The church met in the fellowship hall during the rebuilding and no services were cancelled.

The rebuilding project increased seating capacity, expanded the choir loft and added space for the new Rogers organ.

The church, which had about 500 on its rolls in 1976, now has a weekly attendance of about 20 to 30 and is also home to a Hispanic congregation.

The current minister is the Rev. Jeanne Anne Swink Simpson, who has served since 2021.

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An article about our Homecoming in the Clayton News Daily on October 8, 2025. The article included many pictures of the church and historical items.