

**This Week's Schedule**

**Sunday, December 5**

- 9:00 a.m. The Journey Service—Kerr Building
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes—Various Locations
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service—Sanctuary & Online
- 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class—Session Room
- 5:30 p.m. Room in the Inn—Kerr Building

**Monday**

- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts—Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts—Various Locations
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice—Kerr Building
- 8:00 p.m. AA Group Meeting (New Comers)—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday**

- 7:00 a.m. AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut
- 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts—Chapel

**Wednesday**

- 9:00 a.m. Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice--Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts--Chapel
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (open)—Old Scout Hut

**Thursday**

- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Women's closed step)—Old Scout Hut

**Friday**

- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (open)—Old Scout Hut

**Saturday**

- 8:00 a.m. AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut
- 11:00 a.m. Winter Outdoor Festival—Kerr Parking Lot
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Practice--Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 12**

- 9:00 a.m. The Journey Service—Kerr Building
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes—Various Locations
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata—Sanctuary & Online
- 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class—Session Room
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas sing A Long—Chapel

Lock-up for December 10-12 – Rolf Jaeger

**Our Stewardship Report**

**November 28, 2021**

Weekly Receipts: \$ 23,235.12  
 Weekly Expenses: \$ 32,079.28

Total Receipts 2021: \$ 672,813.21  
 Total Expenses 2021: \$ 704,881.59  
 Balance \$ (32,068.38)

**Prayer Concerns**

Beverly Caldwell – Novant Hospital, Matthews  
 Amy Long [David Friesen]  
 [Mimi Wells] cousin of Connie Ensley  
 [Johnny & Anita Graham] friends of Bill Crowder  
 [Jackie Smith] mother of Cindi Hoffner  
 Judy Myers Leila Campbell Earnest Jamison  
 [Kelly Glanzer] daughter of Pete & Dottie Kastner  
 Martha Carriker (Rare Leukemia)  
 Judy Turnage Dot Bartlett Jane Carriker  
 [Laurie Hicks] Mike Long Betty Flowe  
 [Sylvia Hoffner] mother of Rocky Hoffner  
 [Tyler Daddio] Steve Davis Louise McSwain  
 [Jake Padgett] co-worker of Bill Crowder  
 [Mint Ralston] friend of Bill Crowder  
 [Bruce Buckley] brother-in-law of Bill Crowder  
 [Bill Snelson] father of Randall Snelson  
 M.D. Hill Clark Davenport John Noblitt  
 [Sid & Marsha Martin] parents of Susan Griffin  
 [Patricia] daughter of Gary Knighton  
 [Bruce Campbell] brother of Diane Campbell  
 John & Patti Nofsinger  
 [Clinton Greif & Family]  
 Lewana Ratliff Carla Lohrer  
 [Stephen Brown] son of Tim & Becky Brown  
 Ted Biggers – death of sister, Becky Lewis

**Extended Care**

Rachel Nance (Lake Wylie Assisted Living)  
 [Florence Broome] (Cadence of Mint Hill) mother of Judy Clinton  
 Martha Benehaley (Brookdale Charlotte East)  
 Judy Myers (Brookdale Monroe Square)  
 Leila Campbell (Morningside of Gastonia)  
 Frances Leete (Little Flower)  
 Jeannine Mayberry (Addison of Indian Trail)  
 Bonnie Barnes (Willow Grove)  
 Sadie Hood (Northlake House)

**Christian Sympathy** is expressed to the family and friends of  
 Barbara Kistler who passed away on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Attendance**  
**November 28, 2021**  
 The Journey--53  
 Sunday School--  
 11 a.m. Worship—123

**PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES** contact:  
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**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 December 5, 2021  
 11:00 a.m.

**GOD GATHERS US TOGETHER**

**Prelude** *The Desert Shall Rejoice* Smith

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Miller

**Call to Worship** *Lift Up Your Heads* Fettke

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Tom and Lynda Flowe

**+Hymn #97** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* ABERYSTWYTH

**Call to Confession** Pastor Sloan

Leader: Let us lay before God and one another the distances between us, the impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day. For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Yet in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

**Prayer of Confession** Pastor Sloan

**All: Savior God—Not a day goes by when you do not invite us to be peacemakers and advocates, listeners, and good Samaritans. Not a day goes by when we are not asked to be a friend to a stranger and a neighbor to those in need. Not a day goes by when we are not asked to be the people you call us to be. And yet, day after day, we lose sight of your hope for this world. Forgive us for walking a different path, and grant us the strength to prepare a new way— Your way—here and now.**

**Time for Silent and Personal Confession** Pastor Sloan

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray,  
**People: Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon** Pastor Sloan

Leader: The reign of God has come near. In Christ's name, you are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life. Rejoice and believe.  
**People: Amen!**

Choral Response: *The Advent of Our God* ST. THOMAS

**Children's Sermon** Pastor Sloan

**Anthem** *A Tiny Child will Come* Besig

## GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

**Scripture Reading** Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV) Pastor Miller  
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Illumination** Pastor Miller

**Sermon** "Boundless Peace" Pastor Miller

**+Hymn #720** *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

**+Affirmation of Faith** "Apostles' Creed" Pastor Sloan  
**All: 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!**

**+Hymn #581** *Gloria Patri*

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer** Pastor Miller  
**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE GIVE THANKS

**Call to Offering** Pastor Miller

## GOD SENDS US OUT

**+Hymn #105** *People, Look East* BESANCON

**+Charge and Benediction** Pastor Miller  
Choral Response: Redeemer, Come Fettke

**Postlude** *Gloria* Mozart

+ Those who are able are invited to stand

**WELCOME** visitors and friends. We are happy you have joined us for worship.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9th-** The Bulb pop-up farmer's market will be back. Set up begins at 3 p.m., and the market will be open from 4-5 pm. If you would like to volunteer and have an opportunity to meet our neighbors, contact Pastor Sloan. There are all different jobs. If you know someone who could use a blessing, invite them to come and get some fresh produce.

**OUTDOOR WINTER FESTIVAL, DECEMBER 11th**—This year's Community Christmas Party has been moved outdoors. Volunteers are needed to make this a joyful time for our friends and neighbors. Contact the church office, or use the link on the church website.

**PPC IS PARTICIPATING** in the Angel Tree project again this year. This ministry provides Christmas gifts for local children and adults in need. The Angel Tree is set up in the entry foyer of the Administration/Education Building. You may select an angel and purchase the requested item(s), or other age appropriate items, then return your wrapped item—with the angel **SECURELY** attached to the gift—to the church **no later than December 12th**. If you have questions please call Millie Mullis 704-545-5313.

**THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA**, "ONE SMALL CHILD", created and arranged by Tom Fettke, will be performed by the PPC Sanctuary Choir on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, during the 11 a.m. service.

**THE PRAISE TEAM** will lead an Acoustic Carol Sing in the Chapel on Sunday, December 12, from 5-6 p.m.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE** has been requested to present a list of candidates for both Deacon and Elder Emeritus to our congregation in the first congregational meeting of 2022. Emeritus status is presented to those who have retired from active daily participation (70+ years old), served faithfully, and is a tangible way for the church to honor his/her service to the church. Please return any candidates you feel deserving to Rolf Jaeger ([rolf.k.jaeger@gmail.com](mailto:rolf.k.jaeger@gmail.com)) or the church office.

**BACKPACKS OF LOVE** – This week we are in need of canned tuna, canned chicken, Vienna sausage, Beanie Weenies, single serving size snacks, cereal, oatmeal, and grits, single serving size microwaveable pasta meals, hearty soups, and vegetables.

### PPC YOUTH SCHEDULE:

**Dec 8:** MDWK @ Chick-fil-a (7-8pm)

**THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY** would like to thank the Evan Eudy Family for making it possible to decorate the sanctuary for this Advent Season through the creation of the Evan and Nell Ross Eudy Flower Fund.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to complete your pledge on this year's commitment to the church's Current Fund and the Capital Needs Fund on or before December 31. If you need an update on your gifts to the church this year, please call Office Manager, Judy Clinton.

**WHY DON'T WE SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS DURING ADVENT?** For the same reason we don't sing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!" during Lent. We are waiting, preparing, yearning, longing for the Christ Child. After weeks of quiet, reflective waiting, we will be ready to shout: "Joy to the World!", "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** – Call the church office if you need contribution envelopes for 2022.

### PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

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