

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
(Hannah Hardy) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship, Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)
11:00 AM—Take Down Christmas Decorations

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)
6:30—9:00 PM—Gym Reserved

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Soup Supper and
Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

God’s Closet CLOSED
5:00 PM—Family Enrichment Weekend Begins
Marriage Relationships
6:00 PM—Dinner—(FLC)
7:00 PM - Q & A with Dr. Graham

Birthdays

1/4 *Philip Stehman
*Chloe Reese Bonds
1/5 Kyle Ray
1/6 Taylor Grace Breland
1/7 Jessica Pickering
Benjamin Black
1/8 Tate Salter
Rhonda Thomas
1/10 *Savannah Irons

Anniversaries

1/4 Allen & Nancy Hardy
*Paul & Rachel
Prince

*non-resident members

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Sunday,
December 28, 2025
Sunday School:
Worship Attendance: 123
Christmas Eve: 284

Electronic Giving

- **Bank Drafts:** Call the church office to set this up.
- **Online Giving:** phillyfirstmc.org
- **Text Giving:** Text the amount to 1-601-281-0741
- **Giving App:** Download the free
Shelby Next App through the App Store or
Google Play. Type in “phillyfirstmc” where it
says “domain”. Click to create an account.
- Donate from your smartphone by scanning QR code;



If you need assistance, please call the church office.

Church Communications

- **Emails:** To receive the prayer request and/or general
news e-mails sign up for these teams by going to
www.phillyfirstmc.org.
Click on Connect, then Member Portal. Click on
TEAMS; Click on JOIN beside the team(s) you
wish to join.
You may also call the church office to sign up.
- **Text Messages:** Please make sure the church has
your cell number.
We will be sending meeting notices, reminders,
cancellations, due to weather, etc. via text
message.
**Please call Sheila in the church office if you need any
help.*

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Service of Celebration & Praise
January 4, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

OPENING

Prelude - “Shine on Us” - Carol Fiedler, piano
Announcements and Prayer - Ken Turner
Prelude

THE GATHERING

Call to Worship - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Leader: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: On this final Sunday of Christmas, we celebrate the coming of our
Savior!

Congregation: Christ is born!

Leader: In our singing, we will remember that Jesus suffered for our sins.

Congregation: Christ has died!

Leader: We will celebrate that He arose to overthrow the grave.

Congregation: Christ is risen!

Leader: We will rejoice in the hope that He will come to bring us home.

Congregation: Christ will come again!

Congregation: And we will rejoice in His gracious presence with His covenant
people.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in
the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be! Amen!

God’s Self-Revelation / Our Response

*Congregational Songs of Worship - “Go Tell It on the Mountain”
“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

Pastoral Prayer - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Offertory - “Shepherd’s Gloria” - Chancel Choir

God’s Word / Our Response

Homily - “Renewing of an Ancient Covenant” - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Communion for Covenant Renewal

Special Music - “Hallelujah” - Hannah Hardy, Andrew Windham, Mike Shrock

SENDING

Closing Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Benediction - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

*Postlude - Piano

**Please stand as you are able.*

***Nursery provided in room 14, birth—2 years old*

Our Purpose: “Living for Jesus, Loving Like Jesus”



God’s Closet

Open Saturday, Jan. 17th - Volunteers: Sandtown (Treasure Moulds)
& Janice Williamson

Items of the Month: Shoes, Socks

Donations of clean like-new clothes are welcome. We have a donation box in
the FLC or you can arrange to meet at the closet by calling Susan Powell at
601-660-4637.— God’s Closet needs Boys Blue Jeans Sizes 6, 7, 10 & 12.

WELCOME!
Thank you for worshipping at Philly First today. We hope that you will feel God’s Spirit and be blessed as you worship.

SERVING TODAY:
DECEMBER USHERS: Andy King, Eric Prince, Kent Moore, & Joe Jordan
TECH ARTS: Caleb May, Natalie May, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Allen Hardy & Evelyn Agent
NURSERY: Carla Martin
FLOWERS TODAY : Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Moore & Mildred Windham and Frank & Dean Cleveland
By: Andrew, Wendy, Ella, Abby, & Jack Windham
ACOLYTES: Maddi Breland, Luke White
COMMUNION: Wade & Leigh Allyn White

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Stacy Brantley & Thomas Tinsley
NURSERY: Molly Breazeale
ACOLYTES: KB Breland, Anna Claire Hancock
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Natalie May

Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns will remain on the prayer list for one month.
If you would like to renew a request, please call the church office.

- Cindy Byrd

Cyndi Weldy Family

Dorothy Williamson Family

James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)

Mary Louise Blanks

Barry Boler—(Kasey Boler Storey’s dad)

Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister)

Clinton Kase Bradford

Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin’s cousin)

Josie Byars

Tanja Chancellor

Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)

Parker Cole—(Julia’s grandson)

Autumn Durant Conn

Homer Davis

Dianne Droke

Debra Drury

Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain’s mother)

Ben Edwards

Elizabeth Edwards

Michael Eichelberger

God’s Closet Prayer Requests

Glen Goldman

Graham Goldman

Mary Katherine Gordon

Dale Gray

Pat Hardage—(Mandy Dees’ father)

Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)

Marvin Hill—(Charlie Ervin’s brother-in-law)
- Neil Hogan

Bobbie Holley

Betty Irons

Gayle Lesley

Ken Lewis

Glenda Lundy

Vicky Marshall

Don McKay

Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)

Ian Michelletti

Jean O’Mire—(Gayle Lesley’s mother) -
Neshoba Nursing Home #153

Mark Powell

Susan Powell

Gail Rickles

Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104

Daniel Sharp

Janie Shaw

Ms. Pepper Simmons

Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)

Steve Turner

2 Unspoken

Ray Warren—(Susan Powell’s dad)

Sue Wells

Tommy Williams

Don Windham

Mike Winston—(John Carr Bates’ father-in-law)

Bill Wolf

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KIDS

Like our page on Facebook:
Phillyfumckids

You're invited to my new group 'Philly First Kids' on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.

ANCHORED
Student Ministry

Follow us on Instagram at
anchoredphilly, or on Facebook
at Anchored Student Ministry.

Youth Sunday School:
Resumes January 11th

No Sunday Night Youth

No Wednesday Night Youth

Elevate Trip
January 16-19

You're invited to join the youth ministry group on GroupMe! Scan the QR code.

Adult Fellowship

LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 13th
11:30 AM

Family Life Center

Invite a friend to share in the fellowship!

We extend Christian love and sympathy to Kay Salter and her family at the death of her sister, Cyndi Weldy. She passed away Monday morning, December 29, 2025.

Upcoming Events			
January 4	Take Down Christmas Decorations	11:00 AM	
January 10-11	Family Enrichment Weekend with Dr. Andrew Graham		
January 12	Card Ministry Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
January 13	Adult Ministry Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
January 14, 21,28	Wednesday Night Worship	6:00 PM	
January 16-19	Youth Elevate Trip		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance in the attendance pad on your pew. Then pass the attendance pad down your pew for each person to register. Please place the completed attendance sheet in the offering plate.

Taking Down Christmas Decorations
We will be packing up all the Christmas decorations immediately following the service this morning. We will need everyone available and it will go very quickly!
All help will be appreciated.

Tuesday,
January 6th
5:15 PM

Chancel Choir
Soup Supper
& Rehearsal



Family Enrichment Weekend
Saturday & Sunday, January 10 & 11
Speaker: Dr. Andrew Graham, Counselor Professor at Asbury Seminary

Saturday	5:00 PM	Marriage Relationships	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Dinner	FLC
		(\$10 per person)	
	7:00 PM	Q & A with Dr. Graham	FLC
Sunday	10:00 AM	Healthy Relationships in the Church	Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Healthy Families	Sanctuary

Make plans to join us!

Wednesday Night Meals & Worship for All Ages
January 14, 21, & 28

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