

# 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
- 1/10 Rhonda Thomas  
\*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](http://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



### 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.

Our Purpose: "Living for Jesus, Loving Like Jesus"

## 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  
**ACOLYTES:** By: Andrew, Wendy, Ella, Abby, & Jack Windham  
**COMMUNION:** Maddi Breland, Luke White  
 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



### Children's News

Like our page on Facebook: Phillyfumckids



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



### Youth Ministry News

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.

### 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



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	6:00 PM	
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



### 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 (\$10 per person)	FLC
	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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