

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
(Charles Pair) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship (Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)
1:00 PM—Kids Depart for Trampoline Park

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)
5:30 PM—Staff Parish Team Meeting—(Parlor)
6:30—9:00 PM—Gym Reserved

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

10:00 AM—Bible Seekers Life Group—(Parlor)
11:00 AM—Bible Seekers Luncheon—(FLC)
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(Gym)

Sunday,

May 10, 2026

Sunday School: 30
Worship Attendance: 203

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Birthdays

5/17 Eliza Parsons
*Charlie Adams
*Fletcher Brooks
5/18 Cameron Lesley
KB Breland
Anna Katherine Tinsley
5/20 Jason Fulton
5/23 William Mars
*Simmons Brooks

Anniversaries

5/17 Mike & Kim Donald
5/21 *Luke & Casey
McMahan
5/22 Mark & Joni Duncan
*Brian & Anna Lisa
Truett

*non-resident members

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.*

God's Closet

Closed until July

Items of the Month: Shoes, Notebook Paper

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.**

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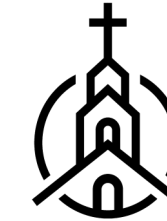
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Service of Celebration & Praise May 17, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - "Praise Him" - Pianist & Organist
Announcements and Prayer - Ken Turner
Choral Call to Worship - "I Stand in Awe" - Chancel Choir
Soloist, Monica Adams

Responsive Call to Worship
(From Psalm 33)

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Congregation: Hallelujah! Praise befits the upright.
Leader: Give thanks to the LORD with a piano, with an organ, a guitar, and a cajon.
Congregation: The Lord is upright and faithful.
Leader: Let the choir and congregation raise their voices in celebration of God's steadfast love!
Congregation: The Lord sits enthroned and watches over those who fear Him.
Leader: Stand in awe of your creator and your Lord.
Congregation: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in His holy name.
All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be.
World without end. Amen.

*Hymns/Songs of Praise - "All My Boast is in Jesus"
Leader—Andrew Windham
"Trust and Obey" - vs. 1, 3, 4
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

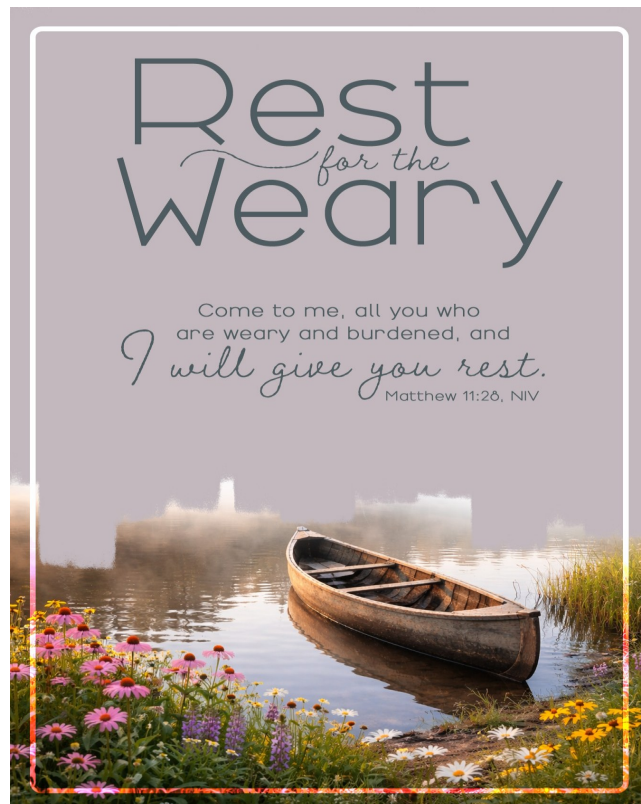
(Children ages 3 years old—3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Church upstairs.)
Offertory Anthem - "Baptized in Water, Sealed with the Spirit" - Chancel Choir
*Doxology - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Sermon - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*Benediction - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*Postlude - Organist

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

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:

USHERS: Don Fulton, Captain; Heath Stribling; Jody Sharp; & David Hayman

TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea

COUNTERS: Steve Smith & Caleb May

NURSERY: Joyce Ervin

FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pete and Dot Jordan and Roberta and Cullen Thomas
By: Terry & Susy Jordan, their children and grandchildren

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :

TECH ARTS: Wade White, Richard Eakes, & Richard Rea

COUNTERS: Kristen Hancock & April Posey

NURSERY: Kim Donald

ACOLYTES: Jude Ratcliff, KB Breland

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Mark Duncan

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.

O. H. Kitchen—(Donny Kitchens brother)	Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling's sister)
Sue Bates—(Jimmy's mother)	Bobbie Holley
James Allred—(Angela Allen's father)	Betty Irons
Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards' cousin)	Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson's daughter)
Mary Louise Blanks	Gayle Lesley
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling's sister)	Ken Lewis
Jimmy Breazeale—(Jeff's father)	James Mars
Clinton Kase Bradford	Gabe Marshall
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin's cousin)	Mike McLemore—(Kim Price's uncle)
Cindy Byrd	Ian Michelletti
Penny Chaney	Wayne Plunkett
Darlene Cheatham	Lori Clark Porter
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock's father)	Gail Rickles
Drew Coats—(Burn Center)	Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104
Bonnie Coggins	Kaye Rowell—Methodist Rehab
Ali Dill	Dot Stern—Virginia West's sister
Debra Drury Family	Glen Stribling—(Kent's brother)
Richard Eakes	David Tadlock
Ben Edwards	Tim & Cindi Temple—(Madalyn Stribling's parents) - Tim - Methodist Rehab
Michael Eichelberger	Ashley Triplett
God's Closet Prayer Requests	Steve Turner
Dale Gray	Ray Warren—(Susan Powell's dad)
Madonna Green	Sue Wells
Mitchell Hancock	Don Windham
Pat Hardage—(Mandy Dees' father)	



Children's News

Like our page on Facebook: Phillyfumckids



Join our Children's Ministry GroupMe: 'Philly First Kids' on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.

Bible Challenge Trip to Defy Inflatables

Today, May 17th

Depart the church parking lot at 1:00PM
*All kids who participated in the Bible Challenge of daily quiet times are invited to attend. Meet in the church parking lot



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUNDAY, JULY 12—
TUESDAY, JULY 14



I want to thank the church for the thoughtful baccalaureate celebration. I am very grateful for the Bible that I was presented, the delicious breakfast, and the thoughts and prayers as I enter a new stage of life! I am so glad to get to call this church my family!



Youth Ministry News

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

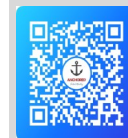
Youth Sunday School

Sundays @ 9:00 AM
Upstairs

Drew will have the Youth Summer Schedule for you next week.

New Youth Sunday School Teacher Needed

Drew can help provide teaching and discussion materials throughout the semester. Contact Drew if you are willing to serve as their teacher.



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

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.

Donations Requested for LED Screens in the Sanctuary

The Leadership Team has voted to purchase two LED screens to be located over the inside exit doors, eliminating our current failing projector. The LED screens will eliminate the use of the projector and screen. A new livestreaming camera system is included in this project as well as a sound system assessment.

The Leadership Team approved up to \$100,000 on this project. We have \$59,000 allocated toward this project.

We are asking for donations and pledges toward the remaining \$41,000.

If you would like to donate, you may bring or mail your donations to the church office, place in the offering plate (write "LED Screens" in the memo of your check) or give electronically to the Special Offering Fund (add a note—"LED Screens").

Donations received to date:	\$9,928.66
Pledged	\$1,000.00
Remaining donations needed:	\$30,071.34

Staff Parish Team Meeting

Monday, May 18th at 5:30 PM in the Parlor

Church-Wide Strategic Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 31 at 6:00 PM or Wednesday, June 10 at 6:00 PM
Everyone is welcome to come participate.

Walk & Pray with the Pastor

The Month of June
The sign up sheet is on the door of his office.



JUNE & JULY
Family Life Center
Adults, Children, Youth
9:00 AM - Coffee & Breakfast
9:15 - Lesson by Sunday School Teachers
This is a great opportunity to join Sunday School as we study the book of Genesis.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
COME JOIN US!

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Upcoming Events

May 17	Bible Challenge Trip	1:00 PM	Defy Inflatables
May 18	Staff Parish Committee Mtg	5:30 PM	FLC
May 19	Bible Seeker's Salad Luncheon	11:00 AM	FLC
May 28-30	Global Methodist Annual Conf.		Memphis, TN
May 31	Church-wide Strategic Planning Mtg	6:00 PM	
June 7	Ally Grace Breazeale's Shower	1-2 PM	Parlor
June 8-13	Camp Wesley Pines Kids Camp		
June 10	Church-wide Strategic Planning Mtg	6:00 PM	
June 21	Father's Day		
July 11-14	Youth M-28 Camp		Lake Junaluska
July 12-14	VBS	Evenings	