Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026
8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
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—Christmas Choir Practice

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026
Gym Reserved by Daycare
8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
5:30 PM—Finance Team Meeting—(Parlor)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026
Gym Reserved by Daycare
9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day
10:30 AM—Library Reserved
11:00 AM—Daycare Thanksgiving Meal—(Gym)
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026
8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
5:00 PM—Supper
5:00 PM—Congregational Care Meeting—Parlor
5:30 PM– Children's Choir—(Sanctuary)
6:00 PM—Adult Bible Studies
6:00 PM—Youth & Parent Meeting—(Youth House)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026
9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026
8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026
9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God's Closet Open

Birthdays

11/16 *Jaxon Hedgepeth
*Karen Young
*Macy Goldman
11/18 Gracie Kate Dees
Kay Duett
Donnie Kea
11/19 Steve Breland
Bill McNair
11/20 Randy Clark
*Gray Moorehead
11/21 Leslie King
Rudy Posey
Lisa (Bob) Posey
*Shelby Sonnabend

Anniversaries

11/15 Ben & Bettye Edwards
11/19 Ben & Hannah Hardy
11/21 Kent & Mitzi Stribling
*Bass & Virginia Price

*non-resident members

Sunday, November 08, 2026
Sunday School: 40
Worship Attendance: 170

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Offering Counters

November 15	Stacy Brantley & Allen Hardy
November 22	Rick Allen & Steve Smith
November 29	Caleb May & Kristen Hancock
December 6	April Posey & Ken Turner

Wednesday Meal Sign-Up

Menu: Chicken Tenders, Tater Babies, Mac & Cheese, Dessert
Serving begins at 5:00 PM
COST CHANGE: Adults/Youth—$8.00; Children—6.00; Family Maximum—$25.00
Deadline to sign up is 12:00 PM on Mondays
Deadline to cancel and avoid being charged is 12:00 Noon on Mondays.
Sign up below, tear off, and place in the offering plate.
Name: _____Adults _____ Youth _____ Kids _____

*Sign me up for standing reservations. ___ (please check)

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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CHRISTMAS DINNER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, AT 11:00 AM

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, Dec. 6, after Morning Worship. The church will provide ham, chicken fingers for the children, beverages and tableware. Please bring your favorite side dishes, salads, and desserts to share. Friends and family are warmly invited. We hope to see you here!

God's Closet: Open Saturday, November 21st

Volunteers: Rotary 1 (Virginia Eakes) & Gayle Lesley
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.**

FIRST METHODIST
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Service of Celebration & Praise
November 15, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - "Standing on the Promises" - Organist & Pianist

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Ken Turner

***The Apostles' Creed - Bro. Joey Ratcliff**

***Songs of Praise No. 384 - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs 1-4**
Hymn No. 378 - "Amazing Grace" vs 1-4
"Into My Heart"
Into my heart, Into my heart, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay, Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Pastoral Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

(Children ages 3 yrs—3rd grade will depart during the offering for Children's Church upstairs)
Offertory - "The Potter's Hand" - 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:	Chris Jackson, Captain; Blake Pickering; Jimmy Bates; & Mike Tinsley
TECH ARTS:	Caleb May, Natalie May, Richard Rea, & Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS:	Stacy Brantley & Allen Hardy
NURSERY:	Joyce Ervin
FLOWERS TODAY:	Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne and Babs Kirkland By: Their Family
ACOLYTES:	Jaxson Windham, Beau Breland

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :

TECH ARTS:	Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea, & Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS:	Rick Allen & Steve Smith
NURSERY:	Kim Donald
ACOLYTES:	Allie Windham, Camille McCoy

Children's News

Like our page on Facebook: Phillyfumckids

KIDS MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Sundays
9 AM: Sunday School
10 AM: Children's Church

Wednesdays
6 PM: Kids Worship & Small Groups

Kids will practice this Wednesday night at 5:30 PM for Christmas music. They will sing on Sunday, December 6. We need all kids at practice during the month of November.

Join our Children's Ministry GroupMe: '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 & Parent Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 6:00 PM

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

Music Notes

Chancel Choir Practice
Tuesdays @ 5:15PM
Anyone interested in singing is invited to come.

*Sunday @ 11AM following worship.

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.

Dale Perdeye Family
Eddie Warren—(Susan Powell's brother)
James Allred—(Angela Allen's father)
Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards' cousin)
Mary Louise Blanks
Ricky Boler—(Kenny Hillman's cousin)
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling's sister)
Clinton Kase Bradford
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin's cousin)
Elaina Brekeen Family
Darlene Cheatham
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock's father)
Craig Dowdy—(Judy Sharp's brother)
Richard Eakes
Ben Edwards
Michael Eichelberger
Lauren Gavin—(Gayle Lesley's niece)
Mickey Gavin—Ochsner—(Gayle Lesley's brother)
God's Closet Prayer Requests
Dale Gray
Martha Hancock
Mitchell Hancock
Shane Hardy—Ally Grace Breazeale's father
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling's sister)
Chris Hill
Stacey Hill
Bobbie Holley
Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson's daughter)
Curtis Johns
Chris Jones
O. H. Kitchens—(Donny Kitchens brother)
Gayle Lesley
Mike McLemore—(Kim Price's uncle)
Dot McNeil
Cindy Melby—Vanderbilt Hospital
Ian Michelletti
Bill Molpus
Terry Myers & Family
Johnny Palmer
Sheila & Bobby Pino
Lori Clark Porter
Gail Rickles
Janice Sansing
Buck Stovall—(Bettye Edwards' cousin)
Glen Stribling—(Kent's brother)
Kent Stribling
Reese Taylor
Larry Thrash
Ashley Triplett
Briggs Tune—Blair Batson
3 Unspoken
Sue Wells
Don Windham
Larry Winstead



The rosebud is placed on the altar in honor of Santana Maria Salter, daughter of Tanner and Savannah Salter. She was born October 31, 2026 weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 19 inches long. Her grandfather is Tate Salter. Her paternal great-grandparents are Kay Salter and the late Stanley Salter.

Upcoming Events

November 16	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
November 17	Day Care Thanksgiving Meal	11:00 AM	Gym
November 18	Congregational Care Ministry Team	5:00 PM	Parlor
November 22	Decorating Sanctuary after Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary
December 23	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
November 24	Day Care Closes @ 2 for Staff Training	2:00-5:00 PM	FLC
November 26-27	Church Office & Day Care Closed for Thanksgiving		
December 6	Church-wide Christmas Meal	11:00 AM	Gym
December 8	Adults Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
December 13	Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
December 17	Weekday Children's Christmas Program	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion	5:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Church Office & Day Care Closed		
December 25	Christmas Day—Church Office & Day Care Closed		

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.

Welcome



We are delighted to welcome Paul and Rachel Prince as our new Directors of Student Ministries. With hearts for God, deep connections with this community, and valuable experience working with students within their churches and M28, we know God has called them to be a blessing to this church and our teens. Please pray for them as they embark on this important role!

2027 Estimate of Giving Cards

Please turn in your 2027 Estimate of Giving card this week if you haven't already turned it in. The Finance Team will be meeting soon to review our 2027 expected giving.

Every Member in Ministry Servanthood Commitments

Please turn in your 2027 ministry commitments as soon as possible. New forms are available at Welcome Center Table and can be turned into the church office.

Sanctuary Flowers

There is an available date on the flower calendar.
If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary in memory or honor of someone, please contact Virginia Eakes at 601-416-8008.

Finance Team Meeting

Monday, November 16th at 5:30 PM
In the Church Parlor

Congregational Care Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 18th
5:00 PM in the Parlor

Family Picture for Directory

If you were unable to have your picture made for our pictorial directory, you can still be in the directory by submitting a photo to the church office.
You can email it to office@phillyfirstmc.org.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Next Sunday immediately following worship we will decorate the church for Christmas. We welcome all who are willing to help!

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