

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
(Mark Duncan) 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 Rehearsal
5:30 PM—Youth Meeting—(Youth House)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day
1:00 PM—Wed. Night Praise Team Practice
4:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)
5:00 PM—Supper—(FLC)
5:00 PM—Older Elementary Girls Ensemble
5:30 PM—Liturgical Dance— (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM—Adult & Youth Prayer & Praise—(FLC)
6:00 PM—Kids Dress Rehearsal—(Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

7:00 AM—Men’s Prayer Breakfast
9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)
5:30 PM—FLC & Gym Reserved

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Open
FLC & Gym Reserved until 2:00 PM

Birthdays

11/30 Brax Byars
Colby McLain
12/1 Olivia Moore
Jeremy Chalmers
*Emma Ponder
12/3 Russell Adams
Kate Marshall
Alex Stribling
*Anna Lisa Truett
12/4 Matt Nicholson
Collins Parker
Mitzi Stribling
12/5 Tatum Salter Pinter
12/6 Carty Thames

Anniversaries

12/1 Jimmy & Phyllis Prince
12/3 *Hayes & Susanna
Brooks
*non-resident members

Sunday,
November 23 , 2025

Sunday School: 39
Worship Attendance: 160

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

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
November 30, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - Organist & Pianist

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer - Ken Turner

The Lighting of the First Advent Candle - The Thomas Tinsley Family
Chrismon Lesson - Allison Willis

*Hymn Medley of Praise No. 204 - “Emmanuel”
No. 211 - “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vs 1&2
“Come, Jesus, Come”

(Children ages 3 years—3rd grade exit for Children’s Church upstairs.)
Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory Anthem - “Will We Know Him When He Comes?” -
Chancel Choir

*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Closing Song - “Mighty to Save”
*Benediction - Rev. Joey Ratcliff
*Postlude - Organist & Pianist

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

Wednesday Night Meal

Meals are catered by Tootie’s Restaurant.

Menu: Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, English Peas, Rolls, Dessert
Serving begins at 5:00 PM

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.

Cost: \$8.00-Adults, \$8.00-Youth, \$6.00-Kids, \$25.00-Family Maximum
Name: _____ Adults _____ Youth _____ Kids _____

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:
NOVEMBER USHERS: Chris Jackson, Captain; Blake Pickering; Jimmy Bates; Mike Tinsley
TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Allen Hardy & Brenda Mills
NURSERY: Kim Price
FLOWERS TODAY : Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Linnie McCrory
By: Jimmy & Phyllis Prince
ACOLYTES: Jude Ratcliff, Kellan Posey

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
DECEMBER USHERS: Joe Jordan, Captain; Richard Eakes; Allen Hines; & Bob Posey
TECH ARTS: Wade White, Richard Eakes, Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Blake Pickering & Evelyn Agent
NURSERY: Carla Martin
ACOLYTES: Kate Massey, Sellers Richardson
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Ted Pope

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.

- Jack Oliphant Family

James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)

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

Harold Carleton—(Sue Ellen Smith’s dad) - (JG Alexander Nursing Center #401)

Tanja Chancellor—ICU Rush

Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)

Autumn Durant Conn

Homer Davis—Neshoba

Dianne Droke

Debra Drury

Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain’s mother)

Ben Edwards

Elizabeth Edwards

Michael Eichelberger

James Eubanks Family

God’s Closet Prayer Requests

Graham Goldman

Mary Katherine Gordon

Dale Gray

Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)

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

Neil Hogan

Bobbie Holley

Betty Irons

Clinton Kase

Ken Lewis
- Glenda Lundy

Don McKay

Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)

Ian Michelletti

Rev. Dr. Ken Morrison—(Jan Cooper & Susan King’s brother)

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

Charles Ponder

Mark Powell

Kim Price

Gail Rickles

Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104

Zula Shackelford Family

Daniel Sharp

Janie Shaw

Ms. Pepper Simmons

Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)

Steve Turner

Billy Underwood Family

2 Unspoken

Ray Warren—(Susan Powell’s dad)

Cindy Weldy—Neshoba Swing Bed #125—(Kay Salter’s sister)

Sue Wells

Tommy Williams

Don Windham

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

Bill Wolf



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.





Liturgical Dance Practice

1st–4th grade girls
In the Upstairs Handbell Room

Kid’s Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 3rd
6:00 PM

Kid’s Leading Family Worship

December 7th at 10:00 AM



Youth Ministry News

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

Youth Sunday School

9:00 AM
Upstairs

Sunday Night Youth

5:30 PM
Youth House

Wednesday Night Youth

6:15 PM
Youth House



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

MUSIC NOTES

Fall Handbell Choir: Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.



Upcoming Events			
December 3	Kid’s Dress Rehearsal	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
December 7	Kid’s Leading Family Worship	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
December 10	Youth Christmas Party	6:00 PM	
December 14	Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Church-wide Christmas Meal	11:00 AM	Gym
December 16	Weekday Children’s Min. Program		Sanctuary
December 24	Christmas Eve Communion Service	5:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Day Care Closed		
	Church Office Closes	12:00 PM	
December 25	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.



We gladly welcome our new members to Philadelphia First Methodist Church. They joined last Sunday.

Tony & Janice Fieber
404 Mckee St. E.

Brandon & Brittany O’Donnell
211 Pinecrest Dr.

Lourie & Cheryl Formby
12347 CR 505

Brent & Kristen Page
1002 Edgewater Dr.

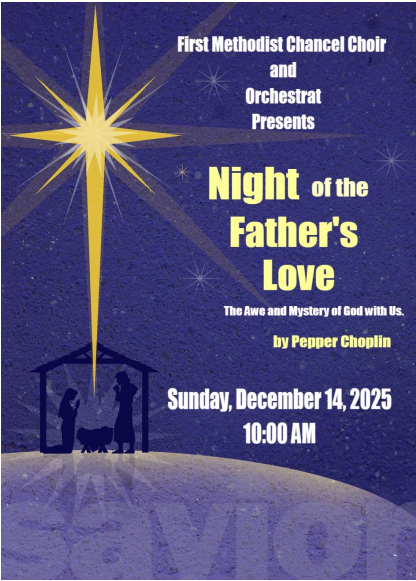
Donnie Kea
10810 Hwy 21 N.

Scott & Mary Jo Vernon
10101 Rd. 1333

Beth Long
114 Meagan St.

Grief Group Meeting

Meets in the Family Life Center. Meeting times vary.
Please contact Melody Vowell at 601-416-1194 if interested in joining the group.



Church-wide Christmas Meal
following the Cantata
Sunday, December 14, 2025
Church Gym

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