



**RESURRECTION**  
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday October 1, 2023

Exodus: Living the Story of God's Rescue & Re-Creation  
"THE PROMISE OF GOD"

# Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

Our worship is “liturgical.” The Greek word “leitourgia” means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God’s call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org) for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff  
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

## Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
  - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
  - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
  - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

## Reflection

God is committed to our transformation. He is not in the business of simply improving our lives; he wants to infuse them with his life. Every day, he moves toward us in love, reaching, seeking, and pleading with us to pay attention.

-Rich Villodas, *The Deeply Formed Life*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY  
LENT  
EASTER  
PENTECOST  
**ORDINARY TIME**

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

# Welcome

## Opening Song

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Johannes Olearius, Catherine Winkworth, Johann Schop



1. Com-fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. For the he - rald's voice is cry - ing in the de - sert far and near,
3. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot ting out each dark mis deed;
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain:



com-fort those who sit in dark ness, mour ning 'neath their sor row's load.  
bid-ding all men to re - pen tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
all that well de - served his an - ger he will no more see nor heed.  
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign,



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
O that war - ning cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
She has suf - fered many a day, now her griefs have passed a - way,  
for the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad,



tell her that her sins I co - ver, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to e - ver spring - ing glad ness.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that his word is ne - ver bro - ken.

## Opening of Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**All And also with you.**

## Responsive Reading

I love you, O Lord, my rock in whom I take refuge,  
**All my God, my shield, my salvation, my stronghold.**  
I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,  
**so I shall be saved from my enemies.**  
In my distress I called upon the Lord;  
**to my God I cried for help.**  
From his temple he heard my voice,  
**and my cry to him reached his ears.**  
He brought me out into a broad place;  
**he delivered me, because he delighted in me.**  
This God—his way is perfect;  
the promise of the Lord proves true;  
**he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.**

*from Psalm 18*

## Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

# Doxology

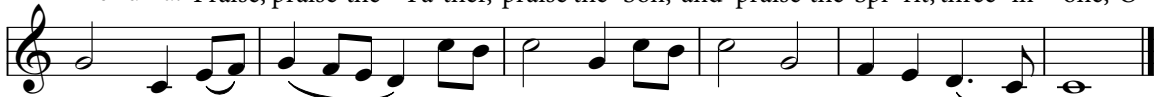
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O\_\_ praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O  
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, three in one, O



praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

*Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.*

## Confession of Sin

**All** Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess in your presence  
that we are quick to do evil and slow to do good.  
You alone know how often we have sinned,  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts,  
in forgetting your love.  
O Lord, have mercy on us.  
Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts  
that we may live in your light and walk in your ways  
as we follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silence is kept.*

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God, who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Savior,  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world.

**All** Amen.



*Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.*

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## The Word of God

*Old Testament reading:* Exodus 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land." <sup>2</sup>God also spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord. <sup>3</sup>I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name 'The Lord' I did not make myself known to them. <sup>4</sup>I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. <sup>5</sup>I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup>Say therefore to the Israelites, 'I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup>I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.'" <sup>9</sup>Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

<sup>10</sup>Then the Lord spoke to Moses, <sup>11</sup>"Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land." <sup>12</sup>But Moses spoke to the Lord, "The Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?" <sup>13</sup>Thus the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, charging them to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel reading:** Luke 9:1-6

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup>He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. <sup>5</sup>Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup>They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

*“The Promise of God”* – Rev. Chris Currie

GOD SPEAKS TO US  
IN HIS WORD

*In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.*

*The offering is part of our worship together, an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Resurrection. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give— we're grateful simply for your presence here today.*



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## Offertory

*El Shaddai* - John W. Thompson, Michael J. Card

When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich” - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

*If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any amount to the number 84321.*

# Creed

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.*

## Prayers

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Faithful God, grant us grace to trust your promise and walk in the way of your Son.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, rule over us in justice and establish your peace in all the earth.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Holy Spirit, comfort us in your presence, and remake us in the image of Christ.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,*

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**

# Communion

The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**All** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** It is right to give thanks and praise.

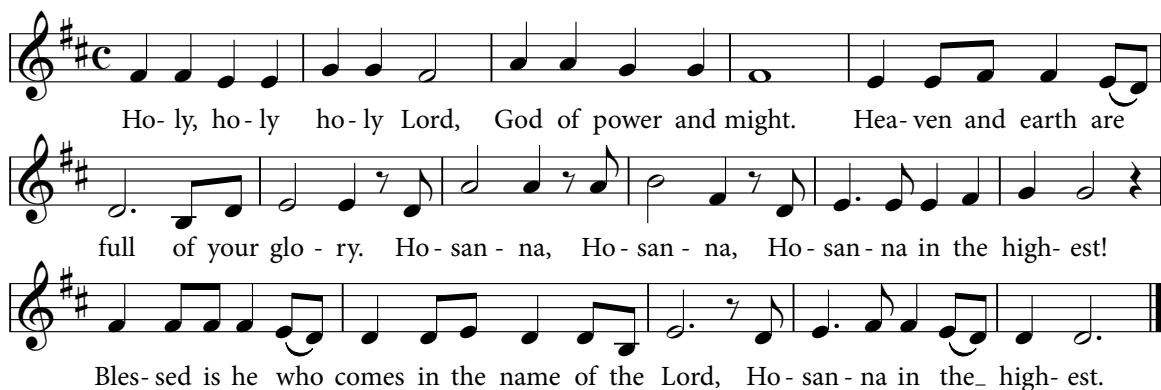
## GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks, faithful God,  
because you are our God forever,  
and through the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ,  
you have joined us to your family,  
taken us as your own children  
and made us heirs to your ancient promise  
of everlasting life, blessing, and peace.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

### *Sanctus*



Ho- ly, ho- ly ho- ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea- ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high- est!  
Bles- sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the\_ high- est.

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*The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
forever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The minister speaks the Words of Institution.*

## Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*We use wine in  
Communion. Non-  
alcoholic white grape  
juice and a gluten-  
free option are also  
available if preferred.  
Please discard your  
Communion cup as  
you leave worship.*

## Prayers for Reflection

**Prayer for those searching** | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

**Prayer of belief** | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

**Prayer for those struggling** | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

# Communion Song

## *Come, Thou Fount*

Robert Robinson, John Wyeth



1. Come, thou Fount of ev'-ry bleſ-sing, tune my heart to ſing thy grace;
2. Here I raiſe my E-be-ne-zer; hi-ther by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a deb-tor dai-ly I'm conſtrained to be;



ſtreams of mer-cy, ne-ver ceaſ-ing, call for ſongs of lou-deſt praiſe,  
and I hope, by thy good plea-ſure, ſafe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wand'-ring heart to thee.



teach me ſome me-lo-dious ſon-net, ſung by fla-ming tongues a-bove;  
Je-ſus ſought me when a ſtran-ger, wand'-ring from the fold of God:  
prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praiſe the mount! I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
he, to re-ſcue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
here's my heart, O take and ſeal it, ſeal it for thy courts a-bove.

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## Prayer after Communion

All Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love.  
Amen.

## Blessing and Sending

### *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

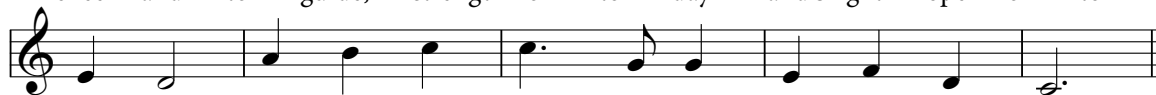
Thomas Chisholm, William Runyan



1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no sha - dow of  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and harv - est, sun, moon and stars in their  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth thine own dear pre - sence to



tur - ning with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they  
cour - ses a - bove join with all na - ture in ma - ni - fold  
cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright hope for to -



fail not; as thou hast been thou for - e - ver will be.  
wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
mor - row, bles - sings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Mor - ning by



mor - ning new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vi - ded; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

GOD SENDS US  
INTO THE WORLD

*We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.*

## Benediction

All our problems  
**All we send to the cross of Christ.**  
All our difficulties  
**we send to the cross of Christ.**  
All the devil's works  
**we send to the cross of Christ.**  
All our hopes  
**we set on the risen Christ;**  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

## Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

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*“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)*

*After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.*

**Musicians**

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Keisha Hirlinger: voice

Jonathan Downs: saxophone

Jeremy McDonald: bass

Doug Hirlinger: drums

**Liturgist**

Jennifer Cho

**Scripture Reading**

Isabelle Trieu

# CONNECT

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

**CONNECTION GROUPS** provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit [resurrectionphl.org/groups](https://resurrectionphl.org/groups) or scan the QR code at right.



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**FAMILY MINISTRIES** come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, [terri@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:terri@resurrectionphl.org)
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at [paul@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:paul@resurrectionphl.org).

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick ([ryan@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:ryan@resurrectionphl.org)) for more information about these events.

# GROW

**Resurrection is a community committed to** growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices [resurrectionphl.org/practices](http://resurrectionphl.org/practices)
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox [resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer](http://resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer) to help you get started.

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# GIVE

**The intentional financial participation** of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | [resurrectionphl.org/give](http://resurrectionphl.org/give)
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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# SERVE

**We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city.** This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



## Announcements

**Do You Get Resurrection News?** If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org), or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

### **Community Groups, Bible Studies, Book Groups & More!**

Growth often happens in the context of intentional community, so we encourage everyone at Resurrection to get connected to a smaller community inside the congregation. Explore current offerings at [resurrectionphl.org/groups](http://resurrectionphl.org/groups).

**Women's Day Away, Oct 14** Resurrection women are invited to "Day Away" in a restful setting in Haddonfield, NJ on Saturday, October 14. We'll enjoy fellowship over snacks and lunch, as well as teaching from Dr. Cyndi Parker on "Women and the City," breakout sessions, and a panel discussion. Join us from 9 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$10, scholarships are available. Sign up at [resurrectionphl.org/upcoming-events](http://resurrectionphl.org/upcoming-events).

**Men's Retreat, Nov 3-5** Recently the New York Times observed, "American men are stuck in a friendship recession." For many men, friendships are both difficult and in decline. Yet, Christ has called men into a brotherhood, a spiritual friendship. At this retreat, we'll explore what it means to be befriended by the Son of Man, the dimensions of spiritual friendship for men, and how Jesus invites us to cultivate friendships among ourselves. Please join us! Register by October 1 at [resurrectionphl.org/upcoming-events](http://resurrectionphl.org/upcoming-events).

**Open House & Social at Woodland, October 1 at 4 pm** Join us for an Open House & Social to celebrate the completion of the work on the Woodland building (at 42nd/Pine) on Sunday, October 1 from 4-5 pm. A tour of the building will be provided.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **October**

- 1 - Open House & Social at Woodland
- 3 - Book Group: Sacred Rites starts
- 14 - Women's Day Away

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### **November**

- 3-5 - Men's Retreat

# Help us welcome you.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: \_\_\_\_\_

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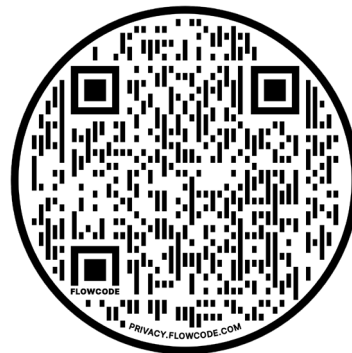
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Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

## Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer Requests

*Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.*

*Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.*

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