



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday November 26, 2023
Christ the King

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

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 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

We must become actual members of a real community constituted by the real and present image of God as uniquely lord, and the real and present image of mankind as subject uniquely to God. Jesus Christ, very God and very man, is the double-representative around whom such a community has come into being.

-Oliver O'Donovan, *Common Objects of Love*

Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

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ORDINARY TIME

Christ the King Sunday

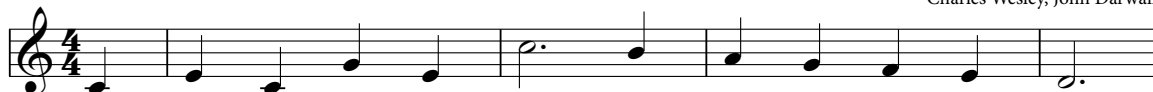
The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgment is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgment, with which the cycle once more begins.

Welcome

Opening Song

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Charles Wesley, John Darwall



1. Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your lord and king a - dore;
2. Je - sus, the sa - vior, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n,
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit,
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the judge shall come,



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more;
when he had purg'd our stains he took his seat a - bove;
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n;
and bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet:
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Opening of Worship

Grace, mercy, and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Responsive Reading

Give the king your justice, O God,

All **and your righteousness to a king's son.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his name endure forever,

his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him;

may they pronounce him happy.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

who alone does wondrous things.

from Psalm 72

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Doxology

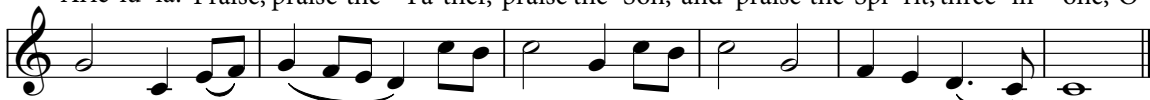
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept.

Baptism and Membership Reception

Cecilia Méabh Mangold

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Candidates & Parents: **I renounce them.**

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates & Parents: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister (to the candidates):

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and through worship and service seek to advance God's purposes here and throughout the world?

Candidates: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the parents):

Do you promise to instruct this child in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for her, to teach her to pray; and to train her in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

Congregation: **We do.**

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.

*The sacrament of baptism is administered, and pastoral prayer
is offered.*

The congregation shall stand.

All Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.
Join with us as we give witness in the world
to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia.

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.

*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.*

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 Word of God

Old Testament reading: Exodus 40:1-3, 12-17, 34-38

¹The LORD spoke to Moses: ²On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. ³You shall put in it the ark of the covenant, and you shall screen the ark with the curtain...

¹²Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water, ¹³and put on Aaron the sacred vestments, and you shall anoint him and consecrate him, so that he may serve me as priest. ¹⁴You shall bring his sons also and put tunics on them, ¹⁵and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests: and their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout all generations to come.

¹⁶Moses did everything just as the LORD had commanded him. ¹⁷In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was set up...

³⁴Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey; ³⁷but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 1:6–14

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

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

“The Presence of the Lord” –Rev. Chris Currie

Offertory

Be Still, My Soul

Kathrina von Schlegel, Jane Borthwick



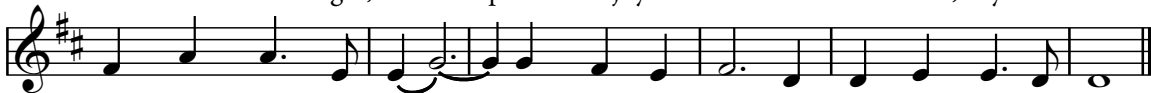
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear pa-tient - ly the
2. Be still, my soul: your God doth un - der - take to guide the fu - ture,
3. Be still, my soul, when dear - est friends de - part___ and all is dar - kened
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast' - ning on___ when we shall be for -



cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
as he has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth ing shake;
in the vale of tears;___ then shalt you bet - ter know his love, his heart,___
e - ver with the Lord.___ When dis - ap - point - ment, grief and fear are gone,___



in ev' - ry change, he faith - ful will re main. Be still, my soul: your
all now my - ste - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the
- who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears. - Be still, my soul; your
- sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when



best, your heav'n - ly friend through thor - ny ways leads to a joy - ful end.
waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
Je - sus can re - pay___ from his own ful - ness all he takes a - way.
change and tears are past___ all safe and bles - sed we shall meet at last.

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.

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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Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

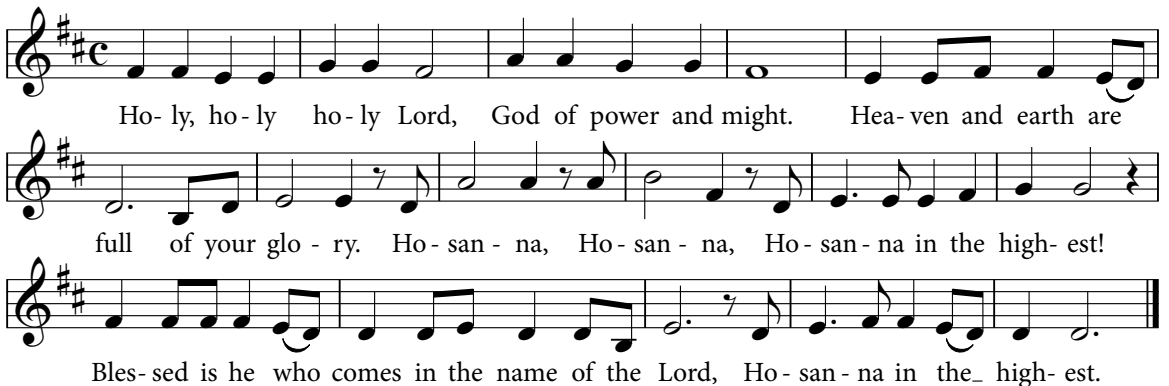
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
because you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son,
as the eternal priest and King of all.
As a priest he offered up his life on the cross,
that by his one sacrifice he might present to you an eternal kingdom;
a kingdom of truth and life;
a kingdom of justice, love, 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

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Prudentius, John Mason Neale, Henry Baker



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the world be - gan to be,
2. Oh, that birth for - e - ver bless - ed when the vir - gin, full of grace,
3. This is he whom heav'n - taught sin - gers sang of old with one ac - cord;
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prai - ses sing;
5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the en - ding he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the sa - vior of our race,
whom the scrip - tures of the pro - phets pro - mised in their faith - ful word.
all do - mi - nions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King.
hymn and chant and high thanks - gi - ving and un - wea - ried prai - ses be,



of the things that are, that have _____ been,
and the babe, the world's re - dee - - mer,
Now he shines, the long - ex - pect - - ed;
Let no tongue on earth be si - - lent,
ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - mi - - nion,



and that fu - ture years shall see e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
first re - vealed his sa - cred face e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
let cre - a - tion praise the Lord e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
ev' - ry voice in con - cert ring e - ver - more and e - ver - more...
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry e - ver - more and e - ver - more...

Prayer after Communion

All God our Father,
strengthen us by this meal,
and help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William Williams, Peter Williams, John Hughes



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land;
2. O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow.
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side.



I am weak, but thou art migh - ty; hold me with thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and clou - dy pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
Death of death, and hell's Des - truc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side.



Bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven, feed me till I want no
Strong De - li - verer, strong De - li - verer, be thou still my strength and
Songs of prai - ses, songs of prai - ses I will e - ver give to



more; shield, thee, feed be I me thou will till still I my strength give want no and shield. thee.

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

May Christ our exalted King
pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
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.

“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

Elizabeth Laprelle: voice

Charlie Muench: bass

Cleek Shrey: violin

Tyler Bussey: guitar, banjo

Liturgist and Scripture Reading

Jennifer Cho

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

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 or scan the QR code at right.



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
- **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.

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) 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
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

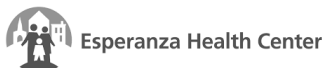
GIVE

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
- 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

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, or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Adult + Children's Choirs Now Forming for Christmas We're forming two choirs to help with music at this year's Lessons and Carols service: one for adults and one for children. If you and/or a child of yours is interested, please email christopher@resurrectionphl.org. Rehearsals will be short and sweet (Children's Choir will rehearse during coffee hour) and will begin in November.

Opportunity to Serve on Sunday Hospitality Team Are you looking for a way to get more connected at Resurrection? Join our Sunday hospitality team and serve on a once-a-month rotation preparing communion, making coffee and/or greeting and setting out bulletins. Sign up at www.resurrectionphl.org/volunteer-interest/

Bring a Friend to Lessons & Carols! In lieu of our morning services on Sunday, December 10, we'll have one 5 pm service of Lessons & Carols in Center City. This service features traditional and lesser-known Christmas music arranged and performed by musicians from Philly's jazz, classical, and indie scenes, as well as readings that retell the story of Jesus's birth. This service is a Christmas tradition that traces its roots to England in 1880. Childcare for preschoolers and younger will be available.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December

- 7: Toddler Free Play
- 10: Lessons & Carols Service, 5 pm (no AM service)
- 17: Cookies & Carols at Woodland Annex
- 24: No AM service; 5 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight service

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

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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