



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday February 11, 2024

Marks of the Church's Mission
"EVANGELISM"

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

One of the chief ways to share our faith today is sharing the story of God revealed to us in Scripture and how that story has shaped history, our community, and our personal story. Ultimately, conversion is not about mentally assenting to some truths, it's about trusting God and "switching stories." As we repent of the "American story," the "Hollywood story," or other stories that clamor for our trust, and instead trust in the gospel story, we start to live by a different script.

-JR Woodward and Dan White, Jr., *The Church as Movement*

Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

Epiphany follows Christ's birth and points us out from that moment to the world. The Magi traveled from afar to worship Jesus, and their eyes were opened to who God is and what he is doing. The Light is dawning in the darkness, drawing in all peoples. May we, with eyes wide open, see and celebrate the fact that Jesus is the light of the world—and of our lives too.

Welcome

Opening Song

Immortal, Invisible

Walter Chalmers Smith



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vi - si - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -
2. Un - res - ting, un - has - ting, and si - lent as light, nor wan ting, nor
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in all life thou
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -



ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bles - sed, most glo - rious, the
was - ting, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice, like moun tains, high
liv - est, the true life of all; we blos - som and flour - ish as
dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would re - nder; O



An - cient of Days, al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
soar - ing a - bove thy clouds, which are foun tains of good - ness and love.
leaves on the tree, and wi - ther and pe - rish but naught chang - eth thee.
help us to see 'tis_ on - ly the splen - dor of light hi - deth thee.

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

O God, do not be far from me;

All O my God, make haste to help me!

Let my accusers be put to shame and consumed;

let those who seek to hurt me

be covered with scorn and disgrace.

But I will hope continually,

and will praise you yet more and more.

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,

of your deeds of salvation all day long,

though their number is past my knowledge.

I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God,

I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

from Psalm 71

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

*GOD SUMMONS US
AS HIS PEOPLE*

*As we meet together
each week, we
recognize in the
preparation that God,
through his word and
Spirit, gathers us into
his presence and calls
us into his life and
mission.*

Doxology

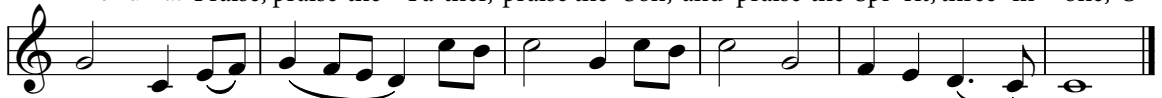
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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 O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

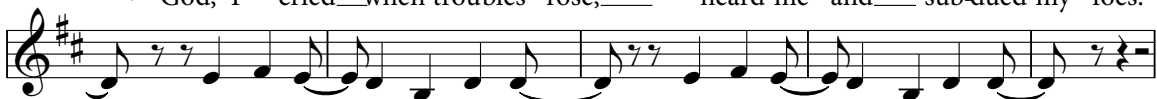
Song of Praise and Adoration

Give to God Your Simple Praise

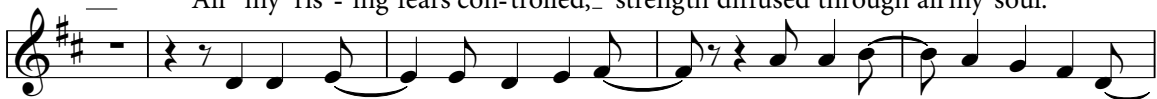
Isaac Watts, The New Ancients



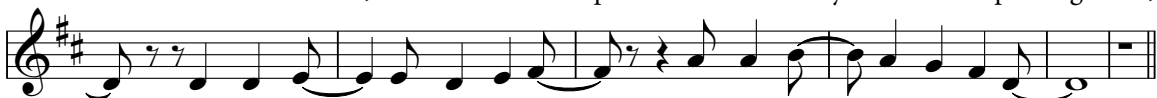
1. Give to God your simple praise, love and truth are all his ways.
2. God, I cried when troubles rose, heard me and subdued my foes.



Grace and joy to God be-long; sing his mer-cies in your song.
All my ris-ing fears con-trolled, strength diffused through all my soul.



O my pow'rs of heart and tongue, praise my mak-er in my song.
As I live, I'll trust his pow'r in my last de-part-ing hour,



An-gels, hear the notes I raise: prove the song and join the praise.
an-gels trace the air-y road bear me home-ward to my God.



A-mid a thousand snares I'll stand, held and guard-ed by your



per-fect hand. Your word my faint-ing soul re-vives, keeps my



dy-ing faith a-live, keeps my dy-ing faith a-live.

Membership Reception

Minister (to the candidates):

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

Candidates: **I renounce them.**

Minister (to the candidates):

Who is your Lord and Savior?

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

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and this sister 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.

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

New Testament reading: Acts 17:16-34

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed,

and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

³²When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, “We will hear you again about this.” ³³At that point Paul left them. ³⁴But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“*Evangelism*” – Rev. Chris Currie

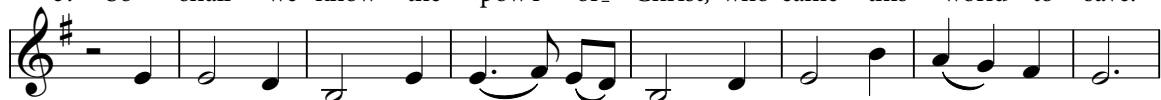
Offertory

O Spirit of the Living God

Henry Tweedy, Audrey Assad



1. O Spi - rit of the li - ving God, thou light and fire_ di - vine,
2. Blow, wind of God, with wis - dom blow un - til our minds are free
3. So shall we know the pow'r of_ Christ, who came this world to save.



des - cend up - on thy church once more and make it tru - ly thine.
from mists of er - ror, clouds of_ doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.
So shall we rise with him_ to_ life which soars be - yond the grave.



Fill it with love and joy and pow'r, with right - eous ness and peace
Burn, wing - ed fire, in - spire our lips with fla - ming love and zeal
And earth shall win true ho - li - ness which makes thy chil - dren whole



till Christ shall dwell in hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.
to preach to all thy great good news, God's glor - ious com - mon weal.
till, per - fec - ted by thee, we reach cre - a - tion's glor - ious goal.

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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.

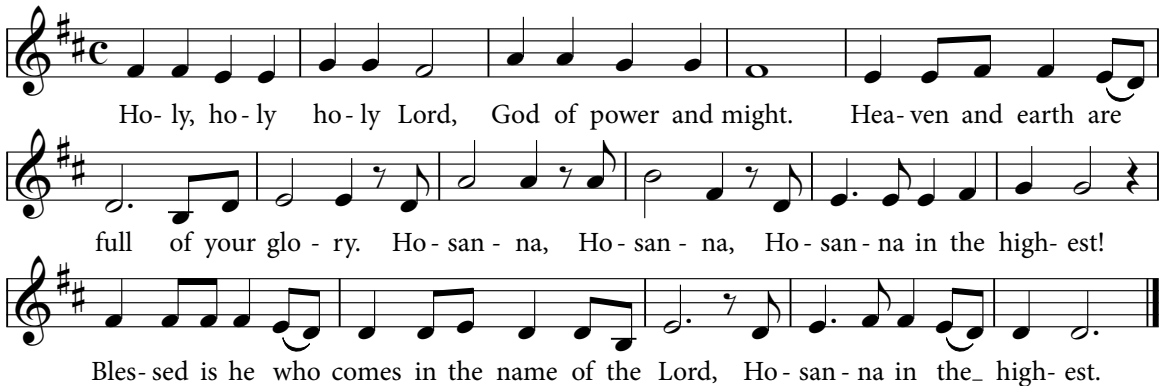
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For the gifts of your Holy Spirit have been poured out
upon prophets and evangelists,
to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth,
and to bring all peoples under the reign of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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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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.

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.

Communion Song

He Is Given

Bifrost Arts



1. Here is the fire__ and the wood__ but where is the sac - ri - fice?
2. Here is the King__ of the Jews__ but what is this mourn - ful sight?
3. Here is the stone__ from the tomb__ but where does his bo - dy lie?



Here in the place__ of our sin, he will him - self pro - vide.
Here see the shape__ of our sin flow from his pierc - ed side.
Here he has con - quered our sin and has gone up on high!



He is gi - ven,__ he is gi - ven.__ He is gi - ven,
He is strick-en,__ he is strick-en.__ He is strick-en,
He is ri - sen,__ he is ri - sen.__ He is ri - sen,



— he is gi - ven.__ Al - le - lu - ia,__ al - le - lu - ia!
— he is strick-en.__
— he is ri - sen.__

Prayer after Communion

All Almighty Father,
whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

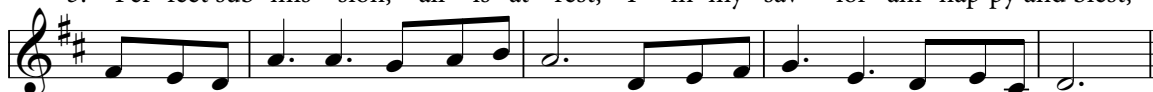
Blessing and Sending

Blessed Assurance

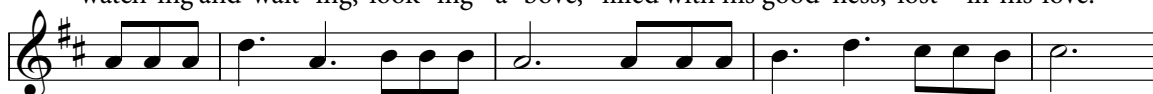
Fanny Crosby, Phoebe Knapp



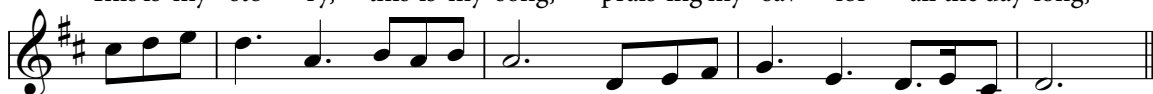
1. Bless-ed as - su - rance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my sav - ior am hap - py and blest;



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spi - rit, washed in his blood.
an - gels des - cen - ding, bring from a - bove e - choes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long;



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long.

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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 God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ as Lord;
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

Sarah Long: voice

Ross Bellenoit: guitar

Jaron Olevsky: bass

Matt Scarano: drums

Liturgist

Jennifer Cho

Scripture Reading

Rachel Allison

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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.

Intro to Resurrection Today

Are you new to Resurrection, or have you been around awhile but don't yet feel connected? Join us after the worship service today for Intro to Resurrection. It's a casual first step toward membership but also simply a place to ask questions and help us get to know you better. Please register at resurrectionphl.org/membership.

Elder & Deacon Nominations Open Through Feb 14

If you're a member of Resurrection Philadelphia, please be thinking and praying about who you might nominate to serve as elders and deacons in our church. Nominations will close Wednesday, February 14 at 5 pm. For details on what we're looking for and how to nominate someone, visit resurrectionphl.org/nominate.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 14, 7 pm

Join us as we begin our anticipation of Easter by focusing on our need for the redemption through the season of Lent. Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday Service, which will be held on February 14 at 7 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

11: Intro to Resurrection

14: Ash Wednesday Service

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

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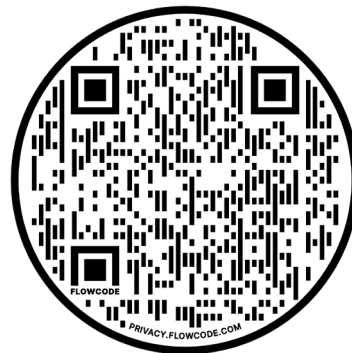
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

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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