



RESURRECTION  
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 3, 2024  
3rd Sunday in Lent

Practicing the Way of Jesus  
“GENEROSITY”

# 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.

## Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

**LENT**

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

From the church's earliest days, Lent was a time of preparation for Easter. The Resurrection of Christ was celebrated not only each week on Sunday, the Lord's Day, but also in a special festival of the Resurrection. As we look forward to the Resurrection, Lent is traditionally focused on repentance. Speaking biblically, to repent means to make a change in our attitudes, words, and lifestyles. The Christian life in its totality is a life of repentance. Beginning when we first commit our lives to Christ, and continuing throughout our lives, we are more and more turning away from sin and self-centeredness and more and more turning to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to experience true freedom and rest.

# Welcome

## Opening Song

### *Come, Oh Spirit*

Isaac Wardell



1. Come, oh Spi - rit, com - fort true; help us by your plead - ing.
2. All our know - ledge, all our sight lies in dark - ness shroud - ed.
3. Come, our con - science to re - lieve from each sin re - mem - bered.
4. All our rich - es, all our crowns, cast we now be - fore thee.



Come and ev' - ry heart re - new, breath of God pro - ceed - ing.  
All our la - bors wrought in strife hath our judg - ment cloud - ed.  
Come, our Sav - ior's blood to plead; na - ked, we sur - ren - der.  
Scales re - mov - eth, chains un - bound, bold - ly we im - plore thee:



You a - lone to God can win us; Spi - rit, now work good with - in us.  
Oh, con - sume our wrong de - sires; Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire.  
Sin hath left a wound re - veal - ing; Spi - rit, help us with your heal - ing.  
As you knit us once to - ge - ther, fas - ten us to you for - e - ver.

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## 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

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD,

**All** who greatly delight in his commandments.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

**they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,

**who conduct their affairs with justice.**

For the righteous will never be moved;

**they will be remembered forever.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;

**their righteousness endures forever;**

**their horn is exalted in honor.**

*from Psalm 112*

## 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

Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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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

"I was hungry, and you gave me no food;  
I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink."  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

"I was a stranger, and you did not welcome me,  
naked, and you did not clothe me."  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

"I was sick, and you did not visit me,  
in prison, and you did not come to me."  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God our Father forgive you your sins  
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,  
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

**All** Amen.

## Song of Praise and Adoration

### *Teach Us Your Ways*

Leslie Jordan, Aaron Keys, Orlando Palmer, Isaac Wardell, Paul Zach



1. Teach us your ways, teach us your ways. As we learn from one a -
2. Teach us to give, teach us to give, give our- selves for one a -
3. Teach us to weep, teach us to weep. Let us weep with one a -



noth - er, \_\_\_ learn to love each oth - er, \_\_\_ teach us your ways.  
noth - er, \_\_\_ learn to help each oth - er, \_\_\_ teach us to give.  
noth - er, \_\_\_ learn to love each oth - er, \_\_\_ teach us to weep.

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## 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:* 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

<sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



*Gospel reading:* Matthew 6:19-24

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

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

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

<sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; <sup>23</sup>but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Reflection

“*Generosity*” – Rev. Chris Currie

*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

*Be Thou My Vision* - Traditional Irish poem

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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.

## Prayers

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

O God our creator,  
whose good earth is entrusted to our care  
and delight and tenderness,  
we pray for all who are in captivity to debt,  
whose lives are cramped by fear  
from which there is no turning  
except through abundant harvest.  
Generous God,

**All** pour out your love.

*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.*

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.*

We pray for all who labor in poverty,  
who are oppressed by unjust laws,  
who are banned for speaking the truth,  
who long for a harvest of justice.  
Generous God,

**All pour out your love.**

We pray for all who are in captivity  
to greed and waste and boredom,  
whose harvest joy is choked  
with things they do not need.  
Generous God,

**All pour out your love.**

And for what else should we pray?

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

Generous God,

**All pour out your love.**

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.**

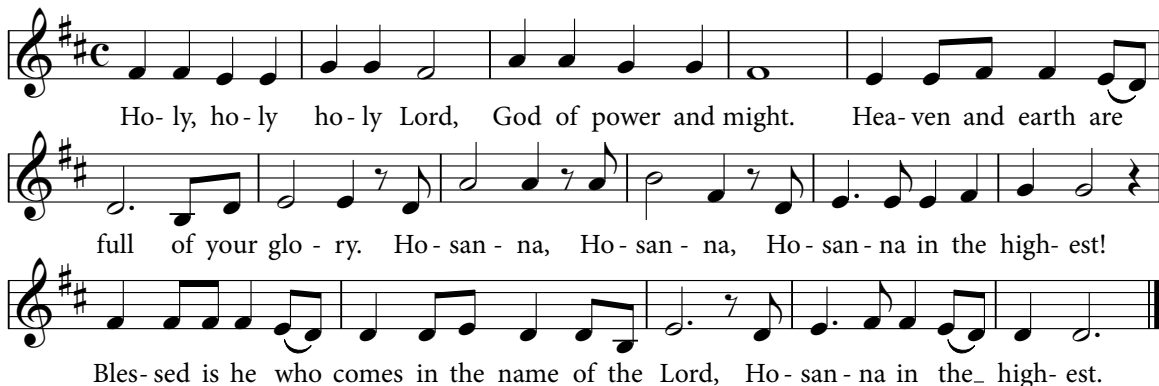
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## 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 in these forty days,  
through fasting, prayer, and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
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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*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.*

*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.*

## 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.



## Prayer after Communion

*All* Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and forever.  
Amen.



# Blessing and Sending

*Jesus, Master*

Frances R. Havergal



1. Je - sus, mas - ter, whose I am, pur chased thine a - lone to be,
2. O - ther lords have long held sway; now thy name a - lone to bear,
3. Je - sus, mas - ter, whom I serve, though so fee - bly and so ill,
4. Lord, thou nee - dest not, I know, ser - vice such as I can bring,
5. Je - sus, mas - ter, I am thine; keep me faith - ful, keep me near;



by thy blood, O spot - less lamb, shed so wil - ling - ly for me, —  
thy dear voice a - lone o - bey, is my dai - ly, hour - ly prayer;  
streng - then hand and heart and nerve all thy bid - ding to ful - fill; —  
yet I long to prove and show full al - le - giance to my king. —  
let thy pre - sence in me shine all my home - ward way to cheer, —



let my heart be all thine own, let me live for thee a - lone.  
whom have I in heav'n but thee? Noth - ing else my joy can be.  
o - pen thou mine eyes to see all the work thou hast for me.  
Je - sus, let me al - ways be in thy ser - vice glad and free.  
Je - sus, at thy feet I fall, O be thou my all in all.

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,  
who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,  
bring you to the triumphant joy of the city of the great King;  
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

Bethany Danel Brooks: keyboards, voice

Josh Stamper: guitar

Mark Allen: saxophone

Matt Engle: bass

**Liturgist**

Mae Trieu

**Scripture Reading**

Arlene Navarro

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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](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.

### Explore Lent Resources

Visit [resurrectionphl.org/lent](http://resurrectionphl.org/lent) to check out a variety of resources to help you engage the season of Lent.

### Holy Week at Resurrection

We hope you can join us to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We encourage you to invite neighbors and friends as well!

- Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am in Center City; Woodland Gathering + Potluck at 4:30 pm
- Good Friday, March 29 at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am

### Do You Have Daytime Availability? Rides to Ultrasound Appointments Needed!



One of the recipients of this year's Easter Sacrificial Offering is the Cada Madre Fund ("cada madre" means "every mother" in Spanish). This fund was started by Esperanza Health Center to meet material and medical needs in the growing population of undocumented, uninsured women receiving care at the clinic. Our

deacons are exploring how we might be able to help women with rides needed to ultrasound appointments. If you'd be willing to help provide a ride 1-3 times a month, please register your interest using the QR code to the left.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### March

24: Palm Sunday, Woodland Gathering + Potluck

29: Good Friday

31: Easter Sunday

# Help us welcome you.

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

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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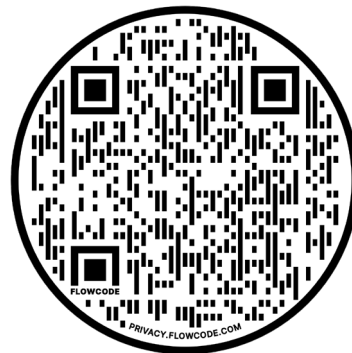
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Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

## 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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