



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday November 13, 2022

“ROME & BEYOND”

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. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout the bulletin.

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

Reflection

God surprises, and we have forgotten the surprise that is discipleship and the surprise we should be to the world as disciples. The disciple of Jesus Christ is a surprise to the world, especially cultural and economic worlds where people live in balkanized conditions, segregated spaces, and sequestered living places, each working to sustain their cultural enclave. Disciples connect peoples at the sites of segregation, inviting a mutual enfolding of story within story: the stories of people enfolded in the story of God's love found in the resurrected Jesus and the stories of peoples enfolded in one another.

-Wille James Jennings, *Acts*

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

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 con strained 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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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 Psalm Reading

And now the Lord says,

All who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

from Isaiah 49

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

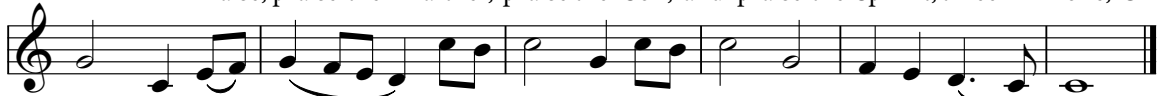
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing, and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us,
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

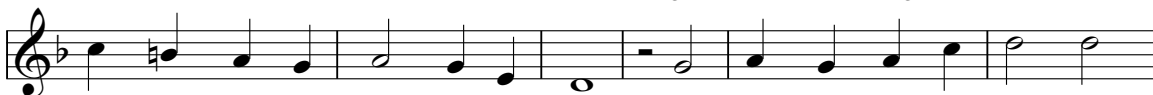
Song of Praise and Adoration

What Wondrous Love Is This

James Christopher, Mead's General Selection



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2. When I was sin-king down, sin-king down, sin-king down, When
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
I was sin-king down, sin-king down, When I was sin-king down be -
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
is the great "I Am"; while mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy-ful be; and through e-ter-ni-ty, I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty, I'll sing on.

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.

**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.

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

New Testament reading: Acts 28:11-31

¹¹Three months later we set sail on a ship that had wintered at the island, an Alexandrian ship with the Twin Brothers as its figure-head. ¹²We put in at Syracuse and stayed there for three days; ¹³then we weighed anchor and came to Rhegium. After one day there a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴There we found believers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵The believers from there, when they heard of us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.

¹⁷Three days later he called together the local leaders of the Jews. When they had assembled, he said to them, "Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, yet I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. ¹⁸When they had examined me, the Romans wanted to release me, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to the emperor—even though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰For this reason therefore I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is for the sake of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain." ²¹They replied, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken anything evil about you. ²²But we would like to hear from you what you think, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against."

²³After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he

explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. ²⁴Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. ²⁵So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, ²⁶‘Go to this people and say, You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. ²⁷For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them.’ ²⁸Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”

³⁰He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 24:44-49

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to [his disciples], “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“Testimony & Stewardship” – Rev. Chris Currie

Song of Response

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

12th C. Latin, John Mason Neale, Thomas Helmore



1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran som cap tive Is - ra - el,
2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa-tan's ty - ran - ny;
3. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;
4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all__ mankind;



that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God__ ap - pear.
from depths of hell thy peo - ple save, and givethem vic-t'ry o'er__ the grave.
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mi - se - ry.
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King__ of Peace.



Re - joyce! Re joyce! Em - ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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

A member of the congregation leads us in prayer. Each section of the prayer ends with,

Lord, hear us:

All Lord, graciously hear us.

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.

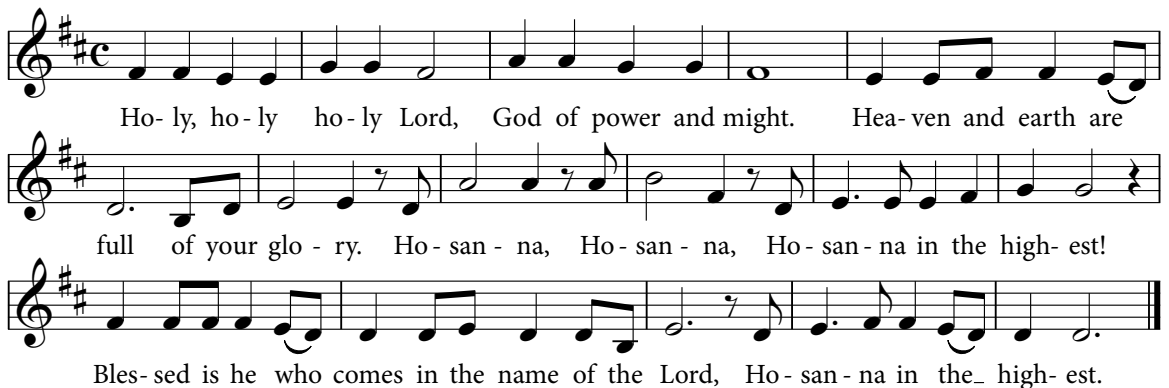
The Eucharistic Prayer

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 Jesus you have received us
as your sons and daughters,
joined us in one fellowship with the saints,
and made us citizens of your kingdom.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you and singing:

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.

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.

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.

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

I Need Thee Every Hour

Annie Hawks, Robert Lowry

1. I need thee ev' - ry hour, most gra - cious Lord;
2. I need thee ev' - ry hour, stay thou near - by;
3. I need thee ev' - ry hour, in joy or pain;
4. I need thee ev' - ry hour; teach me thy will,
5. I need thee ev' - ry hour, most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.
come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is vain.
and thy rich pro - mi - ses in me ful - fill.
O make me thine in - deed, thou bles - sed Son.

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - 'ry hour I need thee; O
bless me now, my Sa - vior, I come to thee.

Prayer after Communion

All God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"

our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!

Al - though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing
the seeds of your king - dom for the day you will reap them.

Your sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry.

All those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy.

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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.

**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.

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 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 at resurrectionphl.org/give or text any amount to the number 84321.

Benediction

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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.

Musicians

Sarah Long: guitar, voice

Katy Avery: voice

Sandy Eldred: bass

Chuck Staab: drums

Liturgist

Elen Solomon

Scripture Reading

Allison Sparrow

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS Gathering missionally throughout the week for times of service, fellowship, prayer, and deeper study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people, and most meet weekly. If you are looking for a way to connect with and care for the people around you, join the group nearest you! Go to www.resurrectionphl.org/communitygroups to see more details and to reach out to a group leader for one of the groups below.

West Philly

- 45th & Larchwood, Sundays 9am
- 48th & Larchwood, Thursdays 7:00pm
- 48th & Walton, every other Sunday 4pm
- 48th & Baltimore, every other Thursday 6:45pm
- Spruce Hill Area, Tuesdays 7pm

Western Burbs

- Western Burbs (Zoom), every other Thursday, 8pm

Center-City

- Old City, Wednesdays 6:45p

Fairmount

- Fairmount #1, weekly, Sundays 4pm
- Fairmount #2, 1st & 3rd Sundays 5pm at Common Table

South Philly

- Passyunk Square, various meeting times during the month
- Italian Market, Wednesdays, 7pm
- Point Breeze, Tuesdays, 7pm

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. The **"Ends of the Earth" Sunday evening program** runs on nights we have Common Table and invites kids to explore what it means to be a global disciple of Christ through music, games, and age-group classes. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth, Sundays 5-7 pm.** Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at the Center City building to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Contact Elizabeth Bassett, youthleader@resurrectionphl.org

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Resurrection hosts a weekly group for undergrads that meets on Penn's campus at 7pm each Wednesday. Both undergraduate and graduate students are also invited to participate in a student fellowship that will meet during Resurrection's Common Table gathering that happens on 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings. 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

Info Session for Safe Families for Children - Today Immediately following the West Philly service today, there will be an info session from Safe Families for Children at West Catholic. Safe Families is a ministry of Bethany Christian Services that supports family preservation by providing safe homes for children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them. Pizza and childcare will be provided. Register on our website so we know how much food to order!

Common Table

On Sunday, November 20, we will have an advent theme. If you haven't participated in previous weeks but want to be part of this one, please register and join us! Soup (gluten-free and vegan), salad, and bread are provided. Information at resurrectionphl.org/commontable.

Next Sunday's Common Table: Preparing for Advent

The next Common Table, on Sunday, November 20, will have an advent theme. If you haven't participated in previous weeks but want to be part of this one, please register and join us! Soup (gluten-free and vegan), salad, and bread are provided. Information at resurrectionphl.org/commontable.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

- 13** Safe Families Info Session
- 20** Common Table 5-7 pm @ CC
- 27** Advent begins

December

- 4** Common Table 5-7 pm @ CC
- 11** Service of Lessons & Carols @ CC, 5 pm (No AM services)
- 18** Cookies, Cocoa & Carols @ Woodand, 4 pm
- 24** Christmas Eve Service @ CC, 5 pm
- 25** Worship Service @ CC, 10:30 am

January

- 1** Worship Service @ WCHS, 10:30 am

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

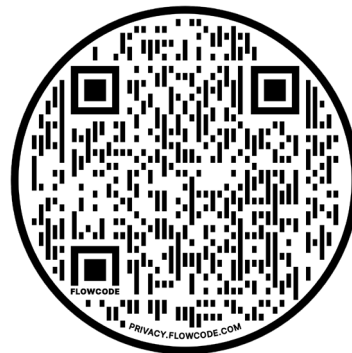
Phone number(s): _____

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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