



# City Church

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Sunday May 20, 2018

Pentecost

The Creed: What Christians Believe

“The Holy Spirit”

## THE RHYTHM OF OUR WORSHIP

On the road to Emmaus, when Jesus' disciples found themselves troubled and confused, Jesus met them along the way. When they confessed their troubles and doubts to him, his words and presence began to change them. He unfolded God's word to them, pointing to his own person and work. He dined with them, giving thanks and breaking bread. The disciples recognized their Lord's presence with them and hurried to tell others the good news.

In the Emmaus story we recognize the pattern of historic Christian worship as it began to take shape. Our worship liturgy at City Church moves through a specific rhythm: God **Summons** us as his people, God **Sanctifies** us to himself, God **Speaks** to us in his word, God **Strengthens** us at his table, and God **Sends** us into the world.

The emphasis throughout our worship is upon God's action and our appropriate response. In worship we rehearse the gospel message of Jesus' death and resurrection and are caught up into the mission of the Triune God. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then impelling us outward into our world.

## PREPARATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All* He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

*All* And also with you.

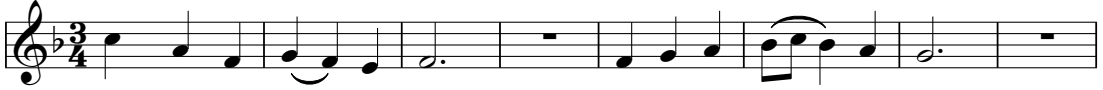
Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

*All* Let us praise and bless God for ever.

## OPENING SONG

### *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Anonymous, Felice de Giardini



1. Come, thou al - migh - ty King, help us thy name\_ to sing,
2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy migh - ty sword,
3. Come, ho - ly Com - for - ter, thy sa cred wit - ness bear
4. To the great One in Three, e - ter - nal prai - ses be,



help us to praise!  
our prayer at - tend!  
in this glad hour.  
hence e - ver - more.

Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
Thou who al - migh - ty art, now rule in  
His so v'reign ma - je - sty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!  
word suc cess, Spi - rit of ho - li - ness, on us des - cend!  
ev' - ry heart, and ne'er from us de part, Spi - rit of pow'r!  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

## THE OPENING OF WORSHIP

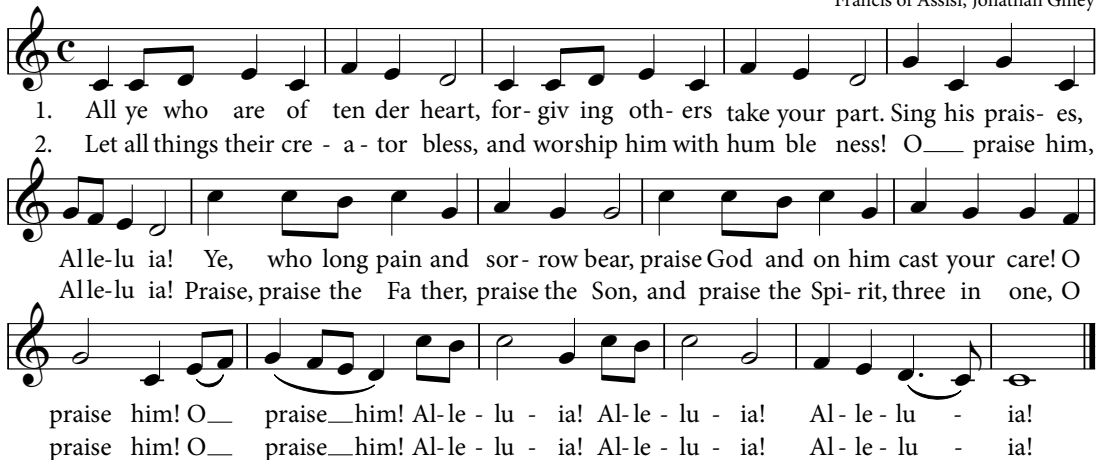
*All* O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
**In wisdom you have made them all.**  
The earth is full of your creatures,  
**living things both small and great.**  
All of these creatures look to you,  
**and you give them their food in due season.**  
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
**when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.**  
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created;  
**and you renew the face of the ground.**  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
**Let us praise the Lord!**

*from Psalm 104*

## 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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## PENTECOST RESPONSORY

*All* As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**  
As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**  
As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**  
As we long for your refreshing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**  
As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**  
As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**  
As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

## PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father.  
Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,  
bringing strength out of weakness,  
hope out of despair and life out of death.  
By the power of your Spirit,  
bless us with your acceptance and adoption,  
your equipping and empowering.  
Form in us the likeness of Christ,  
that we may be witnesses of your astonishing love,  
and fill us afresh with life in all its fullness.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

### *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.

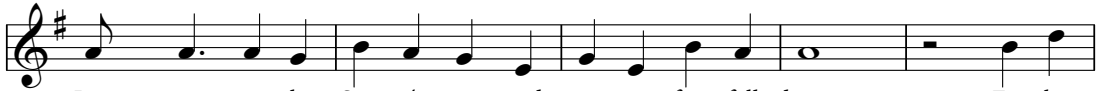
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## Holy Ground

Evan Mazunik



1. Bro - thers, take your san - dals off; you're stand - ing on ho - ly ground.
2. Sis - ters, take your san - dals off; you're stand - ing on ho - ly ground.
3. Faith - ful, take your san - dals off; you're stand - ing on ho - ly ground.



List - en to the Spir - it's voice and on your face fall down. For be -  
List - en to the Spir - it's voice and on your face fall down. For be -  
List - en to the Spir - it's voice and on your face fall down. For on



hold: a bush is burn - ing; in - flamed but not con - sumed!  
hold: a bush is burn - ing; in - flamed but not con - sumed!  
ev - 'ry head's de - scend - ing a sac - red tongue of fire!



Bro - thers, take your san - dals off, for you're stand - ing on ho - ly ground.  
Sis - ters, take your san - dals off, for you're stand - ing on ho - ly ground.  
Faith - ful, take your san - dals off, for you're stand - ing on ho - ly ground.

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## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*All* Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.  
And also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Children in kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time.  
Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to Children's Church and will return  
during the Offering.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*New Testament reading: Acts 2:1-21*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15*

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

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

<sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning... <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. <sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.



<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*“The Holy Spirit”* – Rev. Chris Currie

## OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*The offertory is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at [citychurchphilly.com/give](http://citychurchphilly.com/give). If you're visiting, we are so glad you are worshipping with us, but please do not feel obligated to give.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask that we may walk according to his ways.

Lord, come to bless us

*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us

*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the life and peace of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to set our minds upon him wherever you send us.

Lord, come to bless us

*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness  
where there is division, sickness, and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us

*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you for the grace to show your generosity to others.

Lord, come to bless us

*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.  
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

We thank you for your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord.  
We ask you to keep the whole church in his freedom and life.

Lord, come to bless us

*All* **and fill us with your Spirit.**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence 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 for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

*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 ("Prayers for Reflection" are included on page 15). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

The Lord be with you.

*All*    **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

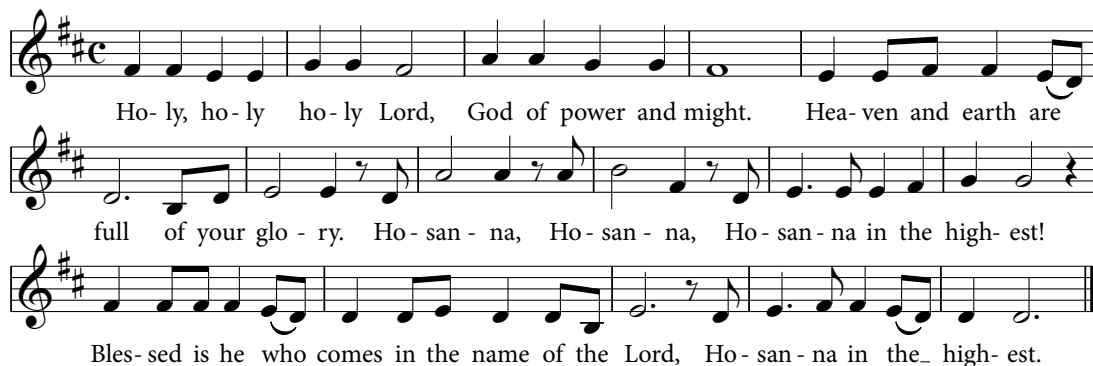
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

And now we give you thanks and praise  
and celebrate this joyous day,  
because in fulfillment of your promise  
you pour out your Spirit upon us,  
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,  
and uniting peoples of many tongues and nations into one faith.  
Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,  
to proclaim your gospel to all nations,  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.  
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,  
forever 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,  
for ever 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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

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

*We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and gluten-free rice cakes 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 with sin*

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.

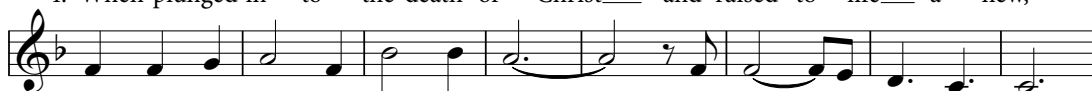
## COMMUNION SONG

### *The Spirit of the Lord*

Bruce Benedict, Naaman Wood



1. When all the pro - phets sang the words\_\_ and told us of\_\_ the One:
2. When Je - sus stood in Na - zar - eth\_\_ and sang the pro - phet's words:
3. When o'er the womb of Pent - e - cost\_\_ the brood - ing Spir - it howled
4. When plunged in - to the death of Christ\_\_ and raised to life\_\_ a - new,



“He'll bring the way, the truth, the life;\_\_ his fa - vor will be won,”  
“I bring good news, re - lease, and sight,”\_\_ his fa - vor now an - nounced,  
and birthed the liv - ing flesh of Christ,\_\_ his fa - vor now poured out,  
the Ho - ly Spi - rit rests on us,\_\_ his fa - vor to im - bue.



The Spi - rit of\_\_ the Lord, the Spi - rit of\_\_ the Lord  
(Spi - rit of)



1. was\_ up - on them, was\_ up - on them, was\_ up - on them.
2. was\_ up - on him, was\_ up - on him, was\_ up - on him.
3. was\_ up - on them, was\_ up - on them, was\_ up - on them.
4. is\_\_ up - on us, is\_\_ up - on us, is\_\_ up - on us.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All* Faithful God,  
you fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us the gift of your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
United now in this breaking of bread,  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may celebrate your glory!  
Amen.



## BLESSING AND SENDING

### *Come, Holy Spirit, Come*

Benjamin Beddome, E.J. King



1. Come, Ho - ly\_ Spi - rit, come with e - ner - gy di - vine,
2. Melt, melt this fro - zen heart; this stub - born will sub - due;
3. Mine will the pro - fit\_ be, but thine shall be the praise;



and on this poor, be - night - ed soul with beams of\_ mer - cy shine.  
each e - vil pas - sion o - ver - come, and form me all a - new.  
and un - to\_ thee will I de - vote the rem - nant of my days.

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## BENEDICTION

The Lord is here.

*All* His Spirit is with us.

May the Spirit,  
who hovered over the waters when the world began,  
and who set the church afire upon the Day of Pentecost,  
bring the world alive with the love of Christ,  
who died, but now lives and reigns forever;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

*All* Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Filled with the Spirit's power, go forth in the light and peace of Christ.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **(Brief) Congregational Meeting Today**

Heads up City Church members. Please stick around directly after the service to vote and elect nominees to the office of Elder and Deacon.

### **Serve Dinner this Summer @ UCHC**

As the university students begin to wrap up their studies, University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC) has asked City Church to organize volunteers for the Friday night meals from May-August. Volunteers help with serving the meal and cleaning up. The Friday meals are served at Woodland Presbyterian Church (42nd and Pine) between 5:45-7:00. If you are interested, look for the signup link in our weekly newsletter or email Julia Snyder - [julia.a.snyder@gmail.com](mailto:julia.a.snyder@gmail.com)

### **Fairmount Memorial Day Getaway & Pig Roast**

Fairmount Fam, we are headed back to the Cottrell's for another Memorial Day gathering. Think great food, great people, and lots space for kids to run around. If you did not receive an invite and would like to attend, please email Chris Currie - [chris@citychurchphilly.com](mailto:chris@citychurchphilly.com)

### *Service*

Serve your city with your church through our ongoing partnership with UCHC, Redemption Housing, Tutoring at Lea Elementary, and YoungLives. For more information and opportunities, visit [citychurchphilly.com/serve-city](http://citychurchphilly.com/serve-city).

### *Community Groups*

Community Groups meet weekly for spiritual formation and friendship in homes throughout Philadelphia. These smaller groups exist to cultivate our life together as a community of faith where we know one another personally and are known by others. For group descriptions and when/where they happen, visit [citychurchphilly.com/community-groups](http://citychurchphilly.com/community-groups).

### *Online Giving*

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### *City Church Philly News by Email*

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#### **West Philly**

Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist  
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Mark Allen: saxophone  
Christopher McDonald: keyboards  
Matt Scarano: drums

#### **Fairmount**

Katie Davis: liturgist  
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice  
Mark Allen: saxophone  
Christopher McDonald: keyboards  
Matt Scarano: drums

# Contact Information and Prayer Requests

If you are new to City Church, please use this page to let us know you were here. You may also use this page to inform us of any changes in your contact information, or to submit prayer requests for the staff to pray over.

I am:

- New to City Church
- Interested in Neighborhood Service
- Interested in our E-Newsletter
- Interested in a Community Group

Interested in helping with:

- Children's ministry
- Youth ministry
- Hospitality and logistics

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer requests: \_\_\_\_\_



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