



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday December 23, 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
“The Celebrating Heart”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today in worship. We hope you find City Church 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 this guide.

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.

On pages 19-22, you'll find information about our community. We hope this helps you get to know us better and that, in turn, we can get to know you better. Help us welcome you by filling out the contact sheet on the back page and placing it in the offering basket or in our hands after the worship service.

All to say, we are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff

Tuck Bartholomew, Chris Currie, Jonathan Davis

Sunday Info

UCity

Nursery, Room 111 Children 4 – 24 months for the duration of the service

Children's, Church Room 112-113 Children ages 2 through 5th grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1st – 5th graders will return prior to communion.

Adult Ed Class, Upstairs Library On break until Jan 13

Accessibility A wheelchair ramp and elevator are on site. A Greeter can assist you.

Coffee is available in the SE hallway at 10:15am and before Adult Ed classes when offered.

Fairmount

Nursery, 2nd floor Blue Room Children 4 – 36 months for the duration of the service

Children's Church, 2nd floor Green Room Children ages 3 through 5th grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1st – 5th graders will return prior to communion.

Accessibility A wheelchair ramp is on site. A greeter can assist you.

Reflection

“The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before.... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God’s [back] fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.”

- Jan L. Richardson, *Night Visions*

Church Calendar

ADVENT

CHRISTMAS

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

Advent is a season of hopeful expectation and preparation, as the Church anticipates the coming of Christ – both at his birth in Bethlehem many years ago, and at his future, final coming to judge the world at the end of time. During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Lord, so that when he comes, he may find us watching and waiting.

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.*

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

All Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Opening song

Mary's Song

Wendell Kimbrough



1. My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord; my spi - rit re - joi - ces in_ God!
2. He scat-ters the proud and rich; he lifts up the hum-ble and weak.
3. From now to the end of time, the na-tions will know me as_ blest



My sa - vior has_ seen his ser - vant in_
The kings of the_ earth, he casts from their
for God has made new his pro - mise of_



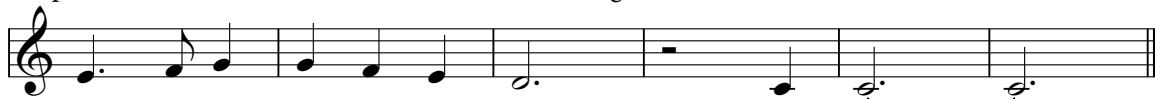
need, and be - hold the great things he has done:
thrones, and the hun - gry he wel-comes to feast.
love and_ mer - cy through A - bra - ham's seed.



Oh, be - hold, my sa - vior has come! And my soul will tell of his



praise for he who is strong has come to the weak and, at



last, he will reign as our king of peace.

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The Opening of Worship

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, who leads us like a flock!

All Stir up your might, and come to save us!

You have fed your people with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

from Psalm 80

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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Confession of sin

All Heavenly Father, you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.
Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb:
be planted also in our hearts and lives.
Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary,
that she might become the God-bearer:
fill us with your heavenly gifts.
Lord, have mercy; forgive us and heal us.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will,
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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.

Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving

My Savior's Love

Jennie Lee Riddle, JJ and Dave Heller

1. My soul does mag - ni - fy the great-ness of the Lord. On
2. He has done migh - ty things - ho - ly is his name. All
3. Oh I - srael find your help sole - ly in the Lord His

me his fa - vor lights; in my sa - vior, I re-joice.
crea-tures un - der heav-en fear him whose mer-cy reigns.
mer - cy's with-out end His pro-mise He'll up hold.

He has pro-ven his might, his arm out-stretched with strength; he has
scat-tered the proud and brought down all vain con ceit. He has lif-ted the low-ly, brings
good-ness to the poor. My Sa - vior's love en - dures...

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and Son, glo-ry be to the Spi-rit, three in one.

Glo-ry be in the be - gin-ning and the end, glo-ry for-e- ver, a - men...

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What Child Is This

William C. Dix



1. What child is this_ who, laid to rest_ on Ma - ry's lap_ is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies he in_ such mean es - tate,_ where ox and ass_ are feed - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, come pea - sant, king_ to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tians, fear,_ for sin - ners here_ the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lo - ving hearts en - throne him.



This, this_ is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise_ a song on high,_ the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste, to bring him laud, the babe, the son_ of Ma - ry.
Hail, hail_ the Word made flesh, the babe, the son_ of Ma - ry.
Joy, joy_ for Christ is born, the babe, the son_ of Ma - ry.

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.

Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. 1st - 5th graders are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

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: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 1:46-55

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"The Celebrating Heart" – Rev. Chris Currie

Offering and Presentation of Gifts

"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

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.

The offering is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly.com/give. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give—we're grateful simply for your presence here today.

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

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

God our Savior, we pray for those among whom the Christ was born: the poor, the cold, the hungry, and the homeless; the victims of poverty, injustice and oppression; the sick, the lonely, and those who mourn; those in despair or in the shadow of death. Grant them healing and hope in you. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Messiah Jesus, in your mercy, grant that the leaders of the nations may work for the establishment of justice, freedom, and peace the world over. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of truth, grant that we may bear faithful witness to the hope of the gospel in a divided world; bind your church together with peace and unity, that the whole earth may live to praise your name. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

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

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

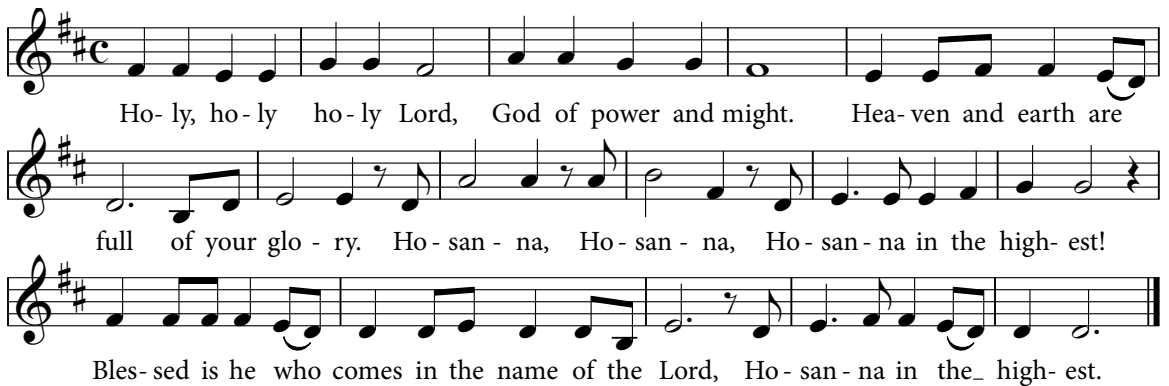
The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
because your Son our Lord was awaited by the prophets,
announced by an angel, conceived by a virgin,
and proclaimed at last to men and women of every race.
In his love Christ fills us with joy
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
so that when he comes again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.
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 ("Prayers for Reflection" are included below). 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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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.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and a gluten-free option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling 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

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

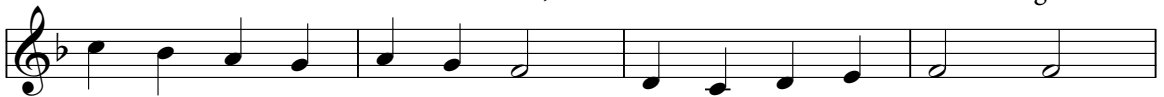
Joseph Simpson Cook, *Piae Cantiones*



1. Gen - tle Ma - ry laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth, wise men sought and found him;
3. Gen - tle Ma - ry laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;



there he lay, the Un - de - filed, to the world a stran - ger.
hea - ven's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
he is still the Un - de - filed, but no more a stran - ger.



Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sa - vior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring - ing.
praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glo - ry!

Prayer after Communion

All Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised savior:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Savior of the Nations, Come

St. Ambrose, Calvisius, Luther, Seerveld

1. Sa - vior of the na - tions, come; show your - self, the
2. Not by hu - man pow'r or seed did the wo - man's
3. Ma - ry then was found with child, still a vir - gin,
4. Christ laid down his ma - je - sty, passed through dark Geth -
5. Christ in glo - ry in - ter - cede for your crea - tures'

vir - gin's son. Mar - vel, hea - ven, won - der, — earth
womb con - ceive; on - ly by the Spi - rit's — breath
chaste and mild. God had fa - vored her with — grace
se - ma - ne. Though he left his Fa - ther's — home,
suf - f'ring need. Let your re - sur - rec - ting — pow'r

that our God chose such — a birth.
was the Word of God — made flesh.
to re - ceive the Prince of Peace.
Christ now sits on God's — own throne.
soon com - plete the vic - t'ry hour.

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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 Son
come among us in power
and reveal in our midst the promise of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

West Philly

Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist
Tuck Bartholomew: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Melissa Choi: voice
Matt Engle: bass
Anthony Nigro: saxophone
Mike Szekely: drums

Fairmount

Arlene Navarro: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Matt Engle: bass
Anthony Nigro: saxophone
Mike Szekely: drums

CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS range in size from 10-15 people and meet weekly in the home of a group member for spiritual formation and friendship. We encourage you to visit multiple groups to see which one might be a good fit. Contact a leader if you plan to visit. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly.com if you have questions.

West Philly

- 50th & Springfield, Tuesdays 7PM
Jessie Taylor, jessie.f.taylor@gmail.com
- 49th & Chancellor, Tuesdays 7PM
Candy Cason, candy.cason@gmail.com
- 46th & Cedar, Tuesdays 7:30PM
Jade Avelis, jade.avelis@gmail.com
- 48th & Baltimore at Linda's, Wed 6:30PM
Janet Nygren, janetnygren@gmail.com
- 49th & Baltimore, Thursdays 6PM
Vieen Leung, vieenleung@gmail.com
- 48th & Baltimore at Dick's, Thursdays 6:30PM
Joel Bassett, jbassett4@gmail.com
- 51st & Chestnut, Fridays 6PM
Jason Turner, jason.h.turner@gmail.com

Fairmount

- 21st & Parrish, Wednesdays 7PM
Chaney Widmer, chaney.widmer@gmail.com
- 24th & Brown, Thursdays 7PM
Katie Wildes, km.young.wildes@gmail.com
- 22nd & Poplar, Fridays 6:30PM
Liz Voboril, voborils@gmail.com

South Philly

- 12th & Wharton, Wednesdays 7:30PM
Kirstin Peth, kirstin.peth@gmail.com

Roxborough

- Tuesdays 6:30PM
Cale Weatherly, cale.weatherly@gmail.com

FAMILY MINISTRIES comes 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 children's classes use gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to allow them opportunities to form spiritual friendships with their peers and teachers. See page 2 for site-specific details. Contact Ginger Hayes, ginger@citychurchphilly.com.
- City Church Youth, Sundays 12:30-2:30pm. Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at a Woodland Presbyterian Church (42 & Pine) for fellowship, bible study, and prayer. Lunch is provided each week. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly.com.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS Ekklesia is our mid-week, liturgically oriented, worship space for college students. We meet together to pray, sing, confess, and hear from God's Word. Contact Natalie Harvey, natalie@citychurchphilly.com.

55+ is a group of older people attending City Church who gather monthly after Sunday services for a shared meal and shared prayer. Contact Ginny Toliver, ginny.toliver@verizon.net.

WOMEN'S DAYTIME BOOK

STUDY Tuesdays 9:30AM, Childcare available. Contact Eeva, eevaduddleston@gmail.com.

GROW

City Church 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, City Church focuses on eight practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Read about our approach to Spiritual Formation | citychurchphilly.com/spiritual-formation
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox citychurchphilly.com/daily-prayer
- Check out current and upcoming Adult Ed classes | citychurchphilly.com/adult-ed

SERVE

Church

- Prepare the space for worship by joining one of our hospitality teams: setup, communion, coffee, greeters, and scripture readers. Contact Dan Cason (UCity), dan@citychurchphilly.com Ryan McCormick(Fairmount), rmmccormick@outlook.com
- Serve our children and youth. Contact Ginger Hayes (children), ginger@citychurchphilly.com Jonathan Davis (youth), jonathan@citychurchphilly.com

City

- Serve dinners with University City Hospitality Coalition on Friday evenings at Woodland Presbyterian Church, 42nd & Pine. Contact Julia Snyder, julia.a.snyder@gmail.com
- Tutor 1st graders at Lea Elementary. Contact Stacy Bartholomew, stacy.bartholomew@gmail.com
- Read with K-3rd grade students or serve a meal at Family Homework Night in Brewerytown - Thursdays at United Missionary Baptist Church. Contact Chris Currie, chris@citychurchphilly.com

World

- Assist refugees with needs such as housing, employment, transportation, community resources, education, and social services through our partnership with HIAS Pennsylvania. Contact Esuga Abaya, esugaabaya@gmail.com
- Host international students for dinner. Contact Lyn Newbrander, Lnewbrander@isionline.org

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider City Church 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 City Church:

- Place cash or check in the offering basket on Sundays
- Give online | citychurchphilly.com/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select City Church Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: City Church, PO Box 30902, Philadelphia, PA 19104

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Worship Service, 5 pm, West Catholic

Fairmount and U City will have a joint Christmas Eve worship service this year, at 5 pm at West Catholic High School.

Year-End Giving Update: \$75K Match! We've received a matching gift for all contributions between now and December 31, 2018, up to \$75K. If you'd like to check your church giving record you can do so at citychurchphilly.com/give or by emailing office@citychurchphilly.com. Please be in prayer for our giving, and for the many different ministry objectives funded by your generosity.

Jan Term Classes *During the Epiphany season, we pause our weekly community group gatherings and take time for study and reflection. We offer multiple classes and seminars on a variety of topics. Choose one (or more!) that may be of interest to you. Register online: citychurchphilly.com/jan-term.*

Manuscript Study: The Book of Joel *Tuesdays, 1/8-1/29, 7-9 pm*
This class, led by Tom and Janet Nygren, Candy Cason, and David Wynne, will take a deep dive into the prophetic book of Joel. Each week we will spend time studying individually, discussing in small groups, and learning from one another. The prophet Joel uses an economic disaster in his time as a metaphor that serves to look at the hope of God's restoration for his people in the midst of calamity. We hope you will join us to wrestle together over what this prophet has to teach us today.

Conversations that Heal: Strengthen Your Marriage in Stressful Times (Co-Hosted with Liberti Church) *Wednesdays, 1/9 - 1/23, 7:30-9:30 pm*
This is a marriage workshop led by Gwen & Rod White. Gwen has been the Director of Circle Counseling for over 20 years, and her husband Rod is the Founding Pastor of Circle of Hope. They have been married to each other for 43 years and have a track record of care for married people and wisdom towards traversing the terrain of marriage. If you and your spouse are unable to attend all 3 sessions, you can still participate; each week will function like a stand-alone session. Cost is \$20/couple.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January

- 7 Jan Term begins
- 27 Youth Chili Cookoff

February

- 9 Parenting Conference

March

- 6 Ash Wednesday Service, 7pm (UCity)
- 22-24 Men's Retreat

Vintage Saints & Sinners *Thursdays, 1/10-1/31, 7 pm* This class will feature both a wine-tasting component (“vintage”), and a history/biography component (“saints and sinners”). Each week, Chris Currie will introduce figures from Christian history and discuss how their stories might inspire or inform our own, and resident sommelier Su Jin Kim will introduce us to wines from the native regions of the featured “saints.” Bring a friend!

Joy to the World! *Sundays, 1/13-2/3, 9:15 am* Did you know that between City Church and Woodland Presbyterian, we support 10+ global partners? Each week, we’ll “meet” a different global partner, learn what challenges and opportunities they are facing, and pray for their work. This class is led by the Global Outreach team.

Book Study: Child Proof: Parenting By Faith Not Formula, by Julie Lowe *Sundays, 1/13-2/3, 3:15 pm* Julie Lowe, counselor, parent, and author of Child Proof is coming to City Church to lead a parenting conference on Saturday, February 9. We’ll discuss her book and began to think through how it might shape and encourage us as parents — and what questions we have for Julie when she’s with us! Discussion facilitated by Liz Voboril.

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