



# City Church

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Sunday December 30, 2018  
The First Sunday of Christmas  
“The Resting 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

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

**Children's, Church Room 112-113** Children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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**Nursery, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Blue Room** Children 4 – 36 months for the duration of the service

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

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

## Reflection

The implications of the name 'Immanuel' are both comforting and unsettling. Comforting, because He has come to share the danger as well as the drudgery of our everyday lives. He desires to weep with us and to wipe away our tears. And what seems most bizarre, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, longs to share in and to be the source of the laughter and the joy we all too rarely know.

- Michael Card, *The Book of Jesus*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT

**CHRISTMAS**

EPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER

PENTECOST

ORDINARY TIME

Christmas celebrates God's incarnation, which means "in the flesh." Christmas is all about the amazing truth that God took on our flesh, our bones, and our human life. The task of the Christmas liturgy is to recall us, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of Christmas, to this central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

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

### Preparation

O Emmanuel, our King,  
the hope of the nations and their Savior:  
come and save us, O Lord our God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

**All And also with you.**

Glory to God in the highest  
**All and peace to his people on earth.**

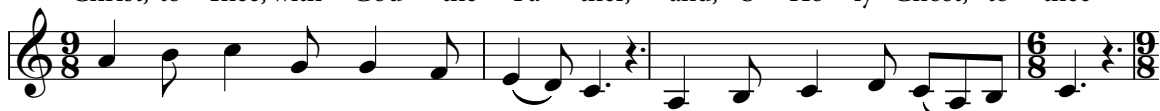
# Opening song

## *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Aurelius Prudentius, Henry Baker, J.M. Neale, arr. Sam Bush



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the world be - gan to be,
2. O, that birth for - e - ver bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sin - gers sang of old with one ac - cord;
4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prai - ses sing;
5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the source, the en - ding he,  
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the sa - vior of our race,  
whom the scrip - tures of the pro - phets pro - mised in their faith - ful word.  
all do - mi - nions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King.  
hymn and chant and high thanks - gi - ving and un - wea - ried prai - ses be,



of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture years shall see  
and the babe, the world's re - dee - mer, first re - vealed his sa - cred face  
Now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise the Lord  
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev' - ry voice in con - cert ring  
ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - mi - nion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



e - ver - more and e - ver - more.

# The Opening of Worship

Your love, O Lord, forever I will sing;

**All my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;

**you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

**I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**

'I will establish your line for ever,

**and preserve your throne for all generations."**

The heavens bear witness to your wonders, O Lord,

**and to your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.**

*from Psalm 89*

# 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* Lord God,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call,  
but we bury our joy in cynicism  
and lose track of our obedience in our busyness.  
Have mercy and forgive the hardness of our hearts.

## 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,  
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

## *Come See a Child of Low Estate*

W.D. Springett, Karl Digerness



1. Come, see\_\_ a\_ child\_ of low\_\_ es - tate, in man - ger bed\_ re - clin
2. For man\_ he comes to rend\_ the veil which hides\_\_ death's gloom y por
3. Come, see\_\_ a\_\_ child\_ of low\_\_ es - tate, in man - ger bed re - clin



- ing; yet on\_\_ his hum - ble dwel - ling place bright stars.  
- tal, and make\_ a\_ home where man\_\_ with him\_ in peace  
- ing; yet on\_\_ his\_ hum - ble dwel - ling\_ place\_ the Fa -



\_\_ in heav'n are shin - ing. This lit - tle babe is Christ  
\_\_ may dwell, im - mor - tal. He comes\_ to tri - umph o'er\_\_  
- ther's love\_\_ is shin - ing. So may\_\_ we all the pat -



\_ the Lord, whom saints\_ have long ex - pec - ted, for man\_ he comes to live\_  
\_ the grave and rise\_\_ on Eas - ter mor - ning, and reign\_ in heav'n at God's  
- tern take from Je - sus, meek and low - ly: may we\_\_ his faith - ful ser -



\_ and die, des - pised, \_ be - trayed, re - jec - ted.  
\_ right hand un - til\_\_ the last day's daw - ning.  
\_ vants be kept by\_\_ his Spi - rit ho - ly!

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## See, Amid the Winter's Snow

Caswall, Goss

1. See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,  
2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies;  
3. Sa - cred in - fant, all di - vine, what a ten - der love was thine,  
4. Teach, O teach us, ho - ly child, by thy face so meek and mild,

see, the gen - tle lamb ap - pears, pro - mised from e - ter - nal years.  
he who, throned in height su - blime, sits a - mid the che - ru - bim.  
thus to come from high - est bliss down to such a world as this.  
teach us to re - sem - ble thee, in thy sweet hu - mi - li - ty.

Hail, thou e - ver bless - ed morn, hail re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn,

sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem: Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> 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:* 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading:* Luke 2:22-40

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

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

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every first-born male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary

under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; <sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” <sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*“The Resting Heart”* – Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

## 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

*The offering 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 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.*

## 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.*

Christ, for whom the angels sang,  
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by shepherds,  
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,  
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,  
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.  
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.

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.*

## 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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused his light to shine in our hearts to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In him, we see our God made visible and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see. 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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*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.*

## 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.

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.

## Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

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

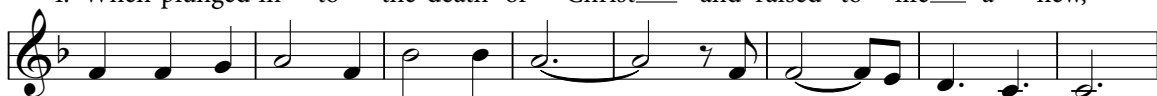
## Communion Song

*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 God our Father,  
 in this season you have made known to us again  
 the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
 confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
 until the day dawns  
 and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
 Amen.

# Blessing and Sending

*Joy to the World*

Isaac Watts, George Frideric Handel



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns; let men their  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev' - ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bles - sings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the soun - ding joy, re - peat the soun - ding  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 - ness, and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing,  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the soun - ding joy.  
 found, far as, far as, the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders, of his love.

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 Christ,  
who by his incarnation gathered into one  
things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with joy and peace;  
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

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Julia Snyder: liturgist  
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice  
Rob Heiskell: guitar, voice  
Jaron Olevsky: bass  
Matt Scarano: drums

### Fairmount

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Mae Trieu: liturgist  
Chris Currie: celebrant

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice  
Rob Heiskell: guitar, voice  
Jaron Olevsky: bass  
Matt Scarano: 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

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**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](http://citychurchphilly.com/spiritual-formation)
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox [citychurchphilly.com/daily-prayer](http://citychurchphilly.com/daily-prayer)
- Check out current and upcoming Adult Ed classes | [citychurchphilly.com/adult-ed](http://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](mailto:dan@citychurchphilly.com) Ryan McCormick(Fairmount), [rmmccormick@outlook.com](mailto:rmmccormick@outlook.com)
- Serve our children and youth. Contact Ginger Hayes (children), [ginger@citychurchphilly.com](mailto:ginger@citychurchphilly.com) Jonathan Davis (youth), [jonathan@citychurchphilly.com](mailto: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](mailto:julia.a.snyder@gmail.com)
- Tutor 1st graders at Lea Elementary. Contact Stacy Bartholomew, [stacy.bartholomew@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:esugaabaya@gmail.com)
- Host international students for dinner. Contact Lyn Newbrander, [Lnewbrander@isionline.org](mailto: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](http://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

**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](http://citychurchphilly.com/give) or by emailing [office@citychurchphilly.com](mailto: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](http://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

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- 7 Jan Term begins
- 27 Youth Chili Cookoff

### February

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- 9 Parenting Conference

### March

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- 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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**Children & their ages:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**If undergrad or grad student, school & year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Phone number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Would you like to receive our weekly e-newsletter?**  Yes  No

**Please contact me about:**

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anything else you would like us to know about you?**

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