

Sunday March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

The Seven Deadly Sins "Sloth"

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 *Tech-Wise* discussion - see page 21 for details.

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

Sloth is not merely idleness of mind and laziness of body: it is that whole poisoning of the will which, beginning with indifference and an attitude of 'I couldn't care less', extends to the deliberate refusal of joy and culminates in morbid introspection and despair.

- Dorothy Sayers

For all the evils in the world, I think apathy is one of the most dangerous.

- Chris Long, in his acceptance speech for the NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year Award (Feb 2, 2019)

Church Calendar

ADVENT CHRISTMAS FPIPHANY

LENT

EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

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

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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

All Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

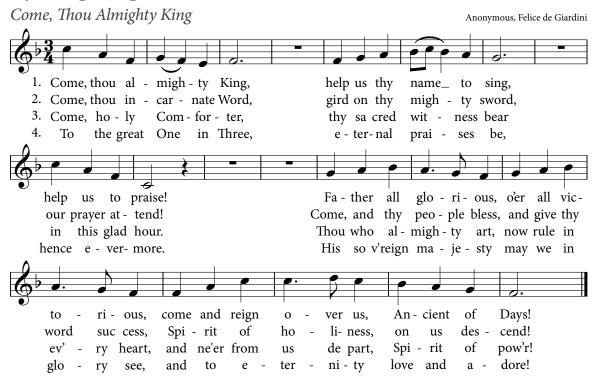
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,

All because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Opening Song



The Opening of Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

All and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

No more shall violence be heard in your land,

nor devastation and destruction within your borders;

you will call your walls "Salvation,"

and you will call your gates "Praise."

Then you shall see and be radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice;

and you shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

For the Lord will be your everlasting light,

your God will be your glory.

from Isaiah 60

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise



him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

We confess to you our laziness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from our sins, send his Spirit into your hearts, and renew you as his child, born from above in him who was lifted up.

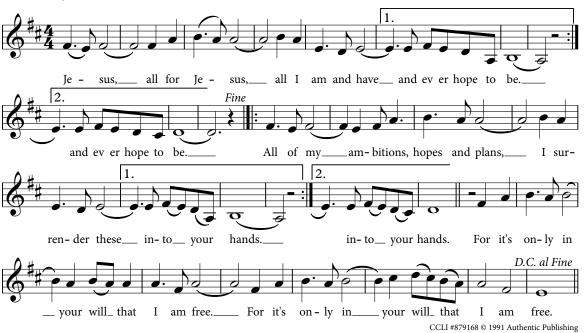
All Amen.

Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving

His Love Can Never Fail



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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.

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: Ephesians 5:6-20

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be associated with them. ⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." 15Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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.

Gospel reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents: see. I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you,

that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

ΑII

"Sloth" - 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

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.

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.

God our Father, stir our hearts from the slumber of sin, and awaken us to the coming of your Kingdom, that we might live as your children. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ our Lord, when you ascended, you gave gifts to your people. Help us steward our talents with wisdom and grace and love for our neighbor. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we remember various needs before you: the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all who suffer in body, mind, or at the hands of others; For this, O Lord, we pray:

And for what else should we pray?

Lord, hear our prayer.

All

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.

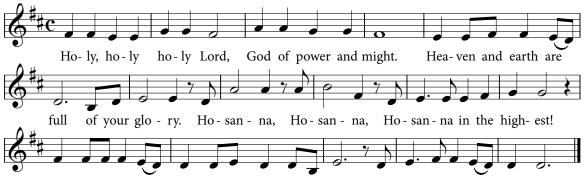
GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

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 *Iesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks, loving Father, that your Son, Jesus, for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross and remained faithful to the end. Now he is the author and finisher of our faith, through whom we approach you boldly with full assurance, and are able to run the race that is set before us. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Sanctus



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. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree 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, 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.

If you would like prayer for healing and anointing with oil, please come to the back of the room after you have been served, and an elder will pray for you. This will be a time of liturgical prayer; you will not be asked to share your particular situation.

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.

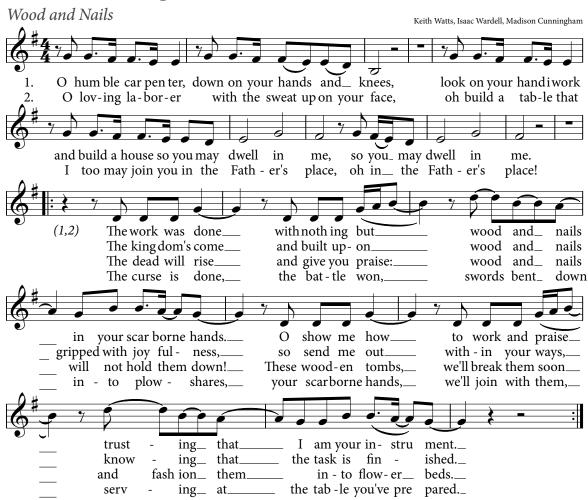
Prayer of belief

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



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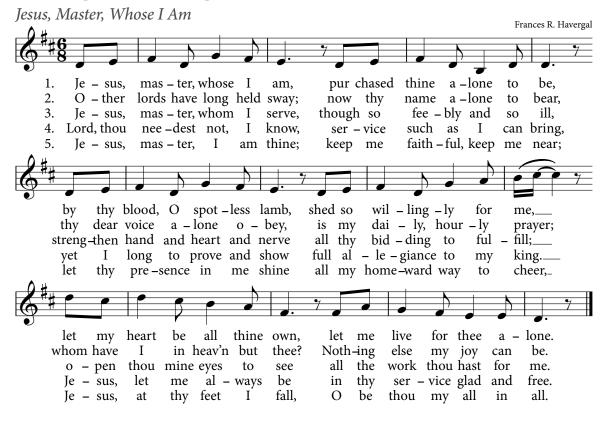
Prayer after Communion

All Almighty God,

Amen.

you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may receive these gifts with thanks and have the endurance to follow in the steps of Jesus, through whom we now pray.

Blessing and Sending



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

God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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

Esuga Abaya: liturgist Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Mark Allen: saxophone Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Nick Millevoi: guitar

Fairmount

Arlene Navarro: liturgist Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Mark Allen: saxophone Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Nick Millevoi: guitar

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

Fairmount

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

South Philly

• 12th & Wharton, Wednesdays 7:30_{PM} Kirstin Peth, kirstin.peth@gmail.com

Roxborough

• Tuesdays 6:30_{PM} Cale Weatherly, cale.weatherly@gmail.com

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 children's classes use a gospelcentered 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/spiritualformation
- 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

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, Inewbrander@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

Spring Forward Next Sunday, March 10 Don't forget to advance your clocks next Sunday, March 10!

City Church Reads: *The Tech-Wise Family*, by Andy Crouch Married, single, or raising kids—we all experience the challenges of living in a tech-saturated era. Join us as we think through how we as a church family can cultivate wise habits in this area of life. Copies will be available the next several Sundays for \$10. See site-specific discussion schedules below.

UCITY

Adult Ed: Tech-Wise Book Discussion Jonathan Davis will lead a book discussion on *Tech-Wise* (see announcement above) at 9:15 am at West Catholic on 3 Sundays in March:

March 10 | Part 1, The Three Key Decisions of a Tech-Wise Family (Chs. 1-3) March 17 | Part 2, Daily Life (Chs. 4-8)

April 7 | Part 3, What Matters Most (Chs. 9-10)

No Morning Service on Sunday, March 24 Due to a scheduling conflict with West Catholic High School, we will NOT have a worship service in U City on Sunday, March 24. The afternoon service in Fairmount will take place at 4:30 pm, as usual.

From Fragile Cities to Shalom Cities, a Conversation with Jean-Luc Krieg of Urban Mosaic, Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 AM Jean-Luc Krieg holds an MBA in International Economic Development and an M. Div. degree Eastern Seminary and is an ordained minister. He is presently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of South Africa. He has had an interest in working among Mexico City's urban poor since April 1991, and lived in Mexico twice —in 1993 and 1995/96—before finally returning to Mexico in 2005 to pursue his vision of founding Urban Mosaic. Join us for a conversation exploring hope-filled solutions to the complexities of urban poverty and migration.

FAIRMOUNT

Adult Ed: Tech-Wise Book Discussion Chris Currie will lead a book discussion on *Tech-Wise* (see announcement above) at 3:30 pm on 3 Sundays in March:

March 17 | Part 1, The Three Key Decisions of a Tech-Wise Family (Chs. 1-3) March 31 | Part 2, Daily Life (Chs. 4-8)

April 7 | Part 3, What Matters Most (Chs. 9-10)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

22-24 Men's Retreat **24** No AM service

April

- 14 Palm Sunday
- **19** Good Friday Service, 7pm at West Catholic
- 21 Easter Sunday

March 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Membership Seminar
4	5	Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	7	8	9
11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Fairmount Tech Wise Discussion	19	20	21	22	23
				Men's Retreat (March 22-24)	
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Help us welcome you.

Name(s):
Children & their ages:
If undergrad or grad student, school & year:
Address:
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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