

Sunday March 17, 2019 Second Sunday in Lent

The Seven Deadly Sins "Wrath"

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

Not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die.

- Anne Lamott, Traveling Mercies

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 Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in love.

All Amen.

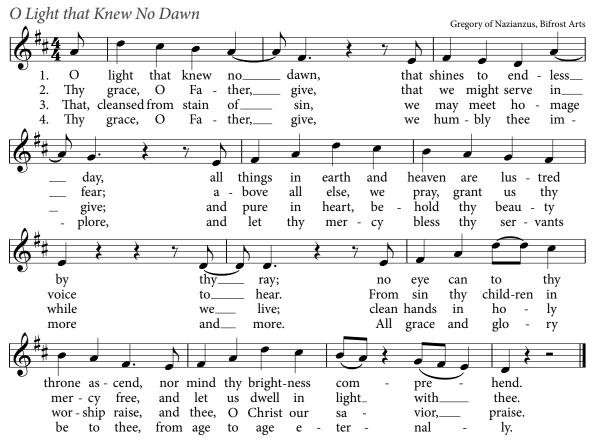
A period of silence is kept.

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

All And also with you.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed a people for God.

Opening Song



The Opening of Worship

I will bless the Lord at all times;

All his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;

let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me

and delivered me out of all my terror.

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing.

from Psalm 34

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving



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



nim 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

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

In our anger, we have sinned, and our words have torn down others: Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me: Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving

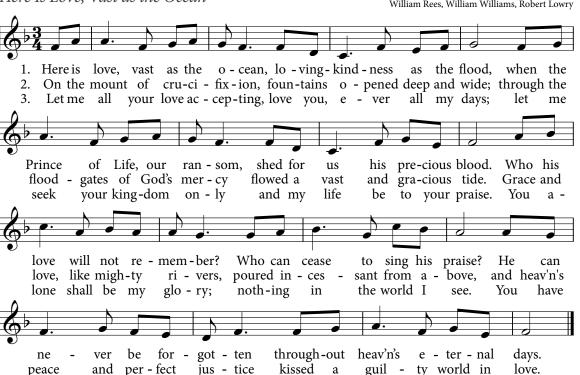
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Here Is Love, Vast as the Ocean

cleansed

William Rees, William Williams, Robert Lowry



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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

All

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Word of God

New Testament reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Mark 3:1-6

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

Sermon

"Wrath" - Rev. Jonathan Davis

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.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for the life and witness of your church. Give us grace to set aside wrath, wrangling, and slander, that we may be kind and forgiving, speaking truth in love. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, grant righteous desires to all who exercise authority, and guide every nation in the ways of justice and peace. May we learn to honor one another, to forgo vengeance, to set aside bitterness and anger, and to seek the good of all. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, grant mercy to all who are troubled in body, mind, or situation; comfort and relieve them in their distress and needs. Nurture and protect us that all our relationships may be kept from anger, falsehood, jealousy, or contempt.
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.**

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.

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.

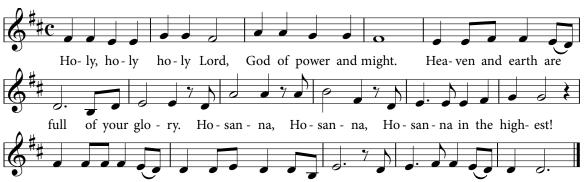
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks because Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, to put away all bitterness, wrath, and malice, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the_high-est.

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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. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

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.

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:

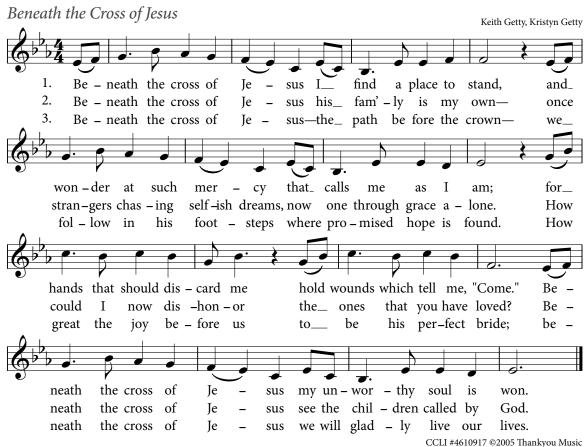
Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Communion Song



Prayer after Communion

All God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, living in kindness and forgiveness with one another, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing and Sending

and pos-sess, in

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

John Newton

- 1. May the grace of Christ, our Sav-ior, and the Fa-ther's bound-less love
- 2. Thus may we a bide in u -nion with each oth -er and_ the Lord



sweet com-mu-nion, joys which earth can - not

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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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice Mike Jones: trumpet Josh Stamper: bass

Fairmount

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice Mike Jones: trumpet

Josh Stamper: bass

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

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.

We're All in the Holy Week Choir! In the spirit of Andy Crouch's call to "create more than we consume," Bethany Brooks is asking us all to take part in preparing special musical moments in the Good Friday and Easter services by singing in a Congregational Choir. Download music and listen to samples in the blogpost you'll find under recents at citychurchphilly.com/news. If you'd like to practice with others, Bethany will have a short rehearsal around the piano Sundays from 12:10-12:25 in UCity and 4:00-4:15 in Fairmount.

UCITY

From Fragile Cities to Shalom Cities, a Conversation with Jean-Luc Krieg of Urban Mosaic, Sunday, March 31 at 9:15 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.

Youth Fundraising Lunch on March 31. Plan to stick around for fellowship and lunch on March 31. The youth will provide the food; your donations will help fund their mission trip.

Adult Ed: Tech-Wise Book Discussion Jonathan Davis will lead the last book discussion on Tech-Wise (see announcement above) at 9:15 am at West Catholic on April 7:

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

FAIRMOUNT

Adult Ed: Tech-Wise Book Discussion Join the Fairmount book discussion on Tech-Wise (see announcement above) at 3:15 pm: March 31 | Part 2, Daily Life (Chs. 4-8) April 7 | Part 3, What Matters Most (Chs. 9-10)

Women's Night Out, Saturday, March 30. Su-Jin is graciously opening her home for another City Church Fairmount Women's Night Out on Saturday, March 30! Details TBD.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

22-24 Men's Retreat

24 No AM service

31 Youth Fundraising Lunch

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
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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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