

Sunday, March 24, 2019 Third Sunday in Lent

The Seven Deadly Sins "Greed"

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

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

Greed turns love into lust, leisure into sloth, hunger into gluttony, honor into pride, righteous indignation into anger, and admiration into envy. If it weren't for greed, we would suffer fewer of the other vices.

- James Ogilvy, Wicked Pleasures

I'd trade it all for... a little more.

- Montgomery Burns on The Simpsons

Church Calendar

ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY 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 selfcenteredness 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

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

All Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

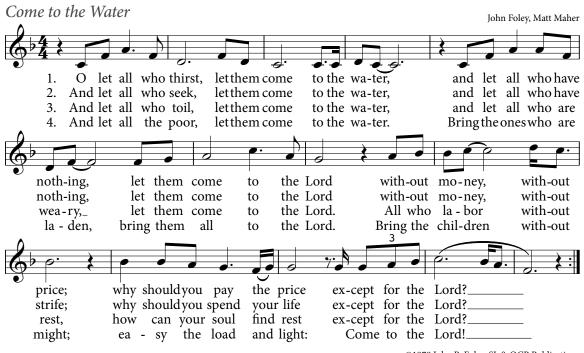
Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

All O my God, in you I trust.

Opening Song



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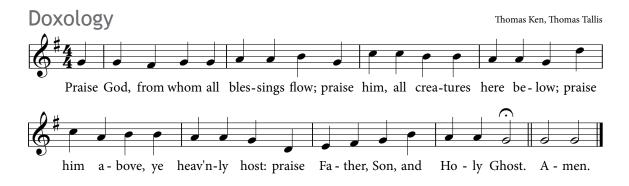
The Opening of Worship

Do not put your trust in princes,

All in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

from Psalm 146

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving



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 are not content with the many good gifts you give to us. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We are greedy for gain and turn from you. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We forget the oppressed and do not help the orphan. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving

In Feast or Fallow Sandra McCracken 1. When the fields dry and the win - ter long, bles - sed are is 2. On а cross of wood, his_ blood was out - poured. He rose 3. When the earth be -neath me_ crum-bles and quakes, not а 9 8 are the meek, the__ hun - gry, the poor; when my from the ground, bird like а to the sky, bring - ing falls, hair from head with - out spar row nor а my 8 8 down - cast, voice soul is and has for my no song, cru - shing death's peace vio - lence and door, to our our his hand guide me, shield and strength to my my in mer cy, for com fort, I wait on the Lord. In the harvest feast or the fal-low ground, my ma ker in - car-nate, our God who pro vides. joy or in sor-row, in life or in death. Je - sus found. My lot, my cup, my cer-tain hope is in por - tion sure, what e - ver comes, we shall en-dure. What - e - ver comes, we shall en - dure. CCLI #5759901 ©2010 Drink Your Tea Music All for Jesus

Asa Hull, Mary Dagworthy James



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: 1 Timothy 6:6-12

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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: Luke 12:13-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Greed" – 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

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.

Gracious Father, giver of every good gift, continue to show us more of who you are and all of the ways you bless us, so that out of the overflow of your love, we may become like you, people who do good. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, who became poor for our sakes, grant that we would not cling to the things you have given us as though they are the means of our salvation, but instead help us to spend our time and resources lavishly on the work of your kingdom and the people you have put in our lives. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit of God, you give us Christ's heart for the world; help us minister to those around us who are in need. Comfort those who are distraught or grieving, protect the hearts and minds of the vulnerable, and grant that those in pain would know your loving presence. 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

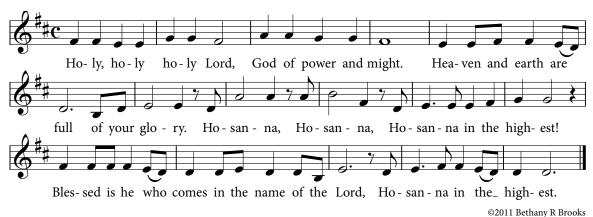
because Jesus was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil and to shun the love of money and all greed; through Christ we find contentment in our lives and so seek justice for the poor and the oppressed. 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



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. 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. 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.

Communion Song

All that I Need



Prayer after Communion

All Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we therefore be content and grow in godliness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Sending

O God of Mercy Godfrey Thring, Bethany Brooks 0 might, in God of___ Ο God of mer - cy, love and 1. pi ty And who cam'st on fal man might 2. thou earth to___ die, that len taught, to those thy 3. Teach us the les - son thou hast feel for 4. For they are bre- thren, far and_ wide, since thou, Ο Lord, for 5. care, what -In sick ness, sor - row, want or___ eer it be, **'**tis in - fi - nite, teach us, sight, as e - ver in thy to live our life to_ thee. live there - by, O hear us, for to thee we in hope, O Lord, to_ cry thee. blood hath bought; that ev' - ry word and deed and thought may work a work for thee.

all hast died; then teach us, what - so - eer be - tide, to love them all in_ thee. ours to share; may we, when help is need- ed, there give help as $un - to_{-}$ thee.

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.

Katie Wildes: liturgist Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice Christopher McDonald: keyboards, voice 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, jona-than@citychurchphilly.com if you have questions.

West Philly

- 50th & Springfield, Tuesdays 7_{РМ} Jessie Taylor, jessie.f.taylor@gmail.com
- 49th & Chancellor, Tuesdays 7_{РМ} Candy Cason, candy.cason@gmail.com
- 46th & Cedar, Tuesdays 7:30_{РМ} 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_{РМ} Jason Turner, jason.h.turner@gmail.com

Fairmount

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

South Philly

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

Roxborough

• Tuesdays 6:30^{рм} 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

City	World		
 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 	 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@icionline.org 		
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	 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. 		

SERVE

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

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. Listen to samples in the post you'll find under recents at citychurchphilly.com/ news. If you'd like to practice, Bethany is hosting short rehearsals by the piano on Sundays at 12:10 in UCity and 4 pm in Fairmount.

Meet Easter Sacrificial Offering Recipient: New Day Drop In Center in Kensington The City Church Diaconate is excited to announce three designees for this year's Easter Sacrificial Offering: the Salvation Army New Day Drop-in Center in Kensington, Christian Legal Clinic of Philadelphia, and Project HOME. Last Sunday, Katie Brindley shared about New Day. Contact her at Katie.brindley@cru.org if you are interested in serving or would like to donate needed items: new/used women's clothing, new underwear, combs, brushes, hair ties and deodorant.

Seeker's Group, March 27 at 7:30 pm Looking for a safe place to wrestle with "unsafe" questions about the Christian faith? The Seekers' Group is a community of believers, nonbelievers, skeptics, and seekers, walking together as friends and fellow travelers on an open-ended journey of faith, doubt, and wonder. Contact Chris to join the conversation.

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 at 9:15 am at West Catholic on April 7: *April 7* | *Part 3, What Matters Most (Chapters 9-10)*

FAIRMOUNT

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

Women's Night Out, Saturday, March 30. Su-Jin is graciously opening her home for another City Church Fairmount Women's Gathering on Saturday, March 30 at 4:30 pm. RSVP through the link in the enews, or email Liz at voborils@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

31 Youth Fundraising Lunch

April

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

March 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Youth Fundraiser Lunch					1	2 Membership Seminar
3 Daylight Savings Time Change	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	7	8	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Fairmount Tech Wise Discussion 3:30pm	ch Wise scussion		Men's Retreat (March 22-24)			
24	25	26	27 Seeker's Group 7:30pm	28	29	30
Men's Retreat						
No AM Service						

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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:
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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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