



# City Church

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Sunday, May 5, 2019  
Third Sunday of Easter

1 Thessalonians: Practicing Resurrection  
“Courage & Care”

# 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** No classes are currently meeting.

**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

Baptism takes us to where Jesus is. It takes us therefore into closer neighbourhood with a dark and fallen world, and it takes us into closer neighbourhood with others invited there. The baptized life is characterized by solidarity with those in need, and sharing with all others who believe. And it is characterized by a prayerfulness that courageously keeps going, even when things are difficult and unpromising and unrewarding, simply because you cannot stop the urge to pray. Something keeps coming alive in you; never mind the results.

- Rowan Williams, *Being Christian*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY  
LENT  
**EASTER**  
PENTECOST  
ORDINARY TIME

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation.  
*(Seeking God’s Face by Philip Reinders)*

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

There are glad songs of victory  
in the tents of the righteous:

**All the right hand of the Lord is exalted!**

# Opening Song

## *O Lord of Light*

anonymous



1. O Lord of Light, who made the stars, O
2. In low - li - ness you came on earth, to
3. Lord, now you reign, the King of kings, a -
4. Lord, come as - sert your king - dom here in
5. To God the Fa - ther and the Son, for



dawn, by whom we see the way, O Christ, Re - dee - mer of the  
re - scue us from Sa - tan's snares. O won - drous Love, you healed our  
dorned in heav'n - ly ma - je - sty. Your ho - ly name is held in  
all those whom you call your own. We joy - ous - ly in - vite you,  
a - ges of e - ter - nal days, to - ge - ther with the Spi - rit



world, make haste to lis - ten as we pray.  
wounds by ta - king on our mor - tal cares.  
awe from pole to pole and sea to sea.  
Lord, build in our hearts your king - ly throne.  
be all glo - ry, ho - nor, might and praise.

## Opening Responsorial

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you;  
**All** therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.  
For the Lord is a God of justice;  
**blessed are all those who wait for him.**  
Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
**you shall weep no more.**  
He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry;  
**when he hears it, he will answer you.**  
Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity  
and the water of affliction,  
**yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more,  
but your eyes shall see your Teacher.**  
And when you turn to the right  
or when you turn to the left,  
**your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,  
'This is the way; walk in it.'**

*from Isaiah 30*

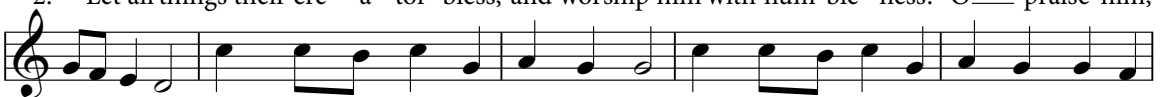
## Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

### Doxology

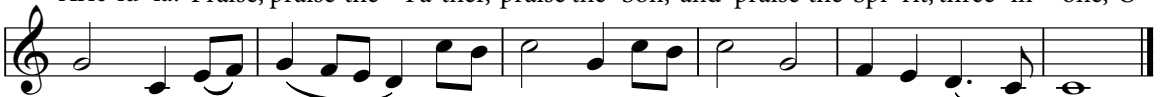
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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* God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth,  
you create us from nothing and give us life.  
You redeem us  
and make us your children by your grace.  
We confess that we have sinned  
against you and our neighbor.  
We have not spread the news  
of your marvelous works,  
and so we have failed to fully love our neighbors  
who thirst for you.  
For the sake of your Son, restore us,  
and bring us to your heavenly joy,  
Amen.

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

Through the cross of Christ,  
may God have mercy on you,  
pardon you, and set you free.  
Know that your sins are forgiven,  
and be at peace.  
*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

## *Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

Johann Crüger, Christian Gellert



1. Je - sus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone for - e - ver!
2. Je - sus lives, and reigns su - preme, and, his king - dom still re - main - ing,
3. Je - sus lives, and by his grace, vic - t'ry o'er my pas - sions gi - ving,
4. Je - sus lives, I know full well nought from him my heart can se - ver,
5. Je - sus lives, and death is now but my en - trance in - to glo - ry.



He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to se - ver.  
I shall al - so be with him, e - ver li - ving, e - ver reign - ing.  
I will cleanse my heart and ways, e - ver to his glo - ry li - ving.  
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth for - e - ver.  
Cour - age, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life be - fore thee;



He shall raise me from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
God has pro - mised: be it must: Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
Me he rai - ses from the dust. Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
None of all his saints is lost; Je - sus is my hope and trust.  
thou shalt find thy hopes were just; Je - sus is the Christ ian's trust.

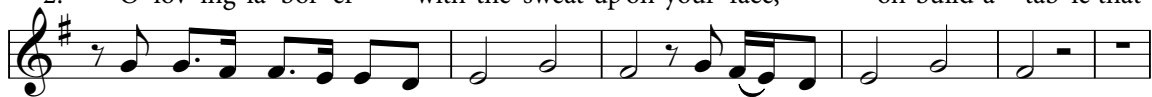


# Wood and Nails

Keith Watts, Isaac Wardell, Madison Cunningham



1. O hum ble car pen ter, down on your hands and\_ knees, look on your handiwork  
 2. O lov-ing la-bor-er with the sweat up on your face, oh build a tab-le that



and build a house so you may dwell in me, so you\_ may dwell in me.  
 I too may join you in the Fath - er's place, oh in\_ the Fath - er's place!



(1,2) The work was done\_ with noth ing but\_ wood and\_ nails  
 The king dom's come\_ and built up- on\_ wood and\_ nails  
 The dead will rise\_ and give you praise:\_ wood and\_ nails  
 The curse is done,\_ the bat-tle won,\_ swords bent\_ down



in your scar borne hands.\_ O show me how\_ to work and praise\_  
 gripped with joy ful- ness,\_ so send me out\_ with - in your ways,\_  
 will not hold them down!\_ These wood-en tombs,\_ we'll break them soon\_  
 in - to plow - shares,\_ your scarborne hands,\_ we'll join with them,\_



trust - ing\_ that\_ I am your in- stru ment\_  
 know - ing\_ that\_ the task is fin - ished\_  
 and fash ion\_ them\_ in - to flow- er\_ beds\_  
 serv - ing\_ at\_ the tab - le you've pre pared\_

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# Baptism and Membership Reception

*West Philly: Owen Ames Williams Cunningham and Hadassah Alemye Abaya Vroegindewey  
Fairmount: Melody Alison Cooper, Benjamin Cooper Davis, Anya Lizmari Friesen, Felix Justus  
Friesen, Alec Von Friesen*

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Candidates & Parents: **I renounce them.**

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates & Parents: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister (to the candidates):

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and through worship and service seek to advance God's purposes here and throughout the world?

Candidates: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the parents):

Do you promise to instruct these children in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray; and to train them in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service.

Congregation: **We do.**

*The sacrament of baptism is administered, and pastoral prayer is offered.*

*The congregation shall stand.*

**All Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.**

**Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news,  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Alleluia.**

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the risen Christ 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 Thessalonians 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

<sup>9</sup>You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup>You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. <sup>11</sup>As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup>urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*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.*

**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:* John 10:11-18

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

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

## Sermon

*"Courage and Care"* – 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

# 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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter,  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

GOD STRENGTHENS US  
AT HIS TABLE

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included below). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

## Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea-ven and earth are  
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est!  
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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*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.*

*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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

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

## 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

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

1. Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;  
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"

our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!

Al - though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing  
the seeds of your king - dom for the day you will reap them.

Your sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry.

All those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy.

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## Prayer after Communion

All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him, we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to proclaim your work on the cross,  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.



# Blessing and Sending

## *We Beseech Thee*

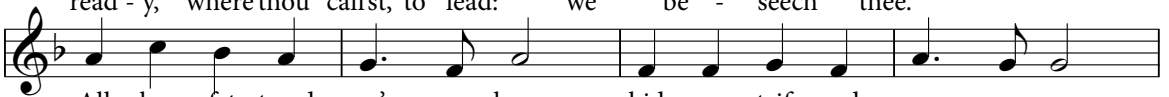
Thomas Pollock, The New Ancients



1. Je - sus, with thy church a-bide, be her sa - vior, Lord, and guide,
2. May she one in doc - trine be, one in truth and cha - ri - ty,
3. May her guides thy peo - ple feed, shep herds of the flock in - deed,



while on earth her faith is tried: we be - seech thee.  
win ning all\_ to faith in thee: we be - seech thee.  
read - y, where thou call'st, to lead: we be - seech thee.



All her fet - tered pow'rs re - lease, bid our strife and en - vy cease,  
May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear a - loft its light  
May she ho - ly tri - umphs win, o - ver - throw the hosts of sin,



grant the hea ven - ly gift of peace: we be - seech thee.  
through the realms of dark - est night: we be - seech thee.  
ga - ther all\_ the na tions in, we be - seech thee.



May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un til she find,



and the bro - ken hear - ted bind: we be - seech 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with your spirit, brothers and sisters;  
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. Alleluia, alleluia!**

### West Philly

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Stacy Bartholomew: liturgist  
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Melissa Choi: voice  
Christopher McDonald: piano, voice  
Matt Engle: bass  
Mike Szekely: drums

### Fairmount

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Katie Davis: liturgist  
Chris Currie: celebrant

Melissa Choi: voice  
Christopher McDonald: piano, voice  
Matt Engle: bass  
Mike Szekely: drums

# CONNECT

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

## West Philly

- 50<sup>th</sup> & Springfield, Tuesdays 7PM  
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Liz Voboril, voborils@gmail.com

## South Philly

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

## Roxborough

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Cale Weatherly, cale.weatherly@gmail.com

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**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 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)

### 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

**55+ Lunch Today at 1 pm** Everyone who is 55 “or better” is invited to a lunch at the home of Dick Landis (821 S. 48th Street) today at 1 pm.

**Mindfulness Workshop, May 11, 10 am to 2 pm** John Cunningham and Caitlyn Williams are offering a workshop at West Catholic about mindfulness meditation and how it relates to our spiritual lives. Practices will include mindful movement, mindful breathing, mindful eating, mantras and contemplative prayer. The seminar is free, but space is limited. Please reserve a spot at [citychurchphilly.com/calendar/mindfulnessworkshop](http://citychurchphilly.com/calendar/mindfulnessworkshop).

**Membership Seminar in Fairmount on May 18** This 2-hour Saturday morning seminar gives you a chance to learn a bit more about City Church. It's a casual first step toward membership but also simply great place to ask questions and help us get to know you better. Please register at [citychurchphilly.com/membership](http://citychurchphilly.com/membership) so we know that you plan to attend.

## ALSO IN PHILLY

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**Fundraiser Dinner at Ku's:** Mindy Ku is hosting a fundraiser dinner event on May 11 at her home to support Set Beautiful Free, an organization that rescues, restores and empowers victims of sex trafficking and the children born to them in the Red Light District of India. If you are able to help with the event or would be interested in attending (\$100 PP), please contact Mindy at [minku72@gmail.com](mailto:minku72@gmail.com).

**Not in Philly,** a local nonprofit started by City Church's own Dave Brindley and Alex Lubneuski to address the problem of litter in our city, has received funding to provide trash grabbers to residents of the greater UCity area. If you're interested in receiving a trash grabber and joining a network of over 1,400 Philadelphia residents who clean up their block once a week, sign up at [NotinPhilly.org](http://NotinPhilly.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### May

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**5** 55+ Lunch

**11** Mindfulness Seminar

**18** Membership Seminar

**19** Youth Fundraiser Lunch

# May 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 Baptisms 55+ Lunch	6	7	8	9	10	11 Mindfulness Workshop
12	13 Deacon Meeting	14	15	16	17	18 Membership Seminar
19 Youth Fundraising Lunch	20 Elder's Meeting	Week of May 20: Community Groups wrap-up				25
26 Congregational Prayer (9:30a UCity / 10a Fairmount)	27	28	29	30	31	

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prayer Requests

*Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.*

*Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.*

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