



# City Church

PHILADELPHIA

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Sunday July 21, 2019

Reflections on the Story of David  
“Wilderness: David in Danger”

# 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

**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.

## Reflection

We live in a world of violence and conflict and pray for peace. We deplore suffering, injustice, and poverty but live comfortably off the oppression of others. We worry about where God is when faced with genocide or our own vulnerability and mortality, and the majority of our contemporaries have decided there cannot be a God, given the state of the world. It is this whole complex context which demands that we move beyond an easy spirituality of personal well-being, comfort, and happiness to rediscover the wilderness way that lies at the heart of the Bible.

- Frances Young, *Brokenness & Blessing*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY  
LENT  
EASTER  
PENTECOST

**ORDINARY TIME**

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

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

Ground us, we pray, and settle us in your truth  
by sending your Holy Spirit into our hearts.

**All** Amen.

*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.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord.

**All** Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

# Opening Song

## *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Isaac Watts, Southern Harmony



1. My shep - herd will sup - ply my need: Je - ho - vah is his name;
2. When I walk through the shades of death, thy pre - sence is my stay;—
3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;—



in\_ pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the li - ving stream.  
a\_ word of thy sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way.—  
O\_ may thy house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise!



He brings my wand'r-ing spi - rit back when I for - sake his ways,—  
Thy hand, in\_ sight of all my foes, doth still my ta - ble spread;  
There would I\_ find a set - tled rest, while o - thers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in\_ paths of truth and grace.—  
my cup with bles - sings o - ver - flows, thine oil a - noints my head.—  
no more a\_ stran - ger, nor a\_ guest, but like a child at home.—

## Opening of Worship

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

**All before the gods will I sing praise to you.**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;

**you put new strength in my soul.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

**you will preserve me;**

you will stretch forth your hand

against the fury of my enemies;

**your right hand will save me.**

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;

**your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;**

**forsake not the work of your hands.**

*from Psalm 138*

# Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## Doxology

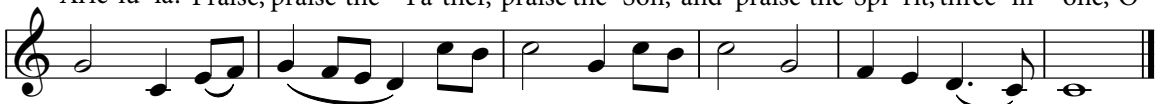
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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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### 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

*All* Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

# Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving

### *Give to God Your Simple Praise*

Isaac Watts, The New Ancients

1. Give to God your simple praise, love and truth are all his ways.  
2. God, I cried when troubles rose, heard me and subdued my foes.

— Grace and joy to God be long; sing his mercies in your song.  
— All my rising fears controlled, strength diffused through all my soul.

O my powers of heart and tongue, praise my maker in my song.  
As I live, I'll trust his power in my last departing hour.

— An-gels, hear the notes I raise; prove the song and join the praise.  
— an-gels trace the airy road bear me home-ward to my God.

A-mid a thousand snares I'll stand, held and guarded by your  
per-fect hand. Your word my faint-ing soul re-vives, keeps my  
dy-ing faith a-live, keeps my dy-ing faith a-live.

## In Christ Alone

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song.
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less babe!
3. There in the ground his bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
then bur - sting forth in glo - rious day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus commands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings cease!  
'Til on the cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied;  
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can e - ver pluck me from his hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
for ev' - ry sin on him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
'til he re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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*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.*

## 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

*Old Testament reading:* 1 Samuel 24:1-22

<sup>1</sup>When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the wilderness of En-gedi." <sup>2</sup>Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. <sup>3</sup>He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. <sup>4</sup>The men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. <sup>5</sup>Afterwards David was stricken to the heart because he had cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. <sup>6</sup>He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to raise my hand against him; for he is the Lord's anointed." <sup>7</sup>So David scolded his men severely and did not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul got up and left the cave, and went on his way. <sup>8</sup>Afterwards David also rose up and went out of the cave and called after Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

<sup>9</sup>David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of those who say, 'David seeks to do you harm'?" <sup>10</sup>This very day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you into my hand in the cave; and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not raise my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord's anointed.' <sup>11</sup>See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand; for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak, and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. <sup>12</sup>May the Lord judge between me and you! May the Lord avenge me on you; but my hand shall not be against you. <sup>13</sup>As the ancient proverb says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness'; but my hand shall not be against you. <sup>14</sup>Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A single flea? <sup>15</sup>May the Lord therefore be judge, and give sentence between

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.*

me and you. May he see to it, and plead my cause, and vindicate me against you.”

<sup>16</sup>When David had finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” Saul lifted up his voice and wept. <sup>17</sup>He said to David, “You are more righteous than I; for you have repaid me good, whereas I have repaid you evil. <sup>18</sup>Today you have explained how you have dealt well with me, in that you did not kill me when the Lord put me into your hands. <sup>19</sup>For who has ever found an enemy, and sent the enemy safely away? So may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. <sup>20</sup>Now I know that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. <sup>21</sup>Swear to me therefore by the Lord that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not wipe out my name from my father’s house.” <sup>22</sup>So David swore this to Saul. Then Saul went home; but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading:* Luke 23:33-43

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

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

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

*“Wilderness: David in Danger” – 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](http://citychurchphilly.com/give). If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give—we're grateful simply for your presence here today.*

*Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.*

## Prayers

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Loving Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness  
yet drew all the more near to you  
in the desert of temptation.  
Though he was tempted in every way as we are,  
he did not sin.  
Fill us with your Spirit  
and strengthen us in your word and in prayer,  
so that, as you know our weakness,  
we may know your power to save.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you obeyed and worshipped God alone,  
even to the cross,  
and now the kingdoms of the world are yours  
in all their glory.  
Rescue nations and release peoples  
from the powers of evil  
and from every temptation to violence,  
greed, and conflict,  
that your justice and peace  
may be known throughout the earth.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of wisdom and life,  
you sometimes lead us into the wilderness,  
into times of trial by sickness, hunger,  
oppression, and death.  
Deliver and protect refugees, prisoners,  
and all who are in danger.  
Grant relief to the poor and unemployed,  
freedom to the persecuted,  
health to the sick,  
and comfort to all who suffer in mind or body.  
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.

### 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.*

# The Eucharistic Prayer

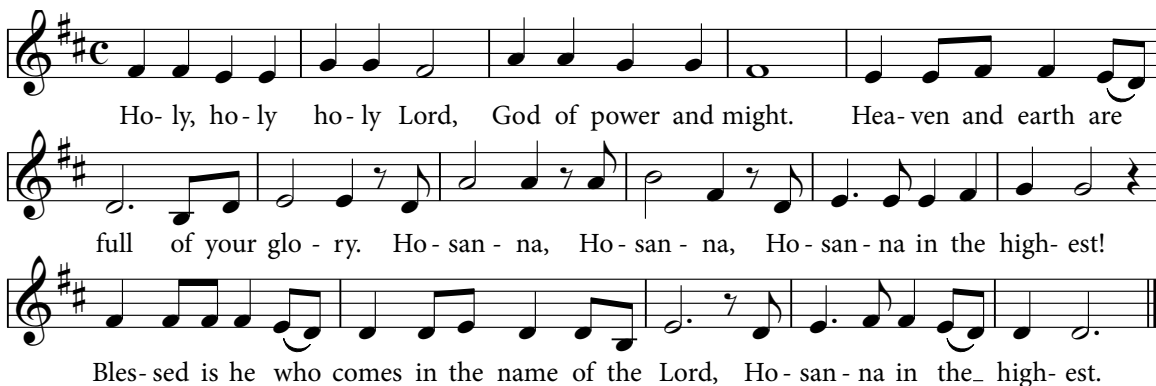
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

## *Sanctus*



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

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*The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The minister speaks the Words of Institution.*

## 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. 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.*

## 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

*Come unto Me, Ye Weary*

Joseph Pensak, William C. Dix



1. "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, and I\_ will give you rest."\_\_  
2. "Come un - to me, dear chil - dren, and I\_ will give you light."\_\_  
3. "Come un - to me, ye fain - ting, and I\_ will give you life."\_\_  
4. "And who-so-e - ver com - eth I will not cast him out."\_\_



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, which comes to hearts op - pressed!  
O lo - ving voice of Je - sus, which comes to cheer the night!  
O peace - ful voice of Je - sus, which comes to end our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dict - ion, of par don, grace and peace,  
Our hearts are filled with sad - ness, and we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, the fight is fierce and long;  
which calls us, ve - ry sin - ners, un - wor - thy though we be\_\_



of joy that hath no en - ding, of love which can - not cease.  
but mor - ning brings us glad - ness, and songs the break of day.\_\_  
but thou hast made us migh - ty\_\_ and stron - ger than the strong.  
of love so free and bound - less, to come, dear Lord, to thee.\_

## Prayer after Communion

*All* Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world  
may be so peaceably ordered  
by your governance,  
that your Church may joyfully serve you  
in all godly quietness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# Blessing and Sending

All Praise to God

Johann Schütz, Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch



1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2. What God's al - migh - ty pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy -  
3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my -  
4. Then come be - fore his pre - sence now and ba - nish fear and



- a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -  
kee - peth; by morning dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er  
cal - ling! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from  
sad - ness; to your re - dee - mer pay your vow and sing with joy and



- va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the  
slee - peth; with in the king - dom of his might, lo,  
fal - ling. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O  
glad - ness: though great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the



God who ev' - ry sor - row stills, to God all praise and glo - ry!  
all is just and all is right, to God all praise and glo - ry!  
thank him, thank our God, with me, to God all praise and glo - ry!  
Lord, my God, did all things well, to God all praise and glo - ry!

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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

May the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love for one another and for all,  
and may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness  
that you may be blameless before our God and Father  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## West Philly

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Esuga Abaya: liturgist  
Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Joshua Stamper: guitar  
Mark Allen: saxophone  
Rachel Allison: voice  
Matt Engle: bass  
Matt Scarano: drums

# CONNECT

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

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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 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

**Baptisms Coming up August 4** If you are interested in having your child baptized, or in being baptized yourself, please contact one of the pastors.

**Save the Date: Labor Day Picnic at Ku's on Monday, Sept 2.** In what has become a City Church tradition, we'll gather for a picnic at the Ku's on Labor Day. We need a volunteer or 2 to go pick up the pig (!). If interested in adding this unique task to your resume, contact Jonathan at [jonathan@citychurchphilly.com](mailto:jonathan@citychurchphilly.com).

**Women's Summer Studies – UCity in July, Fairmount in August**  
City Church women are studying discipleship this summer, using Rowan Williams' *Being Disciples* as the jumping-off point for our discussions. Purchasing the book is recommended but not required. Come as often as you are able!

- UCITY: We meet for two more Tuesday nights in July (23 & 30) from 7-9 pm at the Bartholomew's house.  
RSVP to Stacy at [stacy.bartholomew@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.bartholomew@gmail.com).
- FAIRMOUNT: Our study will be at the Cottrell's on Thursday nights in August (1, 8, 15, and 22).  
RSVP to Bonnie at [bonnie.currie@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.currie@gmail.com).

**Summer Service Opportunity: Friday Night Meal Volunteers**  
We're looking for volunteers, especially on 8/2 and 8/16. Volunteers help with serving the meal and cleaning up. You may also get your own plate and sit with guests between the first and second servings. There are lively conversations to be had! The meals are served at Woodland Presbyterian Church (42nd and Pine) between 5:45-7:00. Contact Julia Snyder at [julia.a.snyder@gmail.com](mailto:julia.a.snyder@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Wanted: Children's Ministry Coordinator** We're hiring a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator. Help spread the word! A job description is posted on our website. Applications are due July 31. Contact Chris at [chris@citychurchphilly.com](mailto:chris@citychurchphilly.com) for more information.

**Fairmount Summer Schedule.** On summer Sundays, we'll gather at 4:30 pm for: 1st Sunday – Leadership Gathering, 4:30-6 (kids at The City School Fairmount, adults at a nearby home), 2nd Sunday – Serve Together (details TBD), 3rd Sunday – Meet up @ The Oval, 4th Sunday – Summer-Style Family-Friendly Worship & Taco Truck (at City School Fairmount). View the full schedule at [citychurchphilly.com/fairmount](http://citychurchphilly.com/fairmount). If you haven't been receiving Fairmount emails but would like to stay in the loop, please email Liz at [Liz@citychurchphilly.com](mailto:Liz@citychurchphilly.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### July

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28 Taco Truck Sunday

### August

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11&18: Woodland Merger Info Sessions

25 Taco Truck Sunday

### September

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2 Labor Day Picnic at Ku's,

7 Consistory Day Retreat

22 Congregational Meeting

# July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 UCHC Dinner	6
7	8	9 Summer Women's Group	10 Kids Summer Celebration		12 UCHC Dinner	13
14	15	16 Summer Women's Group	17	18	19 UCHC Dinner	20
21	22	23 Summer Women's Group	24	25	26 UCHC Dinner	27
28 Taco Truck Sunday 4th Sunday Prayer	29	30 Summer Women's Group	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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