



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday February 18, 2024
1st Sunday in Lent

Practicing the Way of Jesus
“SABBATH”

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation.

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.

Please visit our website resurrectionphl.org for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

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 self-centeredness and more and more turning to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to experience true freedom and rest.

Welcome

Opening Song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drou-sly reign - eth, shel - ters thee
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee! Sure - ly his
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar-ve-lous wis-dom hath made thee, decked thee with
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,
un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen
good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new
health, and with lo - ving hand guid - ed and stayed thee! How oft in grief
life and breath, come now with prai - ses be - fore him. Let the A - men



now to his tem - ple draw near, join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
how thy de - sires e'er have been gran - ted in what he or - dain - eth?
what the Al - migh - ty will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
hath not he brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Opening of Worship

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

All **And also with you.**

Responsive Reading

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All **He makes me lie down in green pastures;**
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

from Psalm 23

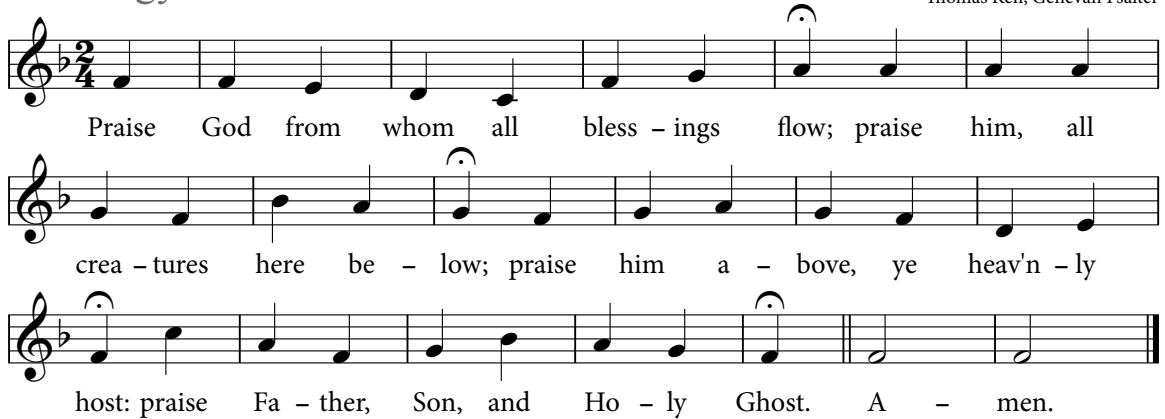
Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

*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.*

Doxology

Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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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

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God our Father forgive you your sins
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

Come, Thou Fount

Robert Robinson, John Wyeth



1. Come, thou Fount of ev'-ry bles-sing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I raise my E-be - ne - zer; hi-ther by thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a deb - tor dai - ly I'm con strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of lou - dest praise,
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wand'-ring heart to thee.



teach me some me - lo dious son - net, sung by_ fla - ming tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wand'-ring from the fold of God:
prone to_ wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to_ leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
he, to re - scue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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Pre-school children are invited to go to their classes at this time. Elementary children through grade 5 are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Song of Response, following the Reflection.

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: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 11:25-12:8

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

¹At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the sabbath; his disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. ²When the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the sabbath.”

³He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him or his companions to eat, but only for the priests. ⁵Or have you not read in the law that on the sabbath the priests in the temple break the sabbath and yet are guiltless? ⁶I tell you, something greater than the temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless. ⁸For the Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“*Sabbath*” – Rev. Chris Currie

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.

Offertory

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place - Psalm 84, Jonathan Asprey, trad. Irish

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me.
My soul is longing and fainting the courts of the Lord to see.
My heart and flesh, they are singing for joy to the living God.
How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me.

Even the sparrow finds a home where he can settle down,
and the swallow,
she can build a nest where she may lay her young,
within the courts of the Lord of hosts,
my King, my Lord, and my God;
and happy are those who are dwelling
where the song of praise is sung.

And I'd rather be a doorkeeper and only stay a day,
than live the life of a sinner and have to stay away.
For the Lord is shining as the sun, and the Lord, he's like a shield;
and no good thing does he withhold from those who walk his way.

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our worship together,
an opportunity
to participate in
the ministry of
Resurrection. If you
are visiting, please
don't feel obligated to
give— we're grateful
simply for your
presence here today.*



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When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

“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

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any amount to the number 84321.

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer,
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us.

*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.*

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. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness and taken on themselves the yoke of our gentle Savior, let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

Lord of compassion,

All in your mercy hear us.

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.

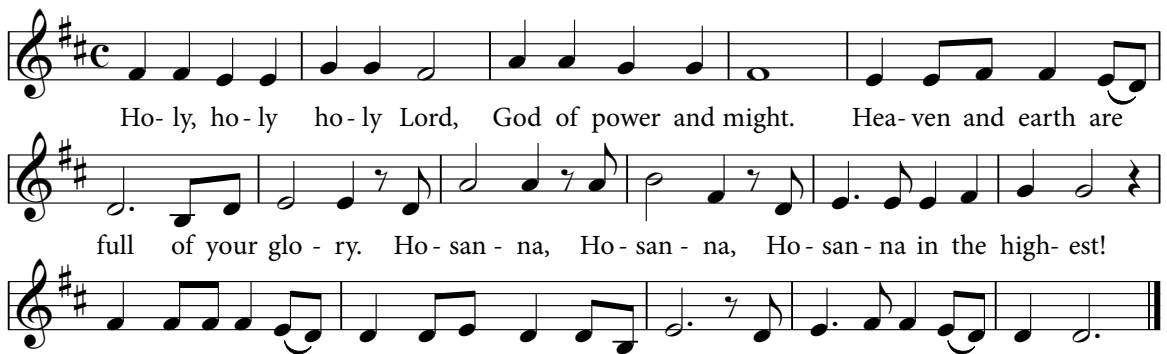
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
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,
forever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

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.

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.

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 | 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

Break Us

Kelley McRae



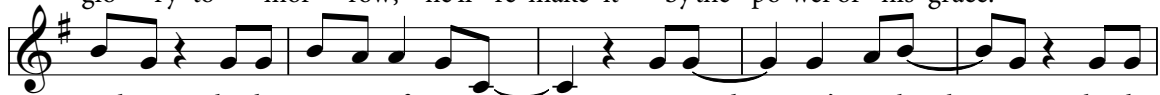
1. As I sit in the still-ness of the dark - est night and I lis - ten to the
2. When I stand in the pre - sence of a ho - ly God, and I flee, and I
3. When I leave this world and I'm home - ward bound to a hea - ven and



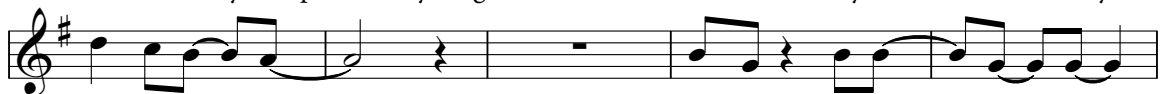
thoughts of my heart. this heart that is bro - ken and the
co - ver my face, this heart, hard with shame, yet you
earth that's re - made, this world full of sor - row will be



wounds that re - o - pened: O break it by the po - wer of your grace.
still call my name: O you break me by the po - wer of your grace.
glo - ry to - mor - row; he'll re - make it by the po - wer of his grace.



Break us by the po - wer of your grace, O Lord, won't you break us by the



pow'r of your grace. Break us, re - make us, don't



let the sor - row take us; O break us by the po - wer of your grace.

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Prayer after Communion

All Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Kinkart, Catherine Winkworth, Johann Crüger



1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voi - ces, who
2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us, with
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be gi - ven, the



won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joi - ces; who
ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to cheer us; and
Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en, the



from our mo - thers' arms hath blessed us on our way with
keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed, and
one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore; for



count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills in this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, and shall be e - ver - more.

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 God
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes
and changed water into wine,
lead us, feed us, multiply us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;
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.

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.

Musicians

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Rachel Allison: voice

John Taylor-Baranik: guitar, voice

Ted Voboril: violin

Charlie Muench: bass

Liturgist

Abigail Sparrow

Scripture Reading

Joan Krayner

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CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit resurrectionphl.org/groups or scan the QR code at right.



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 Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhart at paul@resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl.org) for more information about these events.

GROW

Resurrection 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, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia 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 Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News?

If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl.org or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Explore Lent Resources

Visit resurrectionphl.org/lent to check out a variety of resources to help you engage the season of Lent.

Center City Workday on Saturday, February 24

Come clear our spaces in our Center City basement and do some deep cleaning in the Sanctuary to prepare for Holy Week services. We'll start at 8:30 am and wrap up by 11:30. Sign up under "upcoming events" on our website so we can plan appropriately.

Worship + Potluck Gathering at Woodland, Feb 25

All are welcome for a time of fellowship, singing, and communion, followed by a potluck dinner, at Woodland's Kirk Hall (42nd/Pine) on Sunday, February 25 at 4:30 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

24 - Center City Workday

25 - Woodland Worship +
Potluck

Help us welcome you.

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Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

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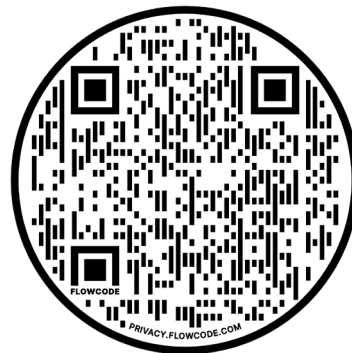
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Please send me: Weekly Newsletter Morning & Evening Prayer

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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