



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday in Lent

Practicing the Way of Jesus
“SCRIPTURE”

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.

Reflection

We need to ask not whether it is realistic or practical or viable but whether it is imaginable. We need to ask if our consciousness and imagination have been so assaulted and co-opted by the royal consciousness that we have been robbed of the courage or power to think an alternative thought...It is the vocation of the prophet to keep alive the ministry of imagination, to keep on conjuring and proposing futures alternative to the single one the king wants to urge as the only thinkable one.

~Walter Brueggemann, *The Prophetic Imagination*

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, John Dykes



1. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord_ God Al - migh - ty! Ear - ly in the
2. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, all the saints a - dore thee, cas - ting down their
3. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, though the dark - ness hide thee, though the eye of
4. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord_ God Al - migh - ty! All thy works shall



mor - ning our song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
gol - den crowns a - round the glas - sy sea; che - ru - bim and se - ra - phim
sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see, on - ly thou art ho - ly;
praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,



mer - ci - ful and migh - ty! God in three per - sons, bles - sed tri - ni - ty!
fal - ling down be - fore thee, who wert, and art, and e - ver - more shalt be.
there is none be - side thee per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
mer - ci - ful and migh - ty! God in three per - sons, bles - sed tri - ni - ty!

Opening of Worship

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.

Responsive Reading

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

**All Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.**

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

**I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.**

I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

**I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.**

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

from Psalm 119

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

May your loving mercy come to me, O Lord,
and your salvation according to your word:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light to my path:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

O let your mercy come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight:
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

Spirit of God, Descend

George Croly, Karl Digerness



1. Spi - rit of God, des-cend up - on my heart, wean it from earth, through
2. I ask no dream, no pro-phet ec - sta - sies; no sud-den rend - ing
3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh; teach me the strug - gles
4. Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All__ thine own, soul,
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an-gels love, one ho - ly pas - sion



all its pul - ses move; stoop to my weak - ness, migh-ty
of the veil of clay; no an - gel vi - sion, no__
of the soul to bear, to check the ri - sing doubt, the_
heart and strength and mind; I see thy cross_ there teach
fil - ling all my frame: the pre - sence of__ thy des -



as_ thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
o - pen - ing skies; but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
re - bel sigh; teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
me to cling; O let me seek thee, and O let me find.
_ cen - ded dove, my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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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: Leviticus 19: 1–2, 11–18

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy...

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 22:34–40

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

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

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

“*Scripture*” – Dr. Cyndi Parker

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

The offering is part of 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.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers
for all who especially need your care.
Help those who have lost their way,
those who are tempted to do wrong,
and those who doubt your goodness.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Sustain those who are ill or in pain,
those who are sad or lonely,
those in danger from war and violence,
and those who are without work or homes or food.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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

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.

Guide those who serve you in their work in governments, schools, hospitals, factories, fields, workshops, homes, in your church, and in every sphere of human life. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

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

For this, O Lord, we pray

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

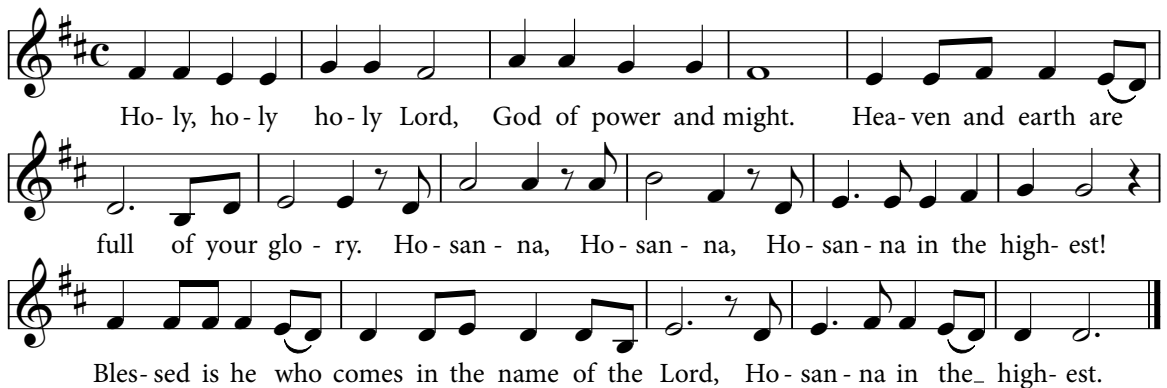
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendor of your love.
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

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, Henri Malan



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
5. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its



Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my king. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev' - ry
lon - ger mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall
trea - sure store. Take my - self, and I will be ev - er,



flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sa - ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev' - ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
be thy roy - al throne, it shall be thy roy - al throne.
on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Prayer after Communion

All Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and
living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth.
Amen.

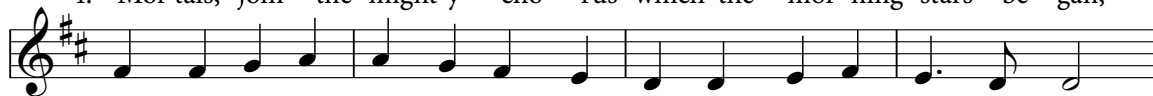
Blessing and Sending

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Van Dyke, Beethoven



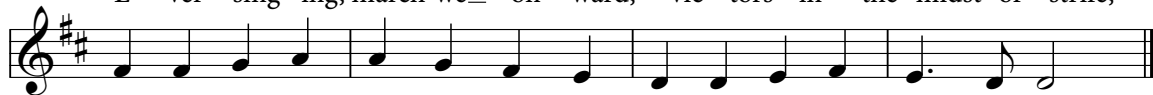
1. Joy-ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3. Thou art gi - ving and for - gi - ving, e - ver bles-sing, e - ver blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the mor-ning stars be - gan;



hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, op'n-ing to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of li - ving, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bring-ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow'r-y_ mea-dow, fla-shing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Bro - ther all who live in love are thine;
E - ver sing - ing, march we_ on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



gi - ver of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
sing-ing bird and flo - wing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

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

Hear the teaching of Jesus:
"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it."
Go now to do God's will;
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

Sarah Kleinschmidt: voice

Sarah Long: voice

Jeremy McDonald: bass

Evan Chapman: drums

Liturgist

Paul Burkhart

Scripture Reading

Laurel Garver

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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 resurrection-phl.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.

Worship + Potluck Gathering at Woodland Today

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

Easter Sacrificial Offering Recipient: Cada Madre Fund

One of the recipients of this year's Easter Sacrificial Offering is the Cada Madre Fund ("cada madre" means "every mother" in Spanish). This fund was started by Esperanza Health Center, which has been providing medical care in Philadelphia for 30 years. They started this fund a year ago to meet both material and medical needs in the growing population of undocumented, uninsured women receiving care at the clinic. Many of these women come to Philly with nothing and have minimal means to obtain the practical items needed to care for a newborn. In addition to providing funds to assist with material support, our deacons are exploring how we might be able to help women with rides needed to ultrasound appointments. We want to better understand our capacity as a congregation to help in this way before committing to a particular level of support. If you'd be willing to help provide a ride 1-3 times a month, please scan this QR code and complete our survey.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

25 - Woodland Worship +
Potluck

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

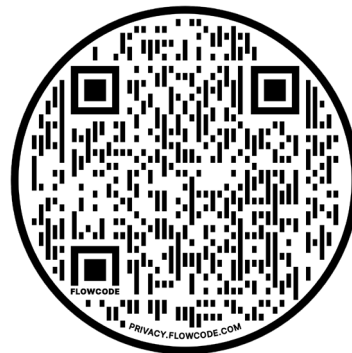
Phone number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

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.

Please tear off this back page and place in the box by the welcome table.



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