



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday February 4, 2024

Marks of the Church's Mission
"SEEKING JUSTICE & RECONCILIATION"

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

To work for healing, restorative justice - whether in individual relationships, in international relations, or anywhere in between - is a primary Christian calling. It determines one whole sphere of Christian behavior. Violence and personal vengeance are ruled out, as the New Testament makes abundantly clear. Every Christian is called to work, at every level of life, for a world in which reconciliation and restoration are put into practice, and so anticipate that day when God will indeed put everything to rights.

-N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian*

Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

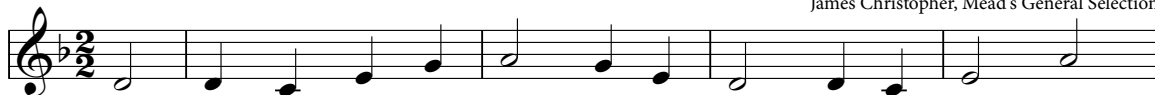
Epiphany follows Christ's birth and points us out from that moment to the world. The Magi traveled from afar to worship Jesus, and their eyes were opened to who God is and what he is doing. The Light is dawning in the darkness, drawing in all peoples. May we, with eyes wide open, see and celebrate the fact that Jesus is the light of the world—and of our lives too.

Welcome

Opening Song

What Wondrous Love Is This

James Christopher, Mead's General Selection



1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2. When I was sin-king down, sin-king down, sin-king down, When
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing; To
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
I was sin-king down, sin-king down, When I was sin-king down be -
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
is the great "I Am"; while mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

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

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

All Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest,

and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

from Psalm 15

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

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.

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God, who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Savior,
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world.

All Amen.

Song of Praise and Adoration

Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

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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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: Micah 6:6-8

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 23:1-4, 23

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them...

²³“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting the others.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“*Seeking Justice & Reconciliation*” – Rev. Vito Baldini

Offertory

All of Your Ways Are Peace

Jessica Fox, Paul Zach, Latifah Alattas, Isaac Wardell, Liz Vice,
Orlando Palmer

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All of your ways are peace, all of your ways are peace.
Though we are pressed on ev'ry side, we trust that you are peace.

All of your words are true, all of your words are true.
Though we have heard so many lies, we trust your words are true.

All of your ways are just, all of your ways are just.
Though we may say it through our tears, we trust that you are just.

All of your ways are peace, all of your ways are peace.
All of your ways are peace, all of your ways are peace.

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.

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.



resurrectionphl.org/give

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 all those who have fallen victim to hatred and inhumanity,
for those loved ones who are left behind to mourn,
for the souls of those whose hearts are cold,
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

For the children who are being born
into this world of conflict and violence,
for the mothers and fathers
who must try to explain the unexplainable,
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

For all those who have been forced into unemployment,
who long to return to work,
for all those who struggle to support their families,
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

For the redemption of souls of both victim and perpetrator,
for those who commit themselves to the forgiveness of sins,
Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

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

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

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

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.

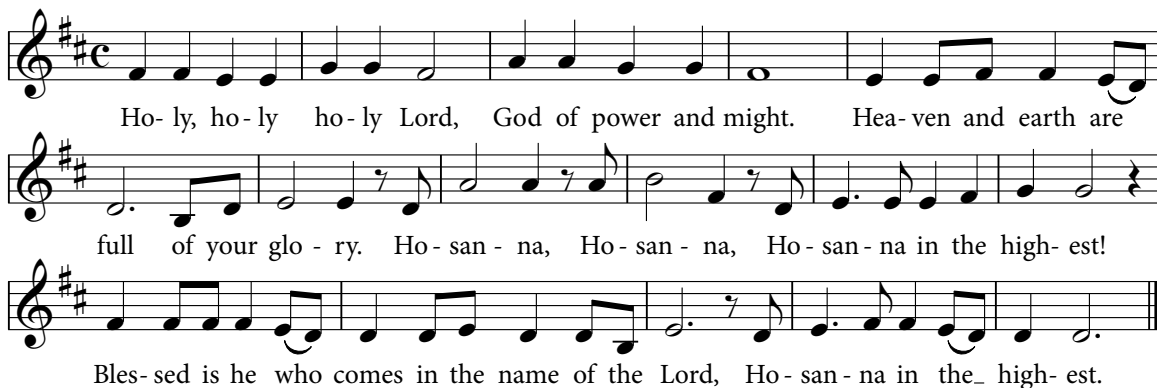
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 you never turn away
and continually send among us
those who seek justice, defend the oppressed,
feed the poor, and bind up the brokenhearted.
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

Illuminate the Shadows

Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell



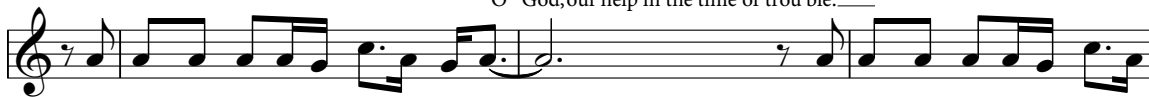
1. Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, and com-fort those who are cast down.
2. Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, and cast the e - vil ru - ler from his throne.
3. Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, till ev' - ry i - dol has been tram-pled on.



Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows; be our__ re - fuge in the time of storm.
Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows; break op-pres-sion with your might-y arm.
Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, till ev' - ry sta - tue comes tumbling down.

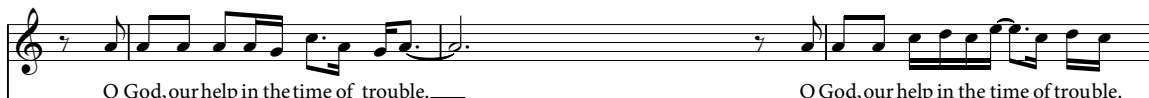


O God, our help in the time of trou ble.____



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Prayer after Communion

All Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power
to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts, George Frideric Handel



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; let earth re -
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - iour reigns; let men their
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; _____ let ev' - ry _____ heart _____ pre - pare him
songs em - ploy; _____ while fields and floods, _____ rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; _____ he comes to _____ make _____ his bles - sings
na - tions prove _____ the glo - ries _____ of _____ his right - eous -



room, _____ and heav'n and na - ture sing, and _____ heav'n and na - ture
plains _____ re - peat the soun - ding joy, re - peat the soun - ding
flow _____ far as the curse is _____ found, far _____ as the curse is _____
- ness, _____ and won - ders of his _____ love, and _____ won - ders of his _____



sing, and _____ heav'n, and heav'n, _____ and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat _____ the soun - ding joy.
found, far _____ as, _____ far as, _____ the curse is found.
love, and _____ won - ders, won - ders, of his love.

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 the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; 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

Elizabeth Laprelle: voice, banjo

Melissa Choi: voice

Jarrett Gilgore: alto saxophone

Andrew Urbina: bass clarinet

Liturgist

Elizabeth Bassett

Scripture Reading

Mae Trieu

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Currie

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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.

Q & A Forum on 2024 Budget After Worship Today

We will have a 15-minute Q&A forum after the service today for anyone who wants to discuss it further. Childcare for Pre-K and below will be extended for 15 minutes.

Intro to Resurrection on Sunday, February 11

Are you new to Resurrection, or have you been around awhile but don't yet feel connected? Join us after the worship service on Sunday, February 11 for Intro to Resurrection. It's a casual first step toward membership but also simply a place to ask questions and help us get to know you better. Please register at resurrectionphl.org/membership.

Elder & Deacon Nominations Open Through Feb 14

If you're a member of Resurrection Philadelphia, please be thinking and praying about who you might nominate to serve as elders and deacons in our church. Nominations will close Wednesday, February 14 at 5 pm. For details on what we're looking for and how to nominate someone, visit resurrectionphl.org/nominate.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 14, 7 pm

Join us as we begin our anticipation of Easter by focusing on our need for the redemption through the season of Lent. Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday Service, which will be held on February 14 at 7 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February

4: 2024 Budget Q & A

11: Intro to Resurrection

14: Ash Wednesday
Service

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

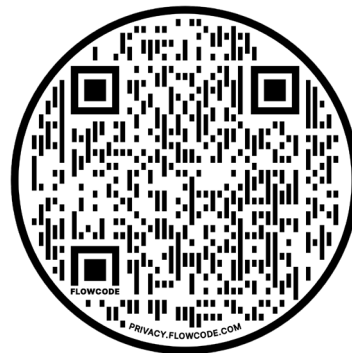
Phone number(s): _____

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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