



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 10, 2024
4th Sunday in Lent

Practicing the Way of Jesus
“SOLITUDE & COMMUNITY”

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

Only in the fellowship do we learn to be rightly alone and only in aloneness do we learn to live rightly in the fellowship. It is not as though the one preceded the other; both begin at the same time, namely with the call of Jesus Christ.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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

Trinity Song

Sandra McCracken



Ho - ly Fath - er, Son, and Spi - rit, Ho - ly com - mun - ion, Three in One.



Come, with your peace, with your in - vi - ta - tion, bind us to - geth - er in ho - ly love.

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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

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**All Why are you so far from helping me,
from the words of my groaning?**

Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

Deliver my soul from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog!

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

from Psalm 22

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
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

For All the Saints

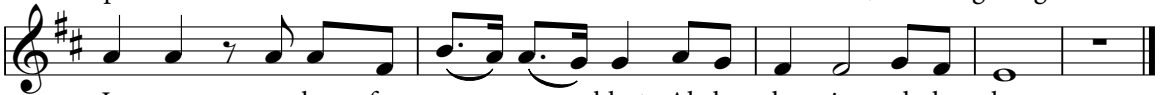
William Walsham How, Christopher Miner



1. For all the saints___ who from their la - bors rest, who thee by
2. Thou wast their rock,___ their for - tress, and their might, thou, Lord, their
3. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the__ west,___ soon, soon to__
4. But lo! there breaks__ a yet more glo - rious day; the saints tri -
5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through gates of__



faith___ be - fore the__ world con - fessed, thy name, O
Cap - tain in the__ well - fought_ fight,___ thou in the
faith - ful war riors_ comes their___ rest,___ sweet is the
um - phant rise in__ bright ar - ray; the King of
pearl___ streams in the__ count - less___ host, sing - ing to



Je - sus, be for - ev - er__ blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.
dark - ness drear, their one_ true light. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.
calm__ of par - a - dise the_ blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.
glo - ry pass - es on__ his_ way. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly__ Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

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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.

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.

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 Word of God

New Testament reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 5:15-26

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

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

¹⁵But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. ¹⁶But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

¹⁷One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; ¹⁹but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. ²⁰When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²²When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? ²⁴But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" —he said to the one who was paralyzed—"I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." ²⁵Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. ²⁶Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Reflection

"Solitude & Community" – Rev. Chris Currie

Offertory

Peace of Christ - Rich Mullins

Though we're strangers, still I love you.
I love you more than your mask.
And I know you have to trust this to be true,
and I know that's much to ask.

You lay down your fears,
come and join this feast,
he has brought us here,
you and me.

And may peace reign down from heaven
like little pieces of the sky,
little keepers of the promise
falling on these souls that drought has dried,
in his blood and in his body,
in this bread and in this wine,
peace to you, peace of Christ to you,
peace to you, peace of Christ to you.

*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.

We pray to you now, O Father, through your Son
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.
Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.
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.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much that you came among us in your Son to suffer and to die. Bless and guide the nations of the world and their leaders, and all who strive for justice and reconciliation, that by God's help the world may live in peace and freedom. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring healing through the wounds of Christ our Savior to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice. Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying to find strength in the companionship of Jesus and his people, and in his passion to know their salvation. 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.

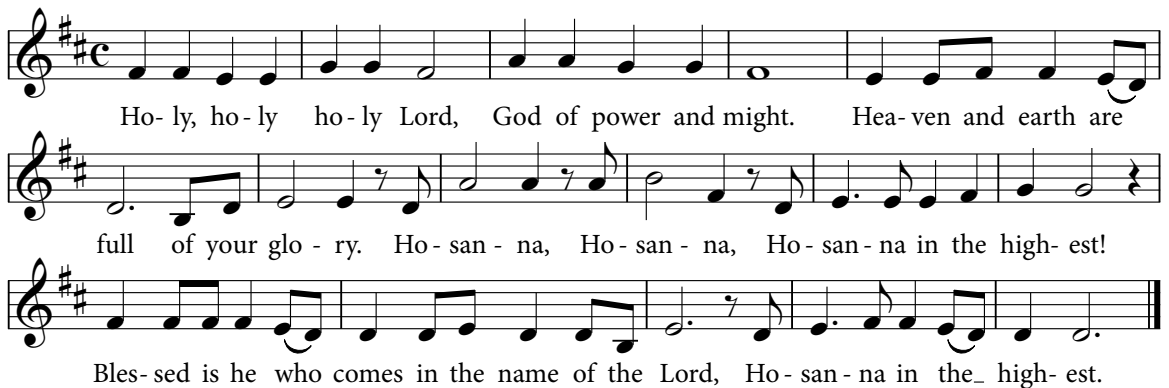
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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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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.

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.

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.

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.

Communion Song

When I Survey

Isaac Watts, trad. Irish melody



1. When I sur - vey _____ the won-drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, _____ that I should boast, save in the
3. See from his head, _____ his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm _____ of nat - ure mine, that were an



prince _____ of _____ glo - ry died, _____ my rich - est gain _____
death _____ of _____ Christ my God. All the vain things _____
love _____ flow - ming - led down; _____ did e'er such love _____
off' - ring far too small; _____ love so a - maz -



— I _____ count but loss and pour con - tempt _____ on all my pride.
— that _____ charm me most, I sac - ri - fice _____ them to his blood.
— and _____ sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose _____ so rich a crown?
- zing, _____ so di - vine, de-mands my soul, _____ my life, my all.

Prayer after Communion

All God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

O for a Thousand Tongues

Charles Wesley, Carl Glaser



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re - dee-mer's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
3. He breaks the pow'r of can-celled sin, he sets the pris'-ner free;
4. He speaks and, list'-ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loos-en'd tongues em - ploy;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the_ tri-umphs of his grace.
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis_ life, and health, and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his_ blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn-ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the_ hum - ble poor be - lieve.
ye blind, be - hold your sa - vior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

6. Glory to God, and praise and love
be ever, ever giv'n,
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

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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 God, who gives patience and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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 Long: voice

Tyler Bussey: guitar

Rob Curto: accordion

Liturgist

Paul Burkhardt

Scripture Reading

Isabelle Trieu

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings.

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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.

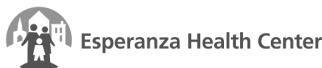
GIVE

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.

Holy Week at Resurrection

We hope you can join us to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We encourage you to invite neighbors and friends as well!

- **Palm Sunday**, March 24 at 9:30 am in Center City; Woodland Gathering + Potluck at 4:30 pm
- **Good Friday**, March 29 at 7:00 pm
- **Easter Sunday**, March 31 at 9:30 am

Philly House Volunteer Needs and Wish List

Philly House has been walking alongside homeless and hungry men in our city for 140 years. They feed, shelter and provide support for some of the most vulnerable in our community. Funds we give through the Easter Sacrificial Offering will help fund a full-time Spiritual Care Coordinator to continue this vital mission. In addition to our financial contribution, there are other ways to give including fulfilling their Amazon wish list, or volunteering. See details at resurrectionphl.org/eso.

Do You Have Daytime Availability? Rides to Ultrasound Appointments Needed!

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 to meet material and medical needs in the growing population of undocumented, uninsured women receiving care at the clinic. Our deacons are exploring how we might be able to help women with rides needed to ultrasound appointments. If you'd be willing to help provide a ride 1-3 times a month, please register your interest on the form linked to at resurrectionphl.org/eso.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

- 15: Classis Worship Service
- 24: Palm Sunday, Woodland Gathering + Potluck
- 29: Good Friday
- 31: Easter Sunday

April

- 7 : Centering Discipleship book discussion

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

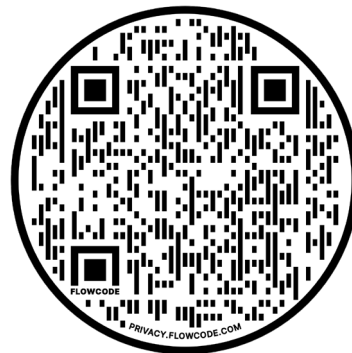
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Email(s): _____

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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