



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 17, 2024
5th Sunday in Lent

Practicing the Way of Jesus
“PRAYER”

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

Faith, I've come to believe, is more craft than feeling. And prayer is our chief practice in that craft.

-Tish Harrison Warren, *Prayer in the Night*

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

How Shall I Fitly Meet Thee

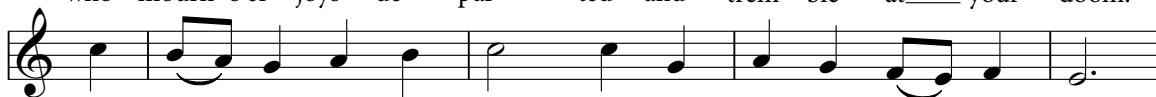
Gerhardt, Hassler, Bach



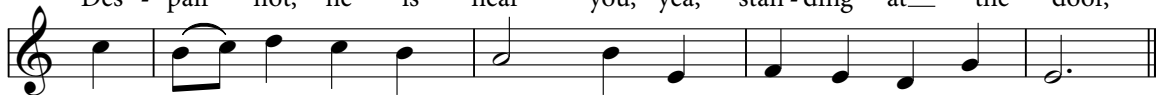
1. How shall I fit - ly meet thee and give thee wel - come due?
2. Love caused thy in - car - na - tion, love brought thee down to me;
3. Re - joice, then, ye sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,



The na - tions long to greet thee, and I would greet thee, too.
thy thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my li - ber - ty.
who mourn o'er joys de - par - ted and trem - ble at your doom.



O Fount of light, shine bright - ly up - on my dark - en'd heart
O love be - yond all tel - ling, that led thee to em - brace,
Des - pair not, he is near you, yea, stan - ding at the door,



that I may serve thee right - ly and know thee as thou art!
in love all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

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

For God alone my soul waits in silence;

All from him comes my salvation.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;

my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;

pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

that power belongs to God,

and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

from Psalm 62

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

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying:
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

Kingdom Come

Nicole C. Mullen



1. Our Fa-ther, in hea ven, please hear me now, I pray. We need you, more than
2. Our Fa-ther, in hea ven, so ho-ly is your name. The an-gels, they a-



e - ver, in a mil-lion diff'r-ent ways. There are wars on ev'-ry land, po-ver
dore you; soon all earth will do the same, where ev'-ry tear that we have cried will be



ty in - side of man, the earth is groan - ing from with-in; de -
com - for - ted and dried. We'll eat from the Tree of Life, and



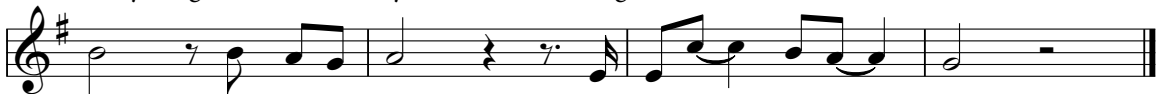
li - ver us a - gain from the e - vil that de - vours, con -
life will ne - ver end, and we'll wor - ship at your throne, where you'll



sume it with your pow'r, we im-plore you now this hour, we pray._
make your glo - ry known, that you are God and God a - lone, and we pray,_



Thy king-dom come, thy will be done, right here on earth, as it is in hea-ven.



Come, 1.set up your throne, and let thy_ king-dom, come.
2.make us your home,

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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

New Testament reading: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 6:5-15

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹“Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“*Prayer*” – 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

Wait for the Lord - Taizé

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Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

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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.

Christ, who fasted in the desert,
give relief to all who are starving.
In your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross,
give strength to all who suffer.
In your mercy

All hear our prayer.

Christ, who died to save us,
give peace to all who seek pardon.
In your mercy

All 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.

And for what else should we pray?

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

In your mercy

All 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.

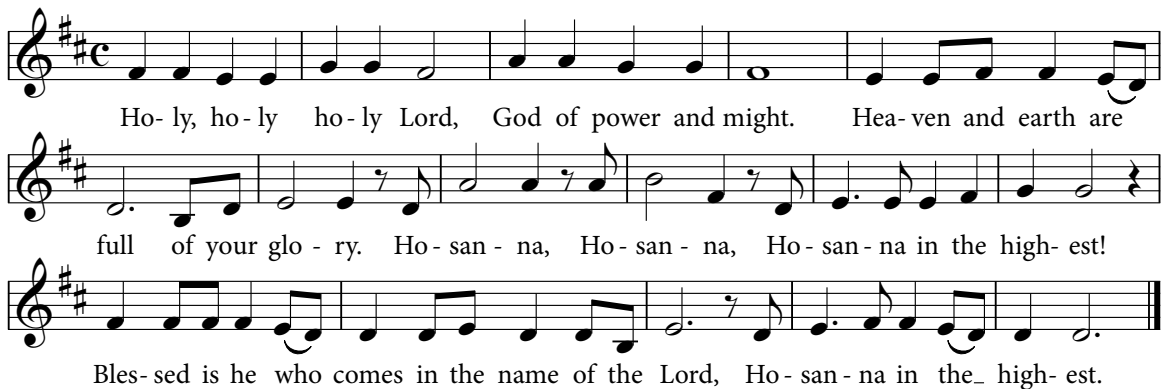
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.
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

My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman, Bethany Brooks



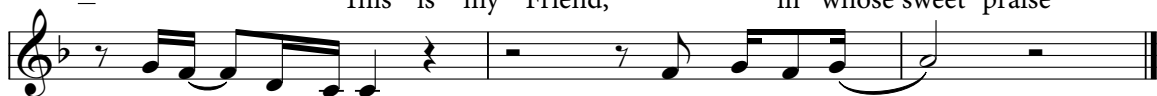
1. My song is love un - known, _ my sav-ior's love to_ me,_
2. He came from his blest throne_ sal - va - tion to bes - tow_
3. In life, no house, no home_ my Lord on earth might have;
4. Here might I stay and sing, _ no sto - ry so di - vine;



love to the love - less shown, that they might love-ly_ be._
but we cared not, and none the longed for Christ would know.
in death no friend-ly_ tomb but what a stran-ger gave.
ne - ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief like thine.



— O who am I, _ that for my sake
— But O, my Friend, my Friend in - deed,
— What may I say? Heav'n was his home,
— This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die? _
who at_ my need his life did spend!_
but mine the tomb where - in he lay. _
I all_ my days could glad-ly spend. _

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Prayer after Communion

All Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life;
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing and Sending

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore



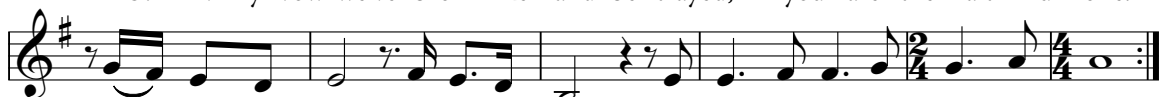
We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored. He has



done great things, we will say to - ge - ther; we will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the LORD our God.
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, my soul, be not a-fraid.
3. Ev'-ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed, you are the faith-ful one.



We are not con-sumed by the flood, up held, pro tec-ted, ga-thered up.
For the pro-mised morn - ing, oh how long? Oh God of Ja-cob, be my strength!
And from the gar- den to the grave, bind us to-ge ther, bring sha - lom.

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GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect you;
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

Ross Bellenoit: guitar

Jaron Olevsky: bass

Chuck Staab: drums

Liturgist

Arlene Navarro

Scripture Reading

Allison Sparrow

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 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.

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

Join in our Community Gift Through the Easter Sacrificial Offering

Resurrection collects an Easter Sacrificial Offering every year as a special outpouring of love at the end of our Lenten fast. This year our deacons have chosen three recipients for our Easter Sacrificial Offering: Cada Madre Fund, through which Esperanza Health Center serves pregnant women with limited resources, Philly House, which serves men facing food and housing insecurity, and the Ukrainian Crisis Church Fund. We've heard from these organizations at our services over the last few weeks. You can give and see service opportunities shared by the organizations at resurrectionphl.org/eso.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March

24: Palm Sunday, Woodland Gathering + Potluck

29: Good Friday

31: Easter Sunday

April

7 : Centering Discipleship book discussion

Help us welcome you.

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Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

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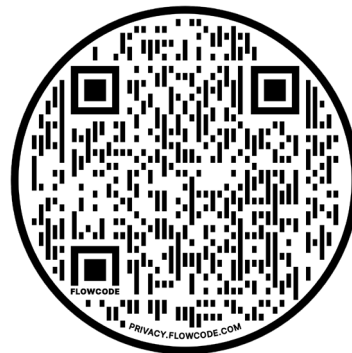
Phone number(s): _____

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.

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