



Sunday December 11, 2022

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

A Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

## Reflection

The Advent season should come as a reminder to us that we can never be, and should not be, adjusted to the world. We are here to proclaim the reality and the imminence of a wholly other world, a world in which different powers rule and different standards operate. We are here to make it possible for ordinary men and women really to believe this, and therefore to live in hope and readiness.

-Lesslie Newbigin, *The Good Shepherd*

# Preparation

## Opening Song *(please stand)*

### *Once in Royal David's City*

Cecil Frances Alexander, Henry Gauntlett



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle\_ shed,
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is God and Lord of\_ all,
3. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
4. Not in that poor low - ly\_ sta - ble, with the ox - en stan - ding by,



where a mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for\_ his bed:  
and his shel - ter was a\_ sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a\_ stall;  
for that Child so dear\_ and\_ gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him, but in\_ hea - ven, set at God's right hand on\_ high,



Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle\_ child.  
with the poor and mean and low - ly lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.  
and he leads his chil - dren on\_ to the place where he\_ is\_ gone.  
when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

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# Opening Prayer

*Concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

## The Lord's Prayer

*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.

# First Lesson

## **Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19**

*God tells Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his offspring will strike the serpent's head.*

<sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel..."

<sup>17</sup>And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

# Carol *(please stand)*

## *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Johannes Olearius, Catherine Winkworth, Johann Schop



1. Com-fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2. For the he - rald's voice is cry - ing in the de - sert far and near,
3. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot ting out each dark mis deed;
4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain:



com-fort those who sit in dark ness, mour ning 'neath their sor row's load.  
bid-ding all men to re - pen tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
all that well de - served his an - ger he will no more see nor heed.  
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign,



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
O that war - ning cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
She has suf - fered many a day, now her griefs have passed a - way,  
for the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad,



tell her that her sins I co - ver, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to e - ver spring - ing glad ness.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that his word is ne - ver bro - ken.

# Second Lesson

## Genesis 22:15-18

*God promises to bless the earth through Abraham's offspring.*

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

## Carol *(please stand)*

### *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

Henry Thomas Smart, James Montgomery



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep herds, in the fields a - bi - ding, watch ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, brigh - ter vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar ben - ding, watch ing long in hope and fear;
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son,



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry now pro claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
God with man is now re - si - ding; yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
seek the great De - sire of na tions; ye have seen his na - tal star.  
sud - den - ly the Lord, des - cen ding, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
e - ver - more your voi - ces rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor ship, come and wor ship, wor ship Christ, the new - born king.

## Third Lesson

### **Isaiah 9:2, 6-7**

*The Prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.*

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

# Carol *(please stand)*

## Lift Up Your Heads

Psalm 24, Weissel, Winkworth, Psalmodia Evangelica



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, be - hold the King of\_\_
2. The Lord is just, a help - er tried, mer - cy is ev - er\_\_
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart, make it a tem - ple\_\_
4. Re - deem - er, come! I op - en wide my heart to thee, here,



glo - ry waits, the King of kings is draw - ing\_\_  
at his side, his king - ly crown is hol - i -  
set a - part from earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner pre - sence\_



near, the sav - ior of\_\_ the\_\_ world is here.  
ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty\_\_ in dis - tress.  
ploy, a - dorned with pray'r\_ and\_\_ love and joy.  
feel, thy grace and love\_\_ in\_\_ me re - veal!

## Fourth Lesson

### Isaiah 11:1-9

*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

## Musical Response *(please remain seated)*

*The Lamb* - text by William Blake, music by John Tavener, arr. Christopher McDonald

Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee  
Gave thee life & bid thee feed.  
By the stream & o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing wooly bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice!  
Little Lamb who made thee  
Dost thou know who made thee

Little Lamb I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb I'll tell thee!  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb:  
He is meek & he is mild,  
He became a little child:  
I a child & thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.  
Little Lamb God bless thee.

# Fifth Lesson

## **Luke 1:26-35, 38**

*The angel Gabriel greets Mary.*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God..."

<sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

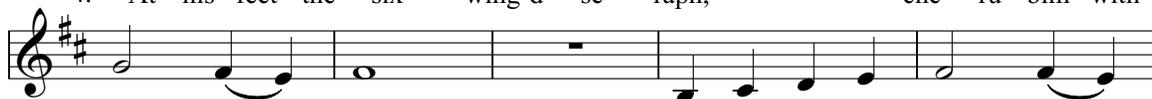
# Carol *(please stand)*

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Gerard Moultrie



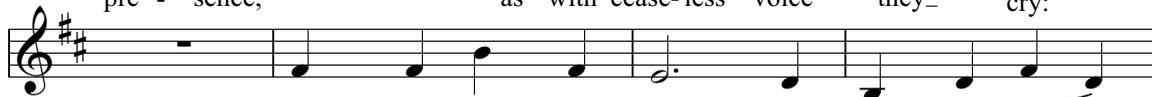
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard
4. At his feet the six wing'd se - raph, che - ru - bim with



tremb - ling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly  
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man  
on the way, as the Light of light des -  
sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



min - ded, for with bles - sing in his hand,  
ves - ture, in the bo - dy and the blood;  
cend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
pre - sence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth des - cend -  
he will give to all the faith -  
that the pow'rs of hell may va -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



eth, our full ho - mage to de - mand.  
ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
nish as the dark - ness clears a way.  
- ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!

# Sixth Lesson

## Luke 2:1-7

*Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## Carol *(please stand)*

### *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Polish carol, paraphrased by Edith M. G. Reed



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep herds keep - ing vi - gil till the mor ning new



ox - en lo - wing, lit - tle kno - wing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of a gos - pel true.



Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, ti - dings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prai ses voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

## Seventh Lesson

### **Luke 2:8-16**

*The shepherds go to the manger.*

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

# Carol (please stand)

## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

African-American spiritual, John Wesley Work Jr.



Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev' - ry - where.



Go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



1. While shep-herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,

2. The shep-herds feared and tremb - led when lo! a - bove the earth

3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



be - hold through-out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light. —  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - iour's birth. —  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. —

## Eighth Lesson

### Matthew 2:1-12

*The wise men seek Jesus.*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

<sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

# Carol *(please stand)*

## *As with Gladness Men of Old*

William C. Dix, Conrad Kocher, William Monk



1. As with glad-ness, men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly man-ger bed
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev'-ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright, need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light lead-ing on-ward, beam ing bright  
there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious God, may we e-ver-more be led to thee.  
so may we with wil-ling feet e-ver seek thy mer-cy seat.  
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.  
there for-e-ver may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King!

# Ninth Lesson

## **John 1:1-14**

*John unfolds the mystery of the Incarnation.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

<sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## Reflection

Rev. Chris Currie

## Musical Response *(please remain seated)*

*shimmer of another river* - Joshua Stamper

*O Oriens* - Malcolm Guite

First light and then first lines along the east  
To touch and brush a sheen of light on water,  
As though behind the sky itself they traced  
The shift and shimmer of another river  
Flowing unbidden from its hidden source;  
The Day-Spring, the eternal Prima Vera.  
Blake saw it too. Dante and Beatrice  
Are bathing in it now, away upstream . . .  
So every trace of light begins a grace  
In me, a beckoning. The smallest gleam  
Is somehow a beginning and a calling:  
'Sleeper awake, the darkness was a dream  
For you will see the Dayspring at your waking,  
Beyond your long last line the dawn is breaking.'

# Sending Carol *(Please stand)*

## Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn

1. Hark! The he - rald an - gels sing, — “Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored; Christ the e - ver - las - ting Lord;  
3. Hail the heav’n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!”  
late in time, be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, — join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God head see; — hail th’in - car - nate de - i - ty, —  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die. —

with th’an - gel - ic host pro - claim, “Christ is — born in Beth - le - hem!”  
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus — our Em - ma - nu - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to — give them se - cond birth.

Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry — to the new - born king!”

## Benediction

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* Amen.

Let us go forth to serve the world  
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## **Musicians**

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Sarah Long: voice

Peace Ike: voice, percussion

Bethany Danel Brooks: keyboards, voice

Tyler Bussey: guitar, banjo

Joshua Stamper: guitar

Alec Spiegelman: winds

Koofreh Umoren: trumpet, flugelhorn

Matt Scarano: drums

Jeremy McDonald: bass

**Choir:** Kim Dengler, Mary Thompson, Abigail Sparrow, Allison Sparrow, Mekenzie Williams, Ted Voboril, Kari Sexauer, Sarah Kleinschmidt, Elisa Chodan, Emily Evilsizor

**Arrangements** by Christopher McDonald, Joshua Stamper, and Bethany Danel Brooks, with additional contributions from Alec Spiegelman

**Bulletin cover art** by Janelle Delia

**Sanctuary Art Installation: *Coming*** by Kately Towsley

*Coming is an Advent-themed textile installation work that features nine hanging cloths. Each cloth is covered in handwritten text that corresponds with the nine scriptures read at our service this evening. The words on the cloth are tangible, paralleling our celebration of the Word's incarnation in Christ's first coming. The cloth is also hung in a way that could be interpreted as ascending or descending, just as the Word has been given to us from heaven and yet is lifted up again through our contemplation and worship.*

*The painted abstract on cloth at the front of the sanctuary above the baptistery is inspired by the poem, 'O Oriens' (see page 20).*

*May these works and words enrich our consideration, remembrance, and adoration of our Lord Jesus who has come— and will surely come again.*

# CONNECT

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** Gathering missionally throughout the week for times of service, fellowship, prayer, and deeper study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people, and most meet weekly. If you are looking for a way to connect with and care for the people around you, join the group nearest you! Go to [www.resurrectionphl.org/communitygroups](http://www.resurrectionphl.org/communitygroups) to see more details and to reach out to a group leader for one of the groups below.

## West Philly

- 45th & Larchwood, Sundays 9am
- 48th & Larchwood, Thursdays 7:00pm
- 48th & Walton, every other Sunday 4pm
- 48th & Baltimore, every other Thursday 6:45pm
- Spruce Hill Area, Tuesdays 7pm

## Western Burbs

- Western Burbs (Zoom), every other Thursday, 8pm

## Center-City

- Old City, Wednesdays 6:45p

## Fairmount

- Fairmount #1, weekly, Sundays 4pm
- Fairmount #2, 1st & 3rd Sundays 5pm at Common Table

## South Philly

- Passyunk Square, various meeting times during the month
- Italian Market, Wednesdays, 7pm
- Point Breeze, Tuesdays, 7pm

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**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. The **"Ends of the Earth" Sunday evening program** runs on nights we have Common Table and invites kids to explore what it means to be a global disciple of Christ through music, games, and age-group classes. Contact Terri Taylor, [terri@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:terri@resurrectionphl.org)
- **Resurrection Youth, Sundays 5-7 pm.** Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at the Center City building to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Contact Elizabeth Bassett, [youthleader@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:youthleader@resurrectionphl.org)

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Resurrection hosts a weekly group for undergrads that meets on Penn's campus at 7pm each Wednesday. Both undergraduate and graduate students are also invited to participate in a student fellowship that will meet during Resurrection's Common Table gathering that happens on 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings. Reach out to Ryan McCormick ([ryan@resurrectionphl.org](mailto: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](http://resurrectionphl.org/practices)
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox [resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer](http://resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer) to help you get started.

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# 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](http://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

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# 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

**Cookies, Cocoa & Carols at Woodland Annex, Sunday, Dec. 18 at 4 pm** All are welcome to come to the Annex (42nd + Pine) for Christmas caroling, cookies & cocoa. If the weather is good, we'll have a firepit going — if inclement, we'll move inside to Kirk Hall.

**Serve Breakfast with Emmanuel on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve** Emmanuel ministry, which provides meals for neighbors experiencing food insecurity, is looking for volunteers to help on Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31. Sign up at [resurrectionphl.org/emmanuel](http://resurrectionphl.org/emmanuel) if you can help!

**Christmas Eve Service at 5 pm** All are welcome to a family-friendly Christmas Eve service on Saturday, December 24 at 5 pm

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### December

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- 18** Cookies, Cocoa & Carols @ Woodland, 4 pm
- 24** Christmas Eve Service @ CC, 5 pm
- 25** Worship Service @ CC, 10:30 am

### January

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- 1** Worship Service @ WCHS, 10:30am
- 22** Faith + Work Common Table @ CC, 5 pm

# Help us welcome you.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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