

Sunday May 19, 2024 Pentecost

"PENTECOST"

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 <u>resurrectionphl.org</u> 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

The Spirit is given to begin the work of making God's future real in the present.... Just as the resurrection of Jesus opened up the unexpected world of God's new creation, so the Spirit comes to us from that new world, the world waiting to be born, the world in which, according to the old prophets, peace and justice will flourish and the wolf and the lamb will lie down side by side.

-N. T. Wright, Simply Christian

Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

The word 'Pentecost' comes from the Greek meaning simply 'fiftieth'. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and symbolizes a new beginning. It celebrates the unleashing of the Holy Spirit on the world and the empowering of the church to reach the world with the gospel. In remembering Pentecost and living in light of this powerful turning point the church expresses gratitude to Christ for sending "another counselor" (John 14:16), celebrates the work of the Spirit in the renewal of all creation, and professes its confidence and security in knowing the Spirit's power is available for its mission.

Welcome

Opening Song



Opening of Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All Let us praise and bless God for ever.

Responsive Reading

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

All In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures,

living things both small and great.

All of these creatures look to you,

and you give them their food in due season.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust.

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

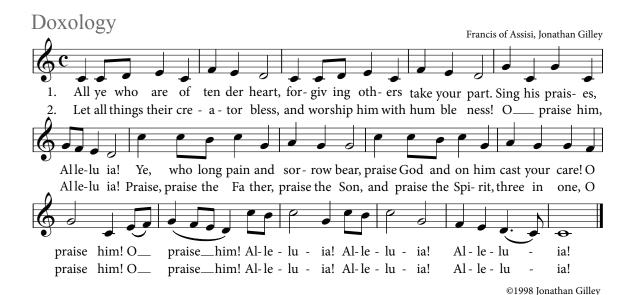
Let us praise the LORD!

from Psalm 104

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.



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.

Responsive Reading

As we wait in silence,

All fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping,

fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,

fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Renewal

Blessed are you, sovereign God and eternal Father.

Daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth,

bringing strength out of weakness,

hope out of despair, and life out of death.

By the power of your Spirit,

bless us with your acceptance and adoption,

your equipping and empowering.

Form in us the likeness of Christ,

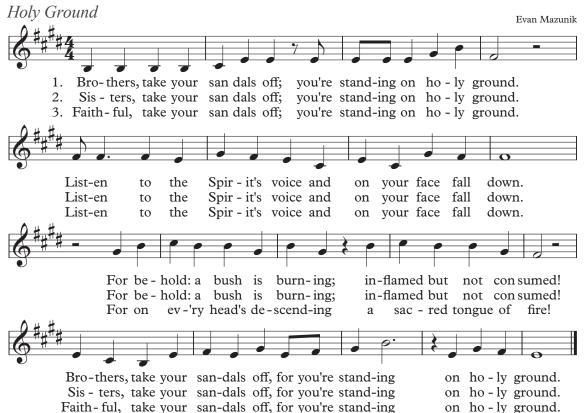
that we may be witnesses of your astonishing love,

and fill us afresh with life in all its fullness.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God forever.

Song of Praise and Adoration



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

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning...

⁴"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment,

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. because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

"Pentecost" - Rev. Chris Currie

Offertory

New World Coming - Bryan Moyer Suderman

There's a new world coming – it's already here! There's a new world on its way.

There's a new world coming – it's already here!

Let's begin to live that way.

Can you imagine the big, bad wolf making friends with the lamb? Every creature in harmony with a little child leading them.

Can you imagine the city streets filled with health and joy?

Old men and women who live in peace and the laughter of girls and boys.

Can you imagine the world restored? Earth and heavens too? Right at home with the One who says: "I am making all things new!"

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.

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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The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

> We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may walk according to his ways. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to make us wise to understand your will. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the life and peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to set our minds upon him wherever you send us. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness, and sorrow. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you for the grace to show your generosity to others. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole church in his freedom and life. Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

And for what else should we pray?

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 *Iesus Christ and with* his people, the church. Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence 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.

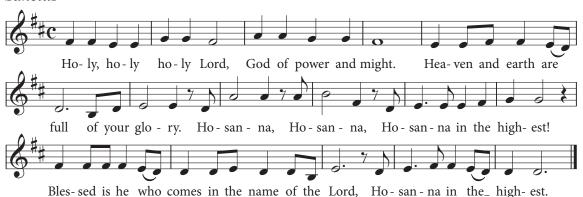
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in fulfillment of your promise you pour your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus



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. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree 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:

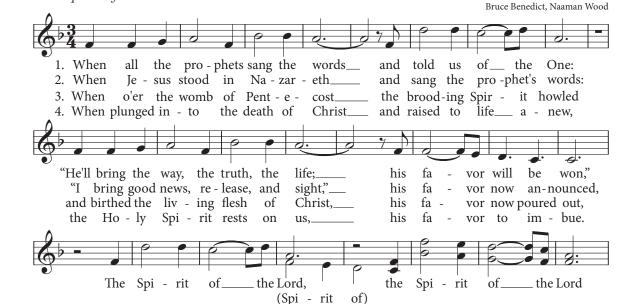
Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia! All

Communion Song The Spirit of the Lord



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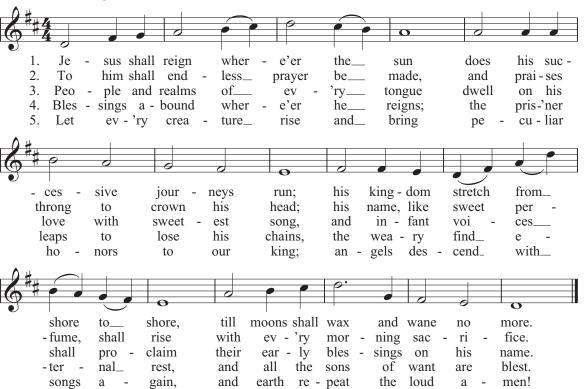
Prayer after Communion

All Faithful God,

you fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us the gift of your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: united now in this breaking of bread, open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may celebrate your glory. Amen.

Blessing and Sending

Jesus Shall Reign



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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

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world began and who set the church afire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of Christ, who died, but now lives and reigns forever; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Filled with the Spirit's power, go forth in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

"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

Sarah Kleinschmidt: voice

Koof Ibi: trumpet Matt Engle: bass

Doug Hirlinger: drums

Children's choir led by Elisa Chodan

Liturgist

Arlene Navarro

Scripture Reading

Allison Sparrow

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

Easter Season Sanctuary Installation

Ambitions / Ladders / Abundance

Wounded Lamb (Center)

Where are my ambitions leading me?

Jacob's Ladder Diptych (Left)

Where does heaven meet earth?

Town Center (Right)

Who might be affected if I embraced a spirit of abundance?

Thank you to Resurrection Philadelphia for inviting me to install these works for Holy Week. I find a lot of satisfaction in the intriguing and puzzling textural relationship between cardboard and decaying fresco. This material dialogue became the impetus for my installation.

Caleb Stoltzfus

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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





REDEMPTION HOUSING















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.

Church-Wide Picnic on Memorial Day

Plan to kick-off the summer with the Resurrection community at a church-wide picnic on Monday, May 27 at Belmont Grove (1800 Belmont Mansion Dr) in Fairmount Park. We'll start gathering around 11 and aim to eat around 12 pm. Plan to bring a blanket or chairs, and any lawn games you'd enjoy sharing. The church will provide burgers and hot dogs, and we'll organize a sign up for sides and desserts.

Toddler Free Play to Continue this Summer!

We've been meeting lots of toddlers and parents or caregivers through Toddler Free Play and will be continuing to meet over the summer. We meet at the Woodland Lawn and Annex (401 S. 42nd St) from 9:30 to 11:30 am on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Feel free to bring neighbors or friends: free play for the kiddos and conversation and connection time for the adults.

Seeking Shalom: Vulnerable families Sunday, June 9 After Worship

There are over 3,000 children in foster care in the city of Philadelphia. Imagine what it would be look like for Resurrection Church to be a community that cares for children both "in the system" and those at risk. How do we seek shalom not only for the child, but for the entire family? Even if you can't be a foster parent, there are ways to help. This seminar will explore:

- Foster Care in Philadelphia
- Safe Families program
- CarePortal: An online platform connecting families with church-based resources

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May

27 - Church-wide picnic

June

23 - Gathering @ Woodland

July

28 - Gathering @ Woodland

August

5-8 - Resurrection Kids' Camp

25 - Woodland Gathering

Help us welcome you.

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Children & their ages:	
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Prayer Requests	
Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly of Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.	on 4th Sundays.

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