

TO ALL WHO WILL COME CHURCH OPENS DOGS WIDE HER DOGS

2024 FALL GUIDE

Welcome

I want to welcome you to PCPC. We know there's a lot in this Fall Guide, but we hope it's more than a menu, more than a flood of information. We want to shepherd you toward being a healthy member or participant in the life of our church.

As you consider where the Lord is calling you to *connect, abide, and extend,* our hope is that you will:

- Join us regularly in corporate worship for all ages on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. (Chapel), 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary).
- Find a community that makes the big church smaller and helps you become more like Jesus (see the "Connect" section in this guide).
- Find a way to serve the Lord inside or outside the walls of the church (see the "Extend" section in this guide).

Some of our people get involved in more than one smaller community, and some find more than one way to serve. It is not our desire that you would do everything, but that the Lord would lead you to a few things that help you *connect*, *abide*, and *extend*. If you can only do one thing, we hope that you'll prioritize the joy of worshiping the Lord together on Sunday morning.

- Mark Davis, Senior Pastor



Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to

EXTEND

of the Kingdom of our

Lord Jesus Christ in

Dallas and to the world.



Connect to Christ AND ONE ANOTHER

In John 15, Jesus gives us a beautiful vision of a healthy group of believers. Drawing from the rich biblical imagery of God's people being like a vineyard, Jesus reveals Himself as "the true vine," the one in whom true life is found (v. 1). He warns that apart from Him we are fruitless, helpless, and condemned (vv. 5-7). But He also promises that all who connect to Him by faith will be united to Him, bear fruit through Him, and experience fullness of joy (vv. 3-4, 11).

If we are connected to Jesus, the true vine, we are also immediately and intimately connected with every other believer as fellow branches (v. 5). For us as a church, this means the first and most foundational thing we do is to be God's means to connect people to Christ and His Church personally.



CHILDREN

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We want to provide a safe, loving environment as we connect our youngest disciples to the love of God through Jesus Christ. Our hope is to partner with parents as they prepare their children for a lifetime of abiding in Christ and extending Him to others. We have a nursery for newborns 3 months through 3-year olds (Lower Level), classes for preschoolers 3 years old through kindergarten (Level One), and elementary-age kids 1st through 5th grade (Level Two).

Communicants Class – Fall & Spring

First Friday & bEfriend - Monthly

Pumpkin Gospel - Oct. 4

Second Grade Bibles - Oct. 6

Parent Equipping Event – Nov. 13

Family Advent Service - Dec. 8

CHOIRS

PCPC.ORG/CHOIRS

Our choirs are filled with people who love God, love to sing, and love to help others sing. We meet weekly and welcome new members, preschool through adult.

Chancel Adult Choir
Children's & Youth Choirs
Musikgarten

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES

PCPC.ORG/COMMUNITIES

Sunday Morning Communities (SMC) cultivate a space for adults to connect more deeply to Christ through the teaching of God's Word in fellowship with one another. Each SMC varies in size and reflects the unique character of what its members share in common, even as it extends an invitation to all—young and old, single and married, those with children, and those without.

MARRIAGE

PCPC.ORG/MARRIAGE

We long to see vibrant relationships that reflect God's love for us in the Gospel. Our marriage ministry serves pre-married, newly married, and established married couples through classes such as UNION, our pre-marriage course, and relengage, a course for all married couples. We also have Foundation Groups which are small groups for newlyweds that study and discuss biblical marriage.

UNION – begins Sept. 10 **Foundation Groups** – Ongoing

MEN

PCPC.ORG/MEN

PCPC offers opportunities for men to abide in God's Word, connect by sharing life, and extend Christ to others. We are especially interested in helping men internalize the Gospel for themselves and integrate the life of Christ into all of life.

Men's Care Groups – Fall & Spring

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study
– begins Sept. 10

The Call Bible Study – begins Sept. 11
Focus Bible Study for Men, Women,
& Couples – begins Sept. 11
Helping Hands – Sept. 7 & Nov. 16

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

PCPC.ORG/MEMBERSHIP

This class meets on Sunday mornings in the fall and spring and serves both as an introduction to our church as well as a guide toward membership.

Fall Class – begins Sept. 8 Spring Class – begins Jan. 12

PARISH MINISTRY

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PCPC.ORG/PARISH

A parish makes the big church smaller as we seek to live as Christ's people in our neighborhoods. We currently have 20 parishes across DFW.

THIRD THIRD & SENIOR ADULTS

PCPC.ORG/CALENDAR

The focus of these ministries is on the more mature and experienced in life and faith who have a need for learning, fellowship, and sharing with others in ministry.

Senior Adult Fellowships – Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, & Dec. 6

State Fair Day - Oct. 17

Third Third Luncheon - Nov. 3 & Dec. 1

VESPERS

Make your week strong! Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., we gather in the Chapel for a brief evening prayer service that features a contemplative liturgy of prayers, Scripture readings, hymns, and Communion. The service is led by our pastors and is open to all.

What group are you a part of that helps you connect with others at PCPC?



WOMEN

PCPC.ORG/WOMEN

We offer many places for women to connect, abide, and extend Christ through studying, praying, and sharing together. Our theme this year is "Declare", and we want you to join us in declaring God's excellencies and marvelous work!

Bible Studies – begin Sept. 10-12

The Bridge – Oct. 15

Restore: Semi-Silent Retreat – Nov. 1-2

Advent Prayer – Dec. 3

YOUNG ADULTS

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This ministry serves three different life stages—singles, couples, and families— who are primarily, but not absolutely, in their 20s to late 30s. All updated news/information can be found on IG.

Pickleball & Popsicles – Sept. 26

Solitude Saturday – Oct. 19

Night of Worship – Nov. 7

Friendsgiving – Nov. 21

Service Saturday – Dec. 7

YOUTH

PCPC.ORG/YOUTH

We believe that relationships are crucial for discipleship, so we offer multiple ways for students in grades 6-12 to build relationships with one another and with our team of staff and volunteers.

Communicants Class - Fall & Spring

Middle School – Sundays, 6-8 grade at 11:00 a.m. in the Hangout & Gym.

Middle School: Fall Retreat - Oct. 4-6

High School – Sundays, 9-12 grade at 11:00 a.m. in The Loft (Level Two).

High School: The Gathering – Monthly **Small Groups** – Weekly





Abide in Christ

The most repeated word in John 15 is, "abide." Abide means to dwell, to live with. By grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we are inseparably united with Christ and called to a life-long journey of growing in Him. Christian formation cultivates an abiding life in Christ by participating in the work of God's free grace. Our hope for the people of Park Cities Presbyterian Church is that through their time in this community their lives will abide more deeply in Christ, so that their minds are filled with the truth and beauty of Christ, their hearts are captivated by the love of God, and their lives joyfully extend, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

ESSENTIAL PATHS TO CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PCPC.ORG/CHRISTIAN-FORMATION

Believing

We seek to know and love God by growing in understanding of the Bible and truths for life collected in faithful doctrine.

Bible | Doctrine

Praying

We seek to receive and rest in Christ alone, listening and speaking to God as beloved children, by the help of His Spirit, captivated by the love of God, turning away from sin and turning to life in Jesus.

Prayer | Renewal

Extending

We seek to cultivate a spirit of glad generosity, extending the transforming presence of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in word and way of life.

Generosity | Evangelism

FAITH & CULTURE

PCPC.ORG/FAITHANDCULTURE

As Christians, we have the privilege of applying our faith in the context of the challenging world we live in. But we often struggle with knowing how to do that.

PRAYER

PCPC.ORG/PRAYER

Prayer is a key component to abiding in Christ. We have All-Church Prayer, Abide: A Prayer Book, and other opportunities to grow in prayer throughout the year.

All-Church Prayer - Oct. 6

Women's Semi-Silent Retreat - Nov. 1-2

Women's Advent Prayer - Dec. 3

Prayer for Missionaries & Ukraine
– Monthly

CARE & COUNSELING

PCPC.ORG/CARE

We believe that the Church is God's instrument to CARE for people as they really are, in all the unique ways God has created each person as an individual, and in all the difficult ways that brokenness, doubt, and frustration has come to bear on his or her story.

Women's Care Groups - Fall & Spring

Men's Care Groups - Fall & Spring

DivorceCare - Fall & Spring

GriefShare - Begins Sept. 10

Advent Memorial Service - Dec. 4

Deep Light Podcast – (search "Deep Light Podcast" on Spotify, Google, Apple, and others)



Are you abiding in Christ through Scripture and prayer?



Extend Christ

One of the great surprises of John 15 is that Jesus entrusts His mission as the vine to us as branches. Just as the Father appointed Him, so now Jesus has appointed us (vv. 15-16). This means extending His self-sacrificial love to one another (vv. 12-13, 17). And this means going out to proclaim that the Kingdom of God has come in Jesus Christ, and to pray that God would bear much fruit through us (vv. 15-16). For us as a church, this means the third and most far-reaching thing we do is to extend Christ.

YOUR CHURCH

SERVE WITH US!

PCPC.ORG/VOLUNTEER or PCPC APP
PCPC has many volunteer
opportunities including PCPC Kids,
Helping Hands, First Friday &
bEfriend, and our Frontline Ministry.
Begin today!

Helping Hands - Sept. 7 & Nov. 16

YOUR CITY

CITY MISSIONS

PCPC.ORG/CITY-MISSIONS

We encourage and equip PCPC members to extend Christ through Gospel-centered relationships and cross-cultural ministry, especially with the least, the lost, and the lonely. We seek to raise awareness for issues faced within an inner-city context, serve alongside our ministry partners, and be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in Dallas.

Project Workday – Oct. 5

Church in the City Luncheon - Nov. 17

Thrive: Cookies with Santa – Nov. 23

Boxes of Blessing – Dec. 7

ESL – Fall & Spring Classes

PERFORMING ARTS

PCPCCONCERTS.ORG

The PCPC concert series exists to proclaim the excellencies of Jesus Christ through music and other artistic media. These public events are presented each year by our church choirs as well as many guest artists.

Tenebrae Concert - Nov. 10

Candlelight Christmas – Dec. 15

YOUR WORLD

GLOBAL MISSIONS & CHURCH PLANTING

PCPC.ORG/GLOBAL

At PCPC, we envision a church where every member is a world Christian who understands the "global-ness" of the Church's mission and is eager to serve the purposes of God globally.

RUF-I Welcome Party – Aug. 24

Missionary Mailings – Sept. 22

Short-Term Missions Focus - Oct 20

RUF-I Thanksgiving - Nov. 22



Are you extending Christ from your neighborhood to the nations?

Weekdays at PCPC



For more, visit pcpc.org/calendar

MONDAY

9:00 A.M. Musikgarten (Babies/Toddlers)

9:00 A.M. Mom's Chapel School Co-op (Preschoolers)

9:30 A.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)

TUESDAY

7:00 A.M. Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Men)

9:30 A.M. Precepts (Women)

9:50 A.M. A Mother's Heart (Women)

6:30 P.M. Precepts (Women)

6:30 P.M. A Mother's Heart (Women)

6:45 P.M. GriefShare (Care/Counseling)

7:00 P.M. UNION (Pre-Marriage)

7:00 P.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 A.M. Early Morning Bible Study (Women)

9:30 A.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)

9:30 A.M. Wednesday Watchmen (Women)

4:00 P.M. Cherub Choir (4-5 year olds)

4:30 P.M. Carol & Chapel Choirs (Grades K-1 & 2-4)

5:00 P.M. Covenant Choir (Grades 5-8)

5:30 P.M. Midweek Dinner

5:30 P.M. Vespers Service

6:00 P.M. The Call – Pete Deison (Men) 6:45 P.M. DivorceCare (Care/Counseling)

6:45 P.M. Focus (Men, Women, & Couples Bible Study)

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir (Adult)

7:00 P.M. Young Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY

10:00 A.M. Thursday Morning Bible Study (Women)
7:00 P.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)
7:00 P.M. Men's Care Groups (Care/Counseling)





Special Events

Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24

WinterGrace: God's Grace in Christ Alone - Feb. 1-2

PCA Women's Conference - Apr. 4-5

Holy Week - Apr. 13-20

High School Florida Trip – May 24-30

Vacation Bible School - Jun. 3-6

BEHOLD THE LAMB - SERMON SERIES

This fall, we begin a year-long journey through the Gospel of John. We have entitled the sermon series "Behold the Lamb." We will soak in the Gospel account, meditating upon moments like the wedding in Cana, the seven I AM statements declared by Jesus, and the moment at the empty tomb where John looked inside and "saw and believed" that Jesus had risen (John 20:8). We encourage your faithfulness to worship with us each week and invite neighbors, family, and friends to join us. Each week's sermon will be posted on YouTube, Facebook, podcast, and pcpc.org for you to share with others (PCPC.ORG/RESOURCES).

WINTERGRACE 2025

Please be sure to save the date for our annual WinterGrace event the weekend of February 1-2, 2025. WinterGrace is an on-campus retreat for our whole congregation to be refreshed in God's grace through fellowship, learning, music, and worship. Our focus will be God's Grace in Christ Alone.

MY PCPC PROFILE & NEWSLETTERS

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To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



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