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NEW

JOURNAL

Park Cities Presbyterian

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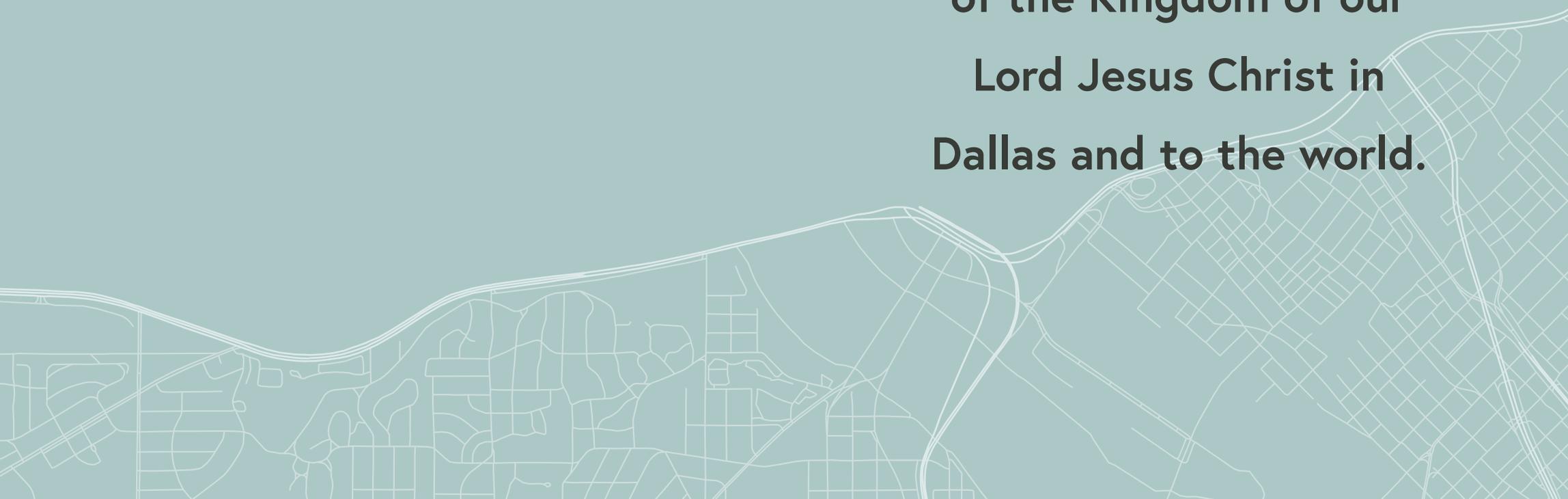
EXTEND

the transforming presence

of the Kingdom of our

Lord Jesus Christ in

Dallas and to the world.



TO ALL

who are spiritually
weary and seek rest

who mourn and long
for comfort

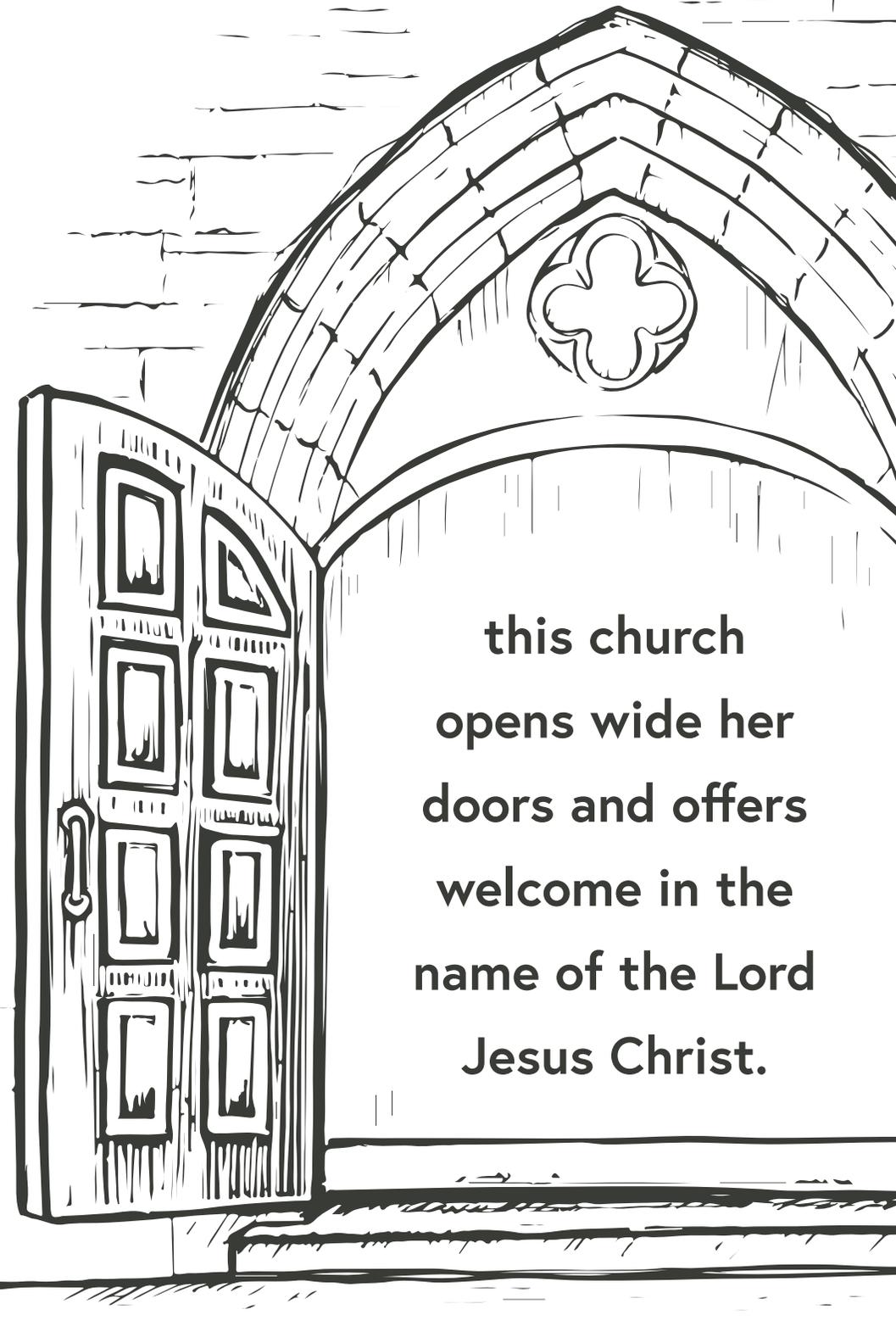
who struggle and
desire victory

who sin and need
a Savior

who are strangers and
want fellowship

who hunger and thirst
after righteousness

who will come



**this church
opens wide her
doors and offers
welcome in the
name of the Lord
Jesus Christ.**

ALL IN

"And Jesus said to them,
'Follow me.'"

Since May of 1991, the members of Park Cities Presbyterian Church have sought to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus has rescued us from our sins and has called us His own. In doing so, He has established our primary and permanent identity: we are His beloved daughters and sons. No other identity comes close to being as important or bringing such security.

As His people, we desire to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever—just like we teach our covenant children. This is a worthy goal, for Jesus said, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples" (John 15:8). As His disciples, we bring the Father glory by bearing fruit—much fruit!

How can we bear fruit? Only by living in our abiding relationship with Jesus. As we abide in Jesus, His promised Helper, the Holy Spirit, lives in us and works in us to bear the fruit that brings our Heavenly Father glory. This is the work of His transforming presence. Praise God for His faithfulness!

As we approach our 30th anniversary, we are eager to continue knowing and experiencing the transforming presence of Christ and His Kingdom. As we experience the grace of this call of discipleship in our own lives, we long to extend to others the same Good News of Jesus that has been extended to us. For when Jesus said, "Follow me," He finished the sentence by saying, "And I will make you fishers of men." We are reminded, "What goes deepest to the heart goes widest to the world."

At this significant moment in our life together as a church, we are eager to RE|ENTER, REMEMBER, and RENEW our love for Christ. As we RE|ENTER, we will REMEMBER His faithfulness to us. As we listen to His Word and Spirit, we will be reminded of His story of redemption, how He has extended His grace, mercy, and love to us. As we REMEMBER His promises fulfilled in Christ, we will also hear His call to go and make His story of redemption known—to extend His Kingdom.

Ultimately, we want to reaffirm what we believe about the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel, and we want to RENEW our vows to Him. Over the next 7 weeks, we are asking Him to show us how we can bring Him glory by experiencing and extending His transforming presence.

As we move forward on this journey together, we will share what it means to connect to Christ and to one another, to abide in Christ, and to extend Christ. From our times together on Sunday mornings, to weekly videos telling stories of rescue and transformation, to this journal, we all will have the opportunity to seek the Lord's face and to be transformed by His presence. We believe deeply that the Lord has called our church family to this moment, and we long for every member to join us. We invite you to RE|ENTER, REMEMBER, and RENEW. Come experience again the wonder of His transforming presence. He is everything, and we long to be all in.

HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL

Set aside specific time each week to go over the questions. You may choose to do a little each day or a longer period of time in one or two sittings.

Take your time as you reflect upon these questions and exercises. You may be able to answer some questions quickly. Others will require you to linger for a while. But we believe the exercise is worth your time.

Write your answers down. You may not be much of a writer, but writing slows us down and helps us think.

Share your reflections with others (spouse, small group, friend, etc.) who can help you process how the Lord is moving in your life.

If you miss a week of journaling, that's okay, just start again. You can pick up where you left off at any time.

Listening to the sermon and watching the related videos (pcpc.org/re-enter) should help you engage these questions.

Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate your heart and mind as you listen and reflect on how the Lord is leading you.

WEEK

**CONNECT
TO CHRIST**

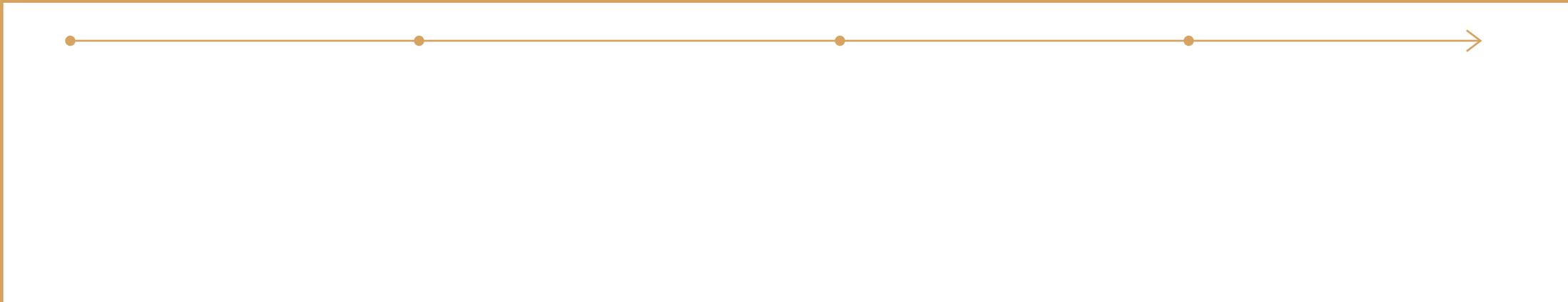
But the hour is coming,
and is now here, when
the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit
and truth, for the Father
is seeking such people to
worship Him. **John 4:23**

And let us consider how
to stir up one another
to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet
together, as is the habit
of some, but encouraging
one another, and all
the more as you see
the Day drawing near.
Hebrews 10:24-25

One generation shall commend
Your works to another, and shall
declare Your mighty acts. On
the glorious splendor of Your
majesty, and on Your wondrous
works, I will meditate. They
shall speak of the might of
Your awesome deeds, and I
will declare Your greatness.
They shall pour forth the fame
of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your
righteousness. **Psalms 145:4-7**

REMEMBER

Reflect upon your first time to worship at Park Cities Presbyterian Church. What do you remember about that experience?

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What are some of your favorite memories of worshipping with the body at PCPC?

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Describe a time when you experienced the transforming presence of Christ in worship at PCPC?

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1. Why is worshiping our Savior the most important part of our life together?

2. What does it mean to "Connect to Christ" in worship?

3. What did you hear on Sunday that highlights the importance of our connecting to Christ in worship?

4. How would you describe worshiping the living God to someone else?

5. What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth?

6. How important is it for us to prepare our hearts for worship?

7. What are some ways you prepare your heart for worship?

8. What gets in the way or distracts you from worship? How do you handle these distractions?

9. What is the difference between being a worshiper or just part of an audience?

10. Describe what it means to experience the transforming presence of Christ in worship?

11. How important is your presence in worship?

12. How would you like to grow in your worship of the living God?



WEEK

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:34-35**

CONNECT TO ONE ANOTHER

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." **John 17:20-21**

REMEMBER

Reflect upon your relationships with others at Park Cities Presbyterian Church. Who knows you? Who do you know?

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Remember what it was like for you when you first came to PCPC. Was it easy or difficult to connect? Why?

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1. What does it mean to "Connect to One Another?"

2. What did you hear on Sunday that highlights the importance of this connection?

3. Why is it important for us to connect to one another?

4. How does connecting to one another help you experience the transforming presence of Christ?

5. What does it mean to know and be known? Why does this matter?

6. How are you connected to others at PCPC?

7. Reflect on the "To All" statement we have printed in our bulletin each Sunday:

a. What stands out to you in this statement?

b. Who is this statement describing?

c. What role do you play in opening wide the doors of this church?

8. What makes it hard to connect?

9. How do you sense God is calling you to connect more deeply with others at PCPC?

10. If we're deeply connected to one another, what will the result be? (See John 13:34-35)

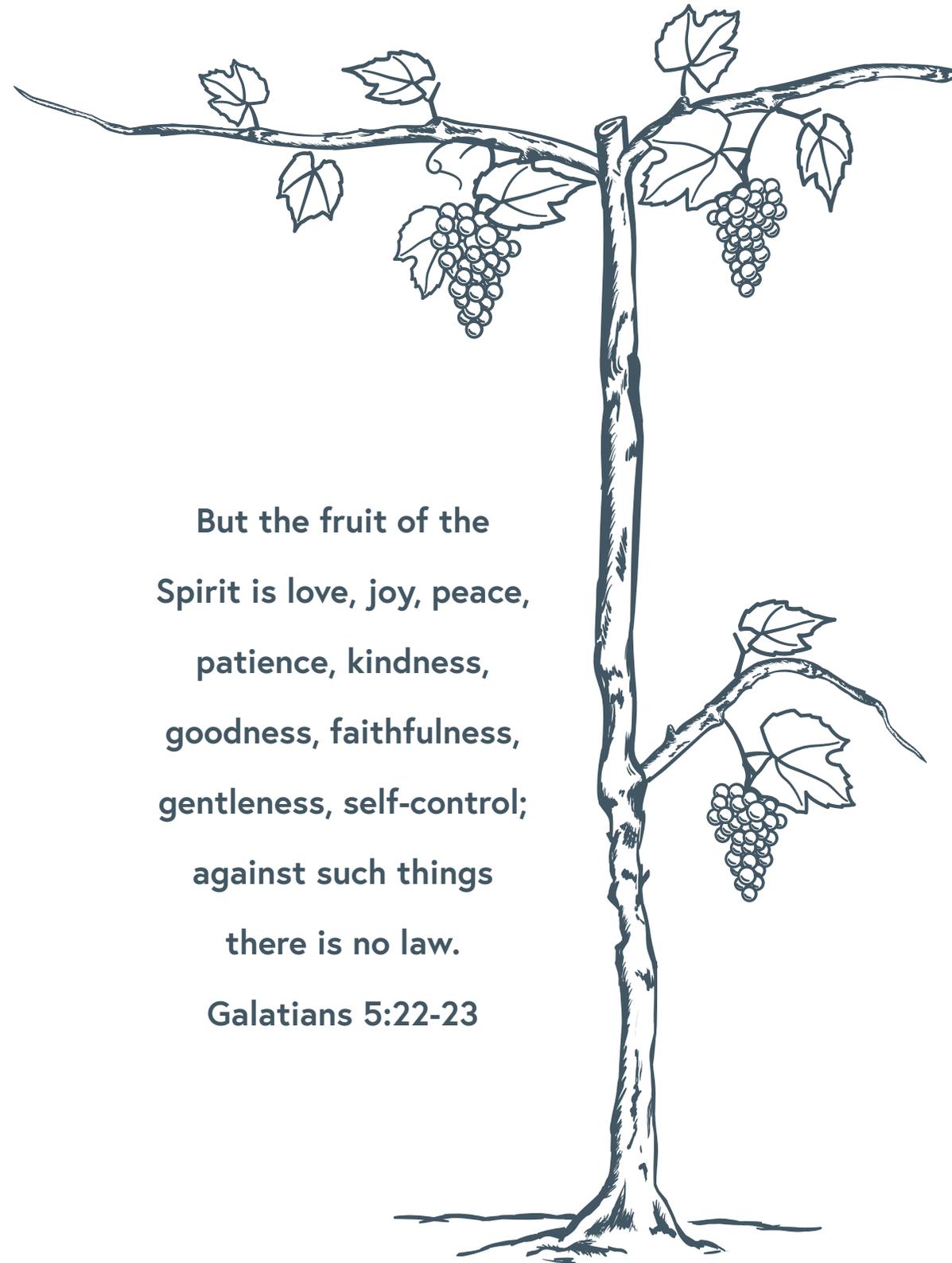
11. How does our connection to Jesus connect us to one another? (See John 17:20-21)

12. Why does Jesus pray that all who believe in Him would be one? (See John 17:21)

WEEK

ABIDE
IN CHRIST

I am the vine; you
are the branches.
Whoever abides
in Me and I in him,
he it is that bears
much fruit, for apart
from Me you can do
nothing. **John 15:5**
By this My Father is
glorified, that you
bear much fruit and
so prove to be My
disciples. **John 15:8**



But the fruit of the
Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control;
against such things
there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

REMEMBER

Reflect upon your relationship with Jesus and how the Holy Spirit has matured you in your faith.

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Reflect upon a time of significant spiritual growth in your life. What was present to enable this growth?

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1. What does it mean to "Abide in Christ?"

2. What did you hear on Sunday that highlights the importance of abiding?

3. In John 15, Jesus says, "It is to My Father's glory that you bear much fruit, so proving to be My disciples." What fruit proves our discipleship?

4. How is our fruitfulness connected to the transforming presence of Christ?

5. In Galatians 5:22, the Apostle Paul writes that, "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Where do you see evidence of this fruit in your life? Which part of this fruit do you need the Spirit to grow?

6. What has God used to grow and mature you in your faith through Park Cities Presbyterian Church?

7. Where do you see the need for further spiritual growth in your life?

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ABIDE
IN CHRIST

If we live by the
Spirit, let us also keep
in step with the Spirit.

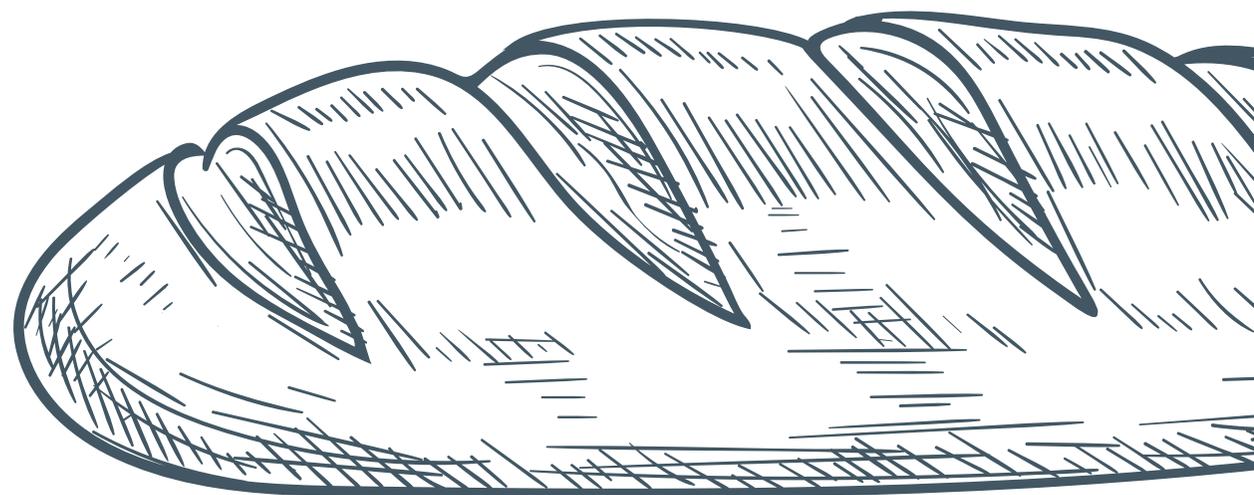
Galatians 5:25

But grow in the grace
and knowledge of our
Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To Him be the
glory both now and
to the day of eternity.

Amen. 2 Peter 3:18

And they devoted themselves to the
apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the
prayers. And awe came upon every
soul, and many wonders and signs
were being done through the apostles.
And all who believed were together
and had all things in common.

Acts 2:42-44



REMEMBER

Whom has God used in your life to mature you in your faith?

In your time at Park Cities Presbyterian Church, what stands out to you as important for all of our spiritual growth?

RE | ENTER

1. We offer so many opportunities for spiritual growth at PCPC. Where are you currently engaging?

2. What did you hear on Sunday that highlights the importance of how we grow spiritually?

3. Starting in the fall of 2021, we are going to begin rolling out the following Essential Paths that we want all of our members to experience. As you look at this list, how can these classes help us experience the transforming presence of Christ?
 - a. Understanding the Bible (The Words of Life)
 - b. Prayer (The Spiritual Life)
 - c. Creeds and Confessions (Truths for Life)
 - d. Evangelism (Sharing the Way of Life)
 - e. Redemption Groups (New Life Together)
 - f. Stewards of Grace (The Sacrificial Life)
4. Where do you feel the greatest need to grow? Why is it important for us to continue to grow together in Christ?
5. Where are you currently plugged in so that you can grow?

6.

What does the phrase, "What goes deepest to the heart goes widest to world" have to say about our own personal discipleship?

How do we make sure we are not just living with head knowledge?

7.

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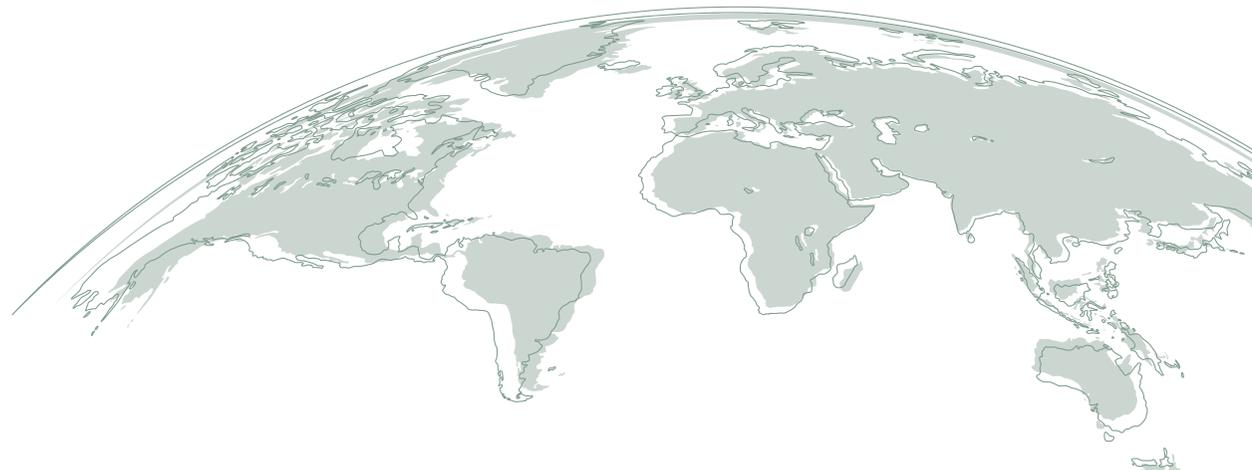
**EXTEND
CHRIST**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. **Acts 1:8**

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:20**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20



REMEMBER

Whom did God use to extend the Good News of Christ to you?

Describe a time when the Holy Spirit used you to extend Christ's Kingdom.

RE

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1. What does it mean to "Extend Christ?"

2. What did you hear on Sunday that highlights the importance of extending Christ?

3. How has God called you to be an "ambassador for Christ?"
(See 2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

4. What does it mean for us to exert ourselves to the utmost in order to extend Christ?

5. What has God given you in order to extend Christ?

6. Where has Christ placed you that you may extend Christ?

7.

Describe
the privilege
we have in
extending
Christ.

What fears
do you have
in extending
Christ?

8.



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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

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CHRIST**

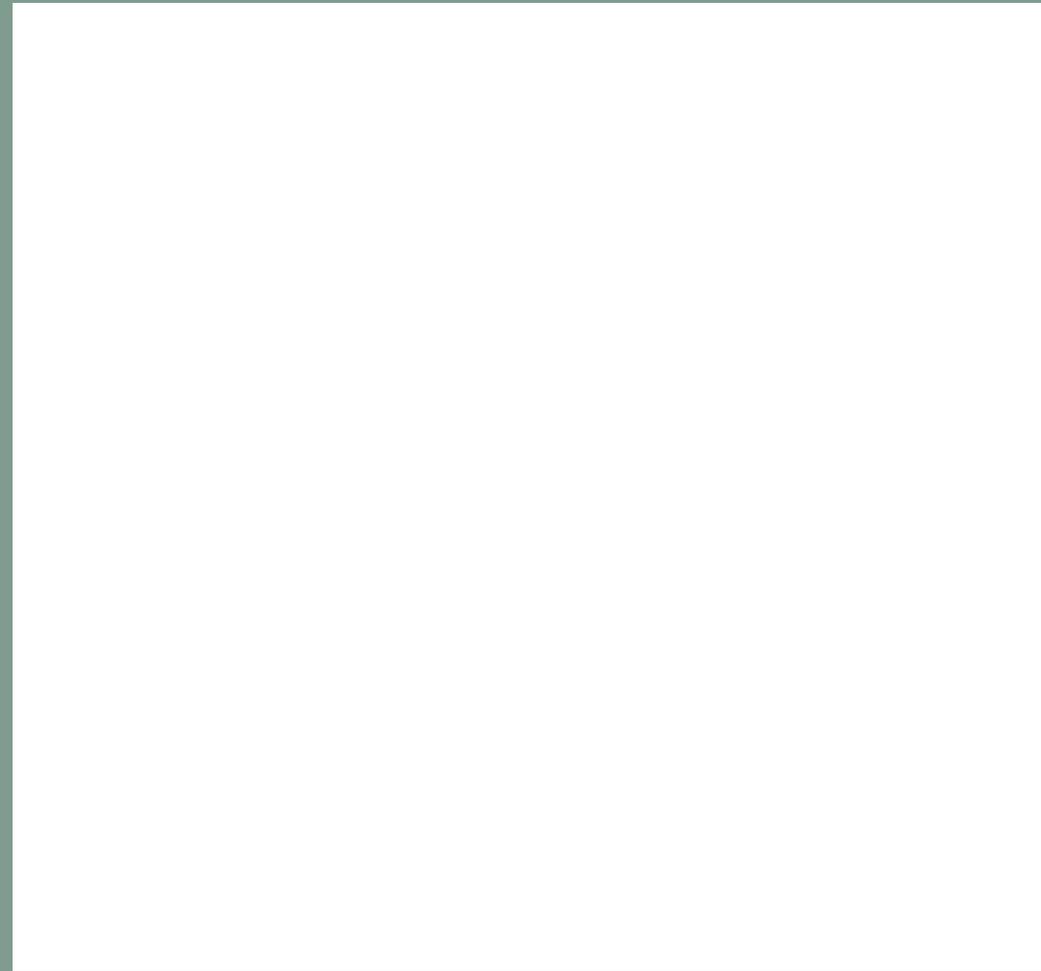
I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **Romans 12:1**

REMEMBER

Think back on a time when you experienced someone's sacrificial love for you.



Reflect on a time when you gave sacrificially in order to extend Christ.



RE

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1. What does it mean to be a steward of God's grace?

2. How is Christ calling us to live for Him?

3. What are the benefits of living a sacrificial and generous life for Christ?

4. What stands in the way of you living sacrificially for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom?

5. How do you evaluate your giving to the Lord?

6. How do you sense the Lord is calling you to live for Him?

7. How are you supporting the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

8. What is the most powerful influence in our life that generates generous giving?



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RENEW

REMEMBER

Reflect upon the day you joined Park Cities
Presbyterian Church. What do you remember?

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Reflect upon each of the vows you took.

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VOWS

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for

salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? 4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

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Over the last several weeks, we have been on a journey to RE|ENTER our church and REMEMBER the faithfulness of God. The goal has been for each of us to understand more clearly who we are in Christ and what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ at Park Cities Presbyterian Church.

Today we are inviting all of our members to reflect upon the vows they once took as a member of PCPC. Renewing our vows is a wonderful expression of gratitude for the gift of Christ extended to us and our earnest desire to bring God glory by extending His Kingdom to others. We are affirming what we believe and promising once again to support this church in its worship and work to the best of our ability.

Use the following space to write your own personal prayer of renewal thanking God for His promise to us to finish what He has started!

A PRAYER OF RENEWAL

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each week at pcpc.org/re-enter



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