



PRESTON HOLLOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Trusting that All Belong to God. Living Like We Belong to One Another.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

11 A.M.

A WORD OF WISDOM

I AM: *Ehyeh-asher-ehyeh*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

March on a Theme of Handel
Jared Cook, guest organist

Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Please check in by signing the register found in the pew or by scanning this code with your phone.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please greet one another with “The peace of Christ be with you” or “And also with you.”



INTROIT

God of Grace and God of Glory
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Mack Wilberg

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who seek the God of Abraham and Sarah, the God of mystery and movement,
the One who says, “I Am Who I Am. I Will Be Who I Will Be.”

All: We come with questions, with wonder, drawn by a presence we cannot control or contain.

One: This is the God who spoke from the fire, who calls us still into becoming—
not with certainty, but with trust.

All: Let us worship the God of our ancestors, the God of holy mystery!

*HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, known as “I Am Who I Am,” beyond time and understanding, we confess the impulse to reduce the Divine to something familiar or controllable. We have traded mystery for certainty, wonder for safety. Forgive what has been done in fear, and what has been left undone in doubt. Open us to the presence that cannot be pinned down and lead us in trust toward what is still becoming. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

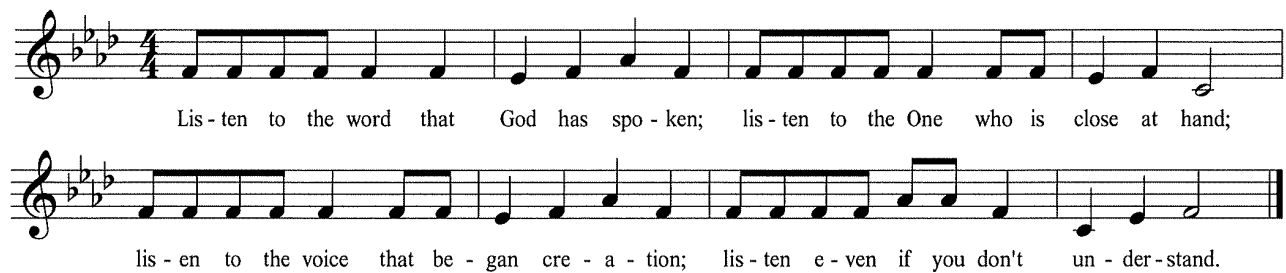
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN’S SERMON

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

The congregation is invited to sing with the choir:



Anonymous Canadian; adapt. Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:13-14

SERMON

Names of God: "I Am" Ehyeh-asher-ehyeh

A Word of Wisdom

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Scots Confession, 3.01

We confess and acknowledge one God alone....Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

To give online, please visit www.phpc.org/give, scan the QR code, or text "PHPC" to 73256. All \$1 bills and all coins will be included in our Every Dollar Counts offering, Kids Against Hunger. To learn more about EDC, visit phpc.org/impact.



OFFERTORY

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Parker/ Shaw

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.

REFRAIN: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM!

And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. REFRAIN

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

***HYMN 330**

Our Help is in the Name of God

OLD 124TH

***BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Final from Organ Sonata 1 in D Major

Alexandre Guilmant

WORSHIP LEADERS

The preacher today is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Rev. Mark Brainerd, Axel Kennedy, and Rev. Elizabeth Snyder are the liturgists. The guest organist is Jared Cook. Steve Jobman, Artistic Director-in-Residence, conducts the Sanctuary Choir.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Mike and Stacey Wright on the death of Mike's mother, Mary Wright, on September 5. Prayers also for Mary's grandchildren, Chris Wright (and his wife Taylor), Lauren Wright, and Hannah Vincent (and her husband Tyler), and great-grandchildren, Taylor, Ellie, Wesley, and Zola Wright, and Nolan Vincent.

FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Beverly Patrick with gratitude and in memory of Matthew.

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden were made possible by Paul Neubach to the glory of God and in loving memory of F.G. Neubach, and by The Jones Family in loving memory of Betty J. Preston Jones.

FOR OUR GUESTS

No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, you belong here. We offer several items to make the worship service more accessible to those with unique needs: Hearing Aid Headphones, large print Bibles, hymnals, bulletins, and hymn sheets. Please ask an usher for any of these items. Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Worship kits are available on the white cube shelves in the north and south transepts. We also provide a professionally staffed nursery in room S168 (across from the church office) for infants through 36 months. Please notify an usher if you need assistance.



Rev. Matthew Ruffner
Senior Pastor



Rev. Mark Brainerd
Senior Associate Pastor



Rev. Caroline Grindrod
Associate Pastor for Young
Adults, Developing Families, &
Connection



Rev. Elizabeth Snyder
Monie Pastoral Resident



Rev. Caroline Braskamp
Pastoral Associate for
Faith Formation



Rev. Dr. John Roper
Parish Associate

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION

Today at PHPC

- 9 a.m. - Contemporary Worship Service
- 10 a.m. - Connection Hour
 - What's in a Word - Jubilee Hall
- 11 a.m. - Traditional Worship Service
- Noon - Coffee Hour in the Atrium
- 6-8 p.m. - Youth Group in the Youth House

What's in a Word?

Sundays | September 14, 21, & 28 | 10 a.m.

Bring your Word of Wisdom journal and reflect on each week's word through a variety of hands-on activities. You'll get creative ideas for how to use the journal in your own personal devotions.

Word of Wisdom Journal

It's not too late to get your Word of Wisdom Journal! Wisdom shapes our lives and guides how we live as people of faith. Join us in exploring 52 words of wisdom—one for each week. Our fall edition is available now. We hope these words will take root and grow in your daily life. Order your copy today by going to phpc.org/awordofwisdom, and pick up your journal at the Atrium counter during Connection Hour on Sundays.

3rd Grade Bible Sunday

Sunday | September 21 | 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

We're excited to celebrate 3rd Grade Bible Sunday on September 21! During worship, each 3rd grader will be recognized and presented with their very own Bible. Then, during Connection Hour, they'll have a special time to learn how to use and explore their new Bible. This is such a meaningful milestone in your child's faith journey, and we would love for your family to be part of it! Register online.

PHPC Volunteer Fair

Sunday | September 21 | 10 a.m. & Noon

Are you interested in finding new ways to get involved in our community? Or maybe you're thinking about volunteering on Sunday mornings? Join us for the PHPC Volunteer Fair in the Atrium during Connection Hour or after the 11 a.m. service.

Visit phpc.org/connect/events to learn more about these and other opportunities.

Blessing of the Animals and Stuffed Animals

Friday | September 19 | 5 p.m. | Soccer Field

We know that our pets and stuffed animals are a blessing to us. Join us on Friday, September 19, for a blessing of the animals and stuffed animals, celebrating our non-human family. We'll meet on the soccer field and enjoy a time of fellowship on the playground afterwards!

Church Season

Sundays | September 21 - October 26 | 5:30 p.m.

Church Season is a six-week experience for families at PHPC to grow in faith and community. We'll share dinner at 5:30, enjoy a short teaching, then parents join small groups while kids take part in VBS-style programming. By the end, families will know more about reading the Bible, kids will be excited to see their church friends, and our community will be stronger. The program costs \$50 per family and is designed for households with a child in fourth grade or younger, with older kids welcome to help. Register at phpc.org/events and contact Rev. Caroline Grindrod (cgrindrod@phpc.org) with questions

Last Chance: Formation Bible Study on Romans

We invite you to an 8-week Bible study of Romans using the Disciple Bible Study Invitation to Romans, led by PHPC members. There is still space in the Friday section, which meets from 9:30-11 am beginning September 26. No expertise is required, but daily preparation is encouraged. For more information visit phpc.org/biblestudy.

Realm App

Did you know that 500 PHPC members are already using the Realm app? If you're not one of them, we invite you to log in today! Realm helps our church stay connected and makes it simple to sign up for events, check your giving history, and communicate with other members. If you need help logging in, follow the instructions below:

1. Find the email invite with the subject: "Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church: Join our online community!"
2. Click on the link in the email
3. Create a password using the link
4. Log in to Realm using your email and new password
5. Download the Realm Connect App
6. Log in using your email and password

If you have trouble finding your email invitation, email communications@phpc.org.