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

OCTOBER 19, 2025

11 A.M.

A WORD OF WISDOM
The Word of God: Pardes

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Please check in through the Connect App, by signing the register found in the pew, or by scanning this code.



***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

INTROIT

I’ve Got Peace Like a River
Sanctuary Ringers

arr. Sandra Eithun

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 148

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Praise God from the heavens.

One: Young men and women alike,

All: old and young together!

One: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord’s name be praised.

***HYMN 299**

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of each day, as the seasons change and life continues, keep us mindful of your presence. We are distracted, caught up in busyness and stress, and preoccupied with meeting deadlines and reaching goals. In the meantime, we miss what the Holy Spirit is doing in our midst; we fail to see the risen Christ walking among us; we neglect the wisdom that can be found in your holy scripture. Forgive us for our inattention and help us to focus less on striving and to live more fully into your presence. 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.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:1-15

SERMON

The Word of God: Pardes

A Word of Wisdom

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 1967*

The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of men, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos which were then current.

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, benefiting Project Unity. To learn more about EDC, visit phpc.org/impact.



OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Ryan Murphy

*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 269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

The preacher today is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Rev. Caroline Braskamp, youth, and Rev. Caroline Grindrod are the liturgists. The organist is Artist-in-Residence Bradley Hunter Welch. Steve Jobman, Artistic Director-in-Residence, conducts the Sanctuary Choir. The Sanctuary Ringers are conducted by Stephanie Rhoades, Director of Worship and Music.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Kristl and Les Linenschmidt on the death of Kristl's mother, Barbara Evans, on October 11.

Prayers for Sarah Ruffner, her father and siblings, as well as Matthew, Olivia, and Elliott on the death of Lil Conley, Sarah's mother, who passed away on October 13 in NC.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given with gratitude by Beverly Patrick in memory of her mother, Catherine Robertson.

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are given in loving memory of Hank Bacak by Alice Bacak, and in loving memory of Richard Van Poole by his sisters.

FOR OUR GUESTS

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP EXTENDS BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY in the form of video recording and live streaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. 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. For those with unique needs, we offer several items to make the worship service more accessible: assisted listening devices, large print Bibles, hymnals, bulletins, and hymn sheets. Please ask an usher for any of these items. 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

- 10 a.m. - Pardes Bible Study in Jubilee Hall
- Noon - Coffee Hour in the Atrium
- 6-8 p.m. - Youth Group in the Youth House

Pardes Bible Study

Sunday | October 19 & 26 | 10 a.m. | Jubilee B

Join Rev. Caroline Braskamp to learn the Jewish four-fold method of Biblical interpretation, pardes, and practice using it on various Biblical passages.

Trunk or Treat Trunk Host - Volunteers Needed

Friday | October 24 | 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Join PHPC Kids and the Epiphany Disability Ministry for our Inclusive Trunk or Treat! Come for an evening of candy, community, costumes, and ice cream. Love decorating your car or handing out candy? Sign up to host a trunk and create memories for PHPC Kids and families! Not feeling creative? Volunteer to help with the event instead. Kids can trick-or-treat or volunteer while you're there. If you can't join us, you can still be part of the fun by donating candy at the atrium counter throughout the month. To learn more or sign up, visit phpc.org/trunkortreat or contact Chrissie at cozuna@phpc.org with any questions.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Sunday | October 26 | 11 a.m. | Sanctuary

PHPC will observe Kirkin' O' the Tartans during the traditional worship service on October 26. The North Texas Caledonian Pipes and Drums will lead the procession of the tartans as we begin worship. If you would like to carry a tartan and participate in the processional and recessional, please email Stephanie Rhoades, srhoades@phpc.org. PHPC has 40 tartans. You are also welcome to bring your own (please also email Stephanie). If you have a family tartan, please wear it to worship!

Worship Check-In

To check in, follow these steps:

1. Open the Realm Connect app on your phone.
2. Tap Mobile Check-In from the main menu.
 - On iPhone: Tap the three dots labeled More in the bottom right corner.
 - On Android: Tap the menu icon in the top left corner.
3. Select Worship Attendance.
4. You're all checked in! You can also check in your family by tapping the checkmark next to their names.

Commit - Rooted in Faith, Growing in Wisdom

Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge to support PHPC in the year ahead. This is a time to give thanks and respond to God's faithfulness. Your commitment enables us to plan boldly and nurture ministries that foster growth in faith and wisdom within our community. We hope to get all pledges back by next Sunday, October 26. Join us in being Rooted in Faith and Growing in Wisdom. Pledge today at phpc.org/commit, through the Realm app by selecting 'Giving + Pledges,' or by scanning the QR code above.

Crowded Table

Sunday | November 2 | 5 p.m. | Preston Road Side of Campus

We believe that there is room for everyone at Christ's table! To celebrate this belief, we are excited to host our first Crowded Table, with one continuous table stretching from the soccer field into the front parking lot. You, your family, and your friends are all invited to share a meal together. Dinner will include lasagna, salad, and dessert. Go to phpc.org/events to RSVP or to help host a table. If you have any questions, please reach out to Caroline Grindrod or Lauren Hood.

All Saints' Sunday: Gabriel Fauré's Requiem

Sunday | November 2 | 11 a.m. | Sanctuary

The Sanctuary Choir will offer Gabriel Fauré's Requiem on All Saints' Sunday. The work, renowned for its soothing beauty and hopeful spiritual outlook, will be accompanied by orchestra. The communion liturgy will include the tolling of a bell in memory of those who have passed into eternal life during the past year. We will pass the trays during communion instead of coming forward for intinction to limit movement while the choir sings.

DATE CHANGE! Rev. Matthew Ruffner's Ten-Year Celebration!

Rev. Matthew Ruffner's Ten-Year Celebration is now on Sunday, November 9! Join us during both services to celebrate Matthew's tenth anniversary as Senior Pastor at PHPC! If you would like to be part of a special congregational thank you, stop by the welcome desk and speak with a staff member today. Let's keep it a surprise for Matthew!

Pick up our new monthly newsletter at the Atrium Counter, highlighting special events from each ministry area.