

**October 26, 2025**

**9 a.m.**

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

**A Word of Wisdom  
The Word of God: Pardes**

## **GATHERING**

Welcome & Passing of the Peace  
Opening Song – *They'll Know We are Christians*  
Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness  
Musical Response – *Your Mercy is New*

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



## **PROCLAIMING**

Children's Sermon  
Baptism of **Elizabeth Lynn Morgan** and **Charlotte Rose Morgan**,  
Daughters of Megan and Jonathan Morgan  
Prayer for Illumination  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon – *The Word of God: Pardes II*

Luke 5:1-11  
Rev. Mark Brainerd

## **RESPONDING**

Invitation to Offering  
Offertory – *Amazing Grace*  
Communion – *The bread is gluten-free.*  
Communion Song – *O Christ Surround Me*

### **Other ways to give:**

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**Text "PHPC" to 73256**

All \$1 bills and all coins will be included in our Every Dollar Counts (EDC) offering benefiting Project Unity. To learn more about EDC visit [phpc.org/impact](https://phpc.org/impact).



## **SENDING**

Benediction  
Doxology

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## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

The preacher today is Rev. Mark Brainerd. Rev. Caroline Grindrod, Rev. Caroline Grindrod, and Lauren Hood are the liturgists. Worship band: Martin Morgan, piano; Christian Levens, drums; Mike Lizecky, bass; Amanda Victoria, vocals; and Contemporary Music Leader Kendall Payne.

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Prayers and joy on the birth of Sullivan Arthur Dietrich on July 17 to parents Sydney and Grace Dietrich, proud grandparents Annell and Kelly Williams, and uncle Ryan Williams.

Prayers for Jennifer Davis and her family on the death of her mother, Betsy Johnson, on October 19.

Prayers for John and Pam Henry and their family on the death of John's father, John Talbot Henry Jr, last week in Philadelphia.

## **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by the Tan Family in loving memory of Martha Tan and in celebration of her birthday.

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are given by Beverly Patrick in loving memory of Catherine Robertson, by The Tan Family in loving memory of Martha Tan, by Linda Elliot in loving memory of Jim Elliot, by Anne Ashby in loving memory of Dr. Michael Duren, and by Nancy Anderson in loving memory of Judith Anderson Garza.

## **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
- 11 a.m. - Kirkin' O' the Tartans
- Noon - Coffee Hour in the Atrium
- 6-8 p.m. - Youth Group in the Youth House

### Pardes

PaRDeS means garden or orchard in Hebrew. It's also an acronym:

- Peshat ("surface"): the simple meaning
- Remez ("hint"): the metaphorical meaning
- Derash ("seek"): interpretative meaning (compare to other Scriptures, apply to own life)
- Sod ("secret"): the spiritual meaning

### All Saints' Sunday Services

**Sunday | November 2 | 8, 9 and 11 a.m.**

All Saints' Sunday is the day that we gather to remember all the saints who have shaped our faith, especially those who have joined the "great cloud of witnesses." We will hold a service of remembrance in the Columbarium Garden at 8 a.m., followed by our usual 9 a.m. contemporary service and 11 a.m. traditional service. All services will include communion and the tolling of a bell in memory of those who have passed into eternal life during the past year. Additionally, the Sanctuary Choir will offer Gabriel Fauré's Requiem during the 11 a.m. worship service, accompanied by chamber orchestra. We will pass the communion trays instead of coming forward for intinction to limit movement while the choir sings.

### Going Deeper: How Words Have Meaning with Danielle Shroyer

**Sunday | November 2 | 10 a.m. | Jubilee B**

What's in a word? And how does language shape our beliefs and actions? Join Danielle Shroyer for this overview of linguistic theory, language philosophy, and how it all relates to theology, faith, and most specifically, our theme, A Word of Wisdom.

### 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!

### Commit - Rooted in Faith, Growing in Wisdom

Today, October 26, is Commit Sunday! We hope you've made your pledge for the year ahead. Thank you to everyone who has already committed to supporting PHPC, your generosity allows us to plan boldly and sustain ministries that nurture faith, wisdom, and community. Together, we can keep our church strong and thriving. Join us in being Rooted in Faith and Growing in Wisdom. If you haven't yet made your pledge, you can do so right now at [phpc.org/commit](http://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. | Outside**

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](http://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.

### Mah Jong at PHPC

**Thursday | October 30 | 1 - 2:30 p.m. | S220**

The Toy Luck Club has come to PHPC! Have you heard the buzz about the tile game Mah Jong? Here is your chance to learn the fundamentals, and if you already know how to play, this group is for you too! Join us on October 30 as Miranda Lind guides you through the ins and outs of the game. Whether you joined us last week or are coming for the first time, we would love to have you! Come discover the fun and strategy behind Mah Jong. For more information, email [Miranda.Y.Lind@gmail.com](mailto:Miranda.Y.Lind@gmail.com).

### PHPC Serves - Kindness Week

**November 14 - 16 | Various Locations**

Mark your calendars for PHPC Serves, November 14 to 16, as we join together to celebrate Dallas Kindness Week through hands on projects that share care and compassion with our community partners. Registration opens next week, so stay tuned to choose how you'll take part in spreading kindness across Dallas.

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