

GATHERING

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Passing of the Peace

Opening Song – Come, Thou Fount

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Musical Response – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sally, Drew, Beau, Cully, and Ada Dahlstrom

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



PROCLAIMING

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Sermon – *The Lens of Love: Storge*

Romans 8:10-12

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory – Noel

Communion – *The bread is gluten-free.*

Communion Song – Crowded Table

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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.



SENDING

Benediction

Doxology

WORSHIP LEADERS

The preacher today is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Rev. Caroline Braskamp and Rev. Mark Brainerd are the liturgists. Worship band: Martin Morgan, piano; Christian Levens, drums; Leoncarlo Canlas, violin; Amanda Victoria, vocals; and Contemporary Music Leader Kendall Payne.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Ruth Fitzgibbons and Brian McGauley on the passing of Ruth's son, Colin Fitzgibbons, on November 20, 2025. A memorial service will be held at Highland Park United Methodist Church on Wednesday, December 3, at 3 p.m.

Prayers for Don Warnecke and family on the passing of his wife, Sarah, on November 21. A memorial service will be held on December 19 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden were made possible by Beverly Patrick to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Robertson, by "The Jacobus Kids" to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Jones Jacobus, and by Pat Smith and Family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Suitt.

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



Advent: Lens of Love

November 30: Storge (affection)

December 7: Phileo (friendship)

December 14 & 21: Agape (unconditional love)

December 24: Incarnation

Intergenerational Advent Workshop

Today | November 30 | 10 a.m. | Jubilee Hall

Everyone is invited to the Intergenerational Advent Workshop during Connection Hour today. Together, we will explore the Lens of Love that will guide us through this Advent season. The workshop will include activities, reflections, and meaningful takeaways to help deepen our shared experience of Advent. Begin your holiday season by gathering tools that will shape this time into one filled with love.

Blue Christmas

Monday | December 1 | 7 p.m. | Chapel

As the holidays approach, many of us welcome the sights and sounds, the festivities, merriment, and good cheer of the season. But not all of us are up for that. Instead, the holiday season brings a heaviness of sadness or loneliness or sorrow. Let your church provide space for those feelings. Our Blue Christmas service is offered to meet you where you are, to bring peace and comfort to your hurting heart, and to remind you that you don't travel this path alone. Come and invite a friend, all are welcome.

Holiday Family Pops Benefit Concert

Sunday | December 7 | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

The concert is one week from today and more than 500 tickets have been reserved. If you are planning to attend the concert, reserve your free ticket now by scanning the QR code above. You are encouraged to make a donation when you register. All donations will be divided equally between Literacy Achieves and Forest Forward, two of our Community Impact Partners.

A dinner of grilled cheese and tomato soup will be served after the concert for all to enjoy in Jubilee Hall. Dinner is free and open to all!



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

Men's Christmas Breakfast

Tuesday | December 9 | 7:30 a.m. | Jubilee Hall

Everyone is invited to the annual Men's Christmas Breakfast on December 9, at 7:30 a.m. in Jubilee Hall! Come celebrate the season with joyful Christmas carols, a delicious breakfast, and a special holiday message from Rev. Matthew Ruffner. The cost is \$15 per person, and proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Festive holiday attire is encouraged. Purchase your tickets at phpc.org or by using the QR code above.

Merry Midday Mingle Christmas Party

Wednesday | December 10 | 3 p.m. | Jubilee Hall

Join us for our Merry Midday Mingle, a festive afternoon for those young at heart (55+). Enjoy food, fellowship, music, and plenty of Christmas cheer. It is a perfect way to pause during the busy season and savor the spirit of Christmas with friends old and new. The cost is \$15. RSVP at phpc.org. Come ready to mingle, munch, and make merry. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Christmas Angels

Now - December 17

Give the gift of Joy this Christmas! You can choose to shop online from our Amazon Wishlist, with items delivered directly to the church, or follow our suggested shopping list and bring unwrapped toy donations to the Atrium. Your generosity will brighten the holiday season for families in Vickery Meadow and South Dallas. Go to phpc.org/christmasangels or scan the QR code above to donate.



Lens of Love Photo Challenge

As we explore the many ways God shows His love to us, we invite you to share where you experience that love in your own life. For the Lens of Love photo challenge, post a picture on your Instagram or Facebook story and tag PHPC. We'll repost photos from the community throughout the week, and on Sunday, December 7, we'll display a slideshow of all the submissions on the middle TV screen in the Atrium. If you have any questions, contact communications@phpc.org. We can't wait to see your photos!

Holiday Poinsettias and Wreaths

Dedicate a poinsettia (\$15) or wreath (\$40) in memory/honor of a loved one this Christmas. Volunteers will take orders in the Atrium on November 30 and December 7 and 14. Dedications will be included in the bulletin on December 21. Donations are accepted until December 24. Poinsettias may be taken home after the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve service.