

GATHERING

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Passing of the Peace

Opening Song – *The First Noel*

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

Musical Response – *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Epiphany Class

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

The Word in Music

Psalm 98:4-9

Jazz Christmas Medleys and Seasonal Solos

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory – *Living in the Space Between*

Communion – *The bread is gluten-free.*

Communion Song – *Christmas Time is Here*

Other ways to give:

phpc.org/give

Scan the QR code

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.



SENDING

Benediction

Doxology

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Mark Brainerd, Emily Frenzel, Rev. Matthew Ruffner, and Rev. Caroline Grindrod are the liturgists. Worship band: Martin Morgan, piano; Christian Levens, drums; Mike Luzecky, bass; Leoncarlo Canlas, violin; and Contemporary Music Leader Kendall Payne.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Mona Rizk Finne, Giselle Finne Gafford, and their families on the passing of their sister and aunt, Mimi Heggelund, on December 8 in Seattle, Washington.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden were made possible by James Roten to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Roten and by Nanette Illich to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold Illich.

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.

Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Contemporary Service
December 28—One service at 10 a.m.



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 Candles and Their Meaning

Today | December 14 | 10 a.m. | Jubilee B

Our Monie Pastoral Resident, Rev. Elizabeth Snyder, will continue this two-week study on the classic Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love—and the Scriptures they are based on. Come explore God's word during this holy season—and get to know Pastor Elizabeth!

Concert Bells of Fort Worth Concert

Today | December 14 | 5 p.m. | Sanctuary

Enjoy a free handbell concert of holiday favorites conducted by our own Director of Worship and Music, Stephanie Rhoades. Bring a friend or the whole family! Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Poinsettias and Wreaths

TODAY is the last day to purchase poinsettias and wreaths and have a dedication included in the bulletin next Sunday, December 21. Place your order at the counter in the Atrium. Each poinsettia is \$15 and wreaths are \$40 each. Poinsettias may be taken after the 9 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Angels

Online Orders - December 14

Atrium Drop Off - December 21

Thank you to everyone who has donated toys, books, and hats! Gifts are going to our partners in Vickery Meadow and South Dallas starting this week. Today is the last day to order from our Amazon wishlist. Still want to shop in person? Next Sunday will be the last day to drop off toys in the Atrium.

Visit phpc.org/christmasangels or scan the QR code above to donate.



Malawi Christmas Gifts of Hope

Share a Gift of Hope This Christmas. This holiday season, the PHPC Malawi Mission Team invites you to embrace the spirit of giving by supporting our mission partners in Malawi. Are you looking for a way to make an impact this season —no shopping or wrapping required? Discover how you can give gifts of Home, Care, Voice, Food, Education, Water, Health, Healing, or Future at www.phpc.org/malawi or stop by the Atrium counter.

Word of Wisdom Journal Part Two

Pick Up at Atrium Counter | \$5

Building on the meaningful conversations sparked by Part One, we're excited to share the next installment. Part Two offers fresh prompts, Scripture passages, and guided space to help you reflect more intentionally on each week's theme. Beginning in January, we will explore a new word every week, including reclaimed words, the seven deadly sins during Lent, and spring themes of wisdom. This journal is a simple, meaningful tool to support your spiritual growth. Order your copy using the QR code above for \$5, and you can pick it up in the Atrium on Sundays or at the front desk during the week.

Bagged with Love

Sunday | December 21 | 10 a.m. | Jubilee AB

When they take a day off, we take a day on. During the holidays, the kitchen staff of The Bridge is given well-earned days off. PHPC and Temple Emanu-El are partnering to fill this gap. On December 21, we will pack 600 bagged meals for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. All families of youth and children are invited to help make sandwiches and pack lunch sacks!



United Women in Faith

January 25-27, 2026 | Austin, TX OR Via Zoom

The Texas United Women in Faith will host the 39th Annual Texas Legislative Event in partnership with Texas Impact. The gathering will feature speakers, workshops, and connections for women of faith committed to justice, freedom, and opportunity, concluding in a visit to the Capitol to meet with lawmakers. Join with women from PHPC and Grace Presbytery for this special gathering. Bus travel to and from Austin is provided free of charge. Scan the QR code below for more information or to register.

*Early Bird Registration closes December 14.

Register today to save \$20!



Christmas Eve Hospitality

Please help us welcome our guests by volunteering as a greeter! Greeters arrive thirty minutes early and have reserved seating. Scan the QR code to sign up! For questions, contact Rev. Caroline Grindrod at cgrindrod@phpc.org.