



PRESTON HOLLOW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

11 A.M.

Common Character

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision
(dedicated to Dr. Bradley Hunter Welch)

arr. Marvin Gaspard

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

Let All the World in Ev'ry Corner Sing
Summer Choir

Ryan Murphy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 133

One: How very good and pleasant it is

All: when kindred live together in unity!

One: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down the face,

All: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

One: For there the LORD ordained his blessing,

All: life for evermore.

*HYMN 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Children are welcome to stay in worship or join the Kids Ministry Team in the Chapel for Worship Foundations after the Children's Sermon. They will return before communion.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 3:23-28

SERMON

A World Without Walls

Common Character

Rev. Elizabeth Snyder

RESPONDING



INVITATION TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Summer Choir
Text found at Hymn 529

Harold Friedell

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We will receive the elements by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive a piece of gluten-free bread, then dip it in the cup of juice, taking both elements together. Pre-packaged kits are also available from the roaming servers. Please notify an usher to receive the elements in your pew or receive an individual communion kit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin

*POSTLUDE

Scherzo Symphonique in C Major

Alexandre Guilmant

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 your consent to the possibility that your image may be included in our media broadcast.

We now offer Auracast™ audio streaming to make our services more accessible for everyone. With Auracast, you can enjoy crystal-clear sound directly to your compatible hearing aids, earbuds, or headphones—no extra equipment needed. To connect with your hearing aids, open your hearing aid app and search for the *Auri-Sanctuary* broadcast. (Check with your audiologist if you are not certain that your device is equipped with Auracast). We also have assistive listening devices with headphones that may be used by anyone.

Large print Bibles, hymnals, bulletins, and hymn sheets are available at the Atrium entrance to the Sanctuary. Please ask an usher for assistance with 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The preacher today is Rev. Elizabeth Snyder. Rev. Mark Brainerd and Rev. Caroline Braskamp are the liturgists. The organist is Artist-in-Residence Bradley Welch; Steve Jobman, Artistic Director-in-Residence, conducts the Summer Choir.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Guy and Linda Humphries with profound gratitude to God for their 60 years of marriage.

The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are given by Jo Ann House in loving memory of Royce House; by Julie and John Livingston in loving memory of Connie and Lee Mott; and by Wilma Honea and family in loving memory of Ron Honea.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of joy and celebration on the birth of John Wyatt Stevenson, on August 27 to parents Trent and Caroline Stevenson.

Prayers for Marilyn Irons and her family on the death of her husband, Jack Ed Irons, on August 28. A memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, September 12 at 11 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

New! Digital Devotional: Common Character



Dive deeper into Scripture each week with our Common Character digital devotional. Updated weekly, this resource offers diverse perspectives on the text, prayer resources, and reflection questions to help you pause, reflect, and grow in faith. Use the QR code above to access this devotional.

An Honest Hallelujah with PHPC's Contemporary Band

Today | September 6 | 10 a.m. | Jubilee B

Discover the story behind PHPC's original contemporary worship recording project. Kendall Payne, our Contemporary Music Leader, will share how the music grew from our community, offer a behind-the-scenes update, and explore the vision for sharing music that reflects the spirit of PHPC. You'll also get to hear some of the music!

DSO on the Go: Beethoven's Symphony No. 5

Friday | September 18 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Experience an unforgettable evening with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra at PHPC! Hear works by Fanny Mendelssohn-Hensel and Mozart, featuring violinist Alette Williams. Buy your tickets using the QR code at the bottom.

3-year-old and 3rd Grade Bible Milestone

Sunday | September 20 | 9 & 11 a.m. Services & 10 a.m. in the Chapel

We're excited to celebrate Bible Milestone Sunday on September 20! During worship, our 3-year-olds and 3rd graders will receive their own Bibles, followed by a special Connection Hour to learn how to use and explore them. Please register using the QR code at the bottom so we can have a Bible ready for your child.

Congregational Meeting on 9/13

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 13, immediately following both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report and motion from the Staff Committee and to vote on the installed Pastors' Terms of Call.

Church Season

Sundays | September 20 - November 1 | 5 p.m.

Church Season is a six-week small group designed for families with young children up to 2nd grade to practice faith, build community, and grow together. We know families are busy with all kinds of seasons—soccer season, baseball season, school season, and more. We also know these seasons of high commitment can lead to some of the deepest and most meaningful community. Our hope is that families will engage in Church Season in that same spirit! Each week, we'll gather at 5 p.m. for a casual dinner together as families, followed by small groups for parents. While parents meet, babies will head to the nursery, and kids will have a chance to play games, explore the church, and get to know one another. We will not meet on October 11 due to fall break. Cost is \$50 per family for all six weeks.

Grand Day Out

Sunday | September 20 | Noon | Jubilee Hall

Following the 11 a.m. worship service, grandparents and grandkids are invited to stay for lunch and a joyful afternoon together! We'll enjoy activity rotations featuring music, the library, crafts, and more, with plenty of opportunities to laugh, connect, and make special memories across generations. We will have a photographer on site for family photos. Whether you're inviting your grandparents or your grandkids, we hope you'll join us for worship and a meaningful day of fun and fellowship together.

Camino Primitivo Pilgrimage 2027 June 1-15, 2027

Rev. Matthew Ruffner offers our second congregational pilgrimage along the Camino Primitivo — journeying the "original way" that St. Francis of Assisi traversed in 1214 as you discover your own path, June 1–15, 2027. Trip information and details on how to register this Thursday, September 10, can be found at the Atrium counter.



**Scan here to
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events seen in the
bulletin.**