



Preston Hollow
Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026
9 a.m.
Common Character

GATHERING

Welcome & Passing of the Peace
Opening Song – *Follow You*
Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness
Musical Response – *Your Grace Is Enough*

Please check in through the Connect App,
by signing the register in the pew, or by
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PROCLAIMING

Children's Sermon
Confirmation Commissioning
Scripture Reading
Sermon – *The Wisdom of Descent*

I Corinthians 1:18-25
Rev. Matthew Ruffner

RESPONDING

Invitation to Offering
Offertory – *Lord, I Need You*
Communion – *The bread is gluten-free.*
Communion Song – *O Christ, Surround Me*

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All \$1 bills and all coins will be included in
our Every Dollar Counts (EDC) offering,
benefiting To Be Like Me. To learn more
about EDC, visit phpc.org/impact.

SENDING

Benediction
Doxology
Congregational Meeting

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.

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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. Matthew Ruffner. Rev. Mark Brainerd, Rev. Caroline Braskamp, Madeleine Burge, Rev. Caroline Grindrod, and Lauren Hood are the liturgists. Worship band: Martin Morgan, piano; Ramon Musquiz, drums; Mike Luzecky, bass; Austin Howarth and Elliott Krohn, vocals; and Contemporary Music Leader Kendall Payne.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Beverly Patrick and family in loving memory of Matthew John Patrick. The flowers in the Columbarium Garden are given by Matt and Beverly Patrick in loving memory of Matthew John Patrick and by Jane Goodell and family in loving memory of Jeff Goodell.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for Bill and Susan Kilgore and their family on the passing of Bill's mother, Jane Kilgore, on August 24. A private service will be held on October 16 at 10 a.m.
Prayers for Kate DeMoss, Scott Henvey, and their family on the death of their mother, Georgann Rosamond, on September 8. Private service arrangements are pending.

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



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

Congregational Meeting Today

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for today, September 13, immediately following both 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.

Fall Table Groups

Starting September 20

Over 65 people joined a Lent Table Group this past spring, and rumor has it one or two groups are still meeting! Table Groups are a chance to gather for a meal with the same group three times. Together, you'll decide whether to dine out, host at home, or have a picnic. Groups bring together people across ages and stages of life for fellowship, joy, and connection. Fill out the questionnaire using the QR code below, and we'll do our best to match you with a group in your area or on your preferred night.

Enneagram Book Club

Sign Up By September 21

Want to dig deeper into the Enneagram, a faith-based personality framework, while getting to know other church members? You are invited to the Fall Enneagram Book Club. The club(s) will be hosted by PHPC members, meeting weekly for six weeks, starting in late September/early October. Sign up on Realm by September 21 to let us know when and where you can meet, and we will place you in a book club convenient for you! Questions? Contact Rev. Caroline Braskamp at cbraskamp@phpc.org.

Conversation on Epiphanies

September 22, 29 & October 6, 13 | 8 a.m. | Zoom

Ever wonder if God was trying to tell you something? Join Donald Elliott for Epiphanies: Moments When "God Speaks," a four-week interactive conversation exploring the moments that make us pause, wonder, question, and discover meaning. Based on a new book in development by Don, this is more than a book discussion. Come curious, bring your questions, and share your stories as we explore what epiphanies might have to teach us. Sign up using the QR code to receive the Zoom link.

Kirkin' O' the Tartans

Sunday | September 27

Mark your calendars for Kirkin' O' the Tartans on Sunday, September 27! Get ready for a festive day celebrating our Presbyterian heritage with special festivities throughout the day. Stay tuned for more details!

Presbyterian Woman

First Meeting Tomorrow, September 14

The first PW meeting of the year is tomorrow! Stop by our table in the Atrium today to ask questions, register, or pick up your book. You're also welcome to simply join us at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow for refreshments, with the meeting beginning at 10 a.m. in Jubilee Hall. Rev. Matthew Ruffner will teach our first lesson. For more information, contact Dalene Buhl, Co-Moderator, at phpcpw@gmail.com.

Church Season

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

Church Season is a six-week small group for families with young children through 2nd grade to practice faith, build community, and grow together. Each week begins with a casual family dinner at 5 p.m., followed by small groups for parents and activities for children. Babies will be cared for in the nursery. Cost is \$50 per family. We will not meet October 11 due to fall break.

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! Enjoy activity rotations featuring music, the library, crafts, and more, plus family photos with a photographer on site. Join us for worship and a meaningful day of fun, fellowship, and making memories together.

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.



Scan here to
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bulletin.