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"For Christ also
suffered once for
sins, the righteous
for the unrighteous,
that He might bring
us to God, being
put to death in the
flesh but made
alive in the spirit."

Colossians 3:18

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WINTERGRACE

FEBRUARY 3-4

WinterGrace is an on-campus retreat for our whole congregation to be refreshed in God's grace through fellowship, learning, music, and worship. Please register for childcare (Saturday morning & Sunday evening), luncheon with Andrew Peterson (Saturday), and Andrew Peterson Concert (Saturday evening). More information is available on the next page or online.

pcpc.org/wintergrace

MISSIONARY MAILINGS

FEBRUARY 11 | 12:30-2:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us to send our missionaries some LOVE & letters of encouragement. Lunch will be provided, donations appreciated. If you are unable to attend the lunch, you can still write notes on various tables around the church. RSVP to Emily Leonard (emily.leonard@pcpc.org).

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WOMEN'S LENTEN PRAYER

FEBRUARY 14 | 12:00-1:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Join PCPC Women on February 14 in the Chapel as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Elizabeth Robinson will lead a short time of prayer and devotion, and we will have music as well. Come worship and pray with us!

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PRIVILEGED PLANET

FEBRUARY 17 | 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

This Discovery Institute Conference will explore the intelligent design of Earth and its inhabitants. Plenary speakers will include Research Scientist and Former NASA Engineer Bijan Nemati, Philosopher of Science Jay W. Richards, Astrobiologist Guillermo Gonzalez, and Philosopher of Science Stephen Meyer. There will be additional breakout sessions. Please purchase a ticket on Eventbrite to attend. Enter discount code PCPC15.

discovery.org/dallas2024

MORE FEBRUARY EVENTS

- DESSERT WAR: A MOTHER-SON EVENT (ELEMENTARY) | FEB. 9
- RUF-I LUNAR NEW YEAR (MISSIONS) | FEB. 9
- BIG GAME PARTY (YOUNG ADULTS) | FEB. 11
- VALENTINES LUNCHEON (SENIOR ADULTS) | FEB. 14
- GIRLS GALENTINES (MIDDLE SCHOOL) | FEB. 14
- LENTEN ORGAN SERIES | BEGINS FEB. 21
- THE GATHERING (HIGH SCHOOL) | FEB. 21
- PROJECT WORKDAY (CITY MISSIONS) | FEB. 24

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RESTORE: A WOMEN'S SEMI-SILENT RETREAT

MARCH 1-2 | LONGHORN MESA RANCH

Come and experience 24 hours of rest for your soul as you leave behind the busyness of life and spend focused time alone with God. This women's silent retreat will be held at the beautiful Longhorn Mesa Ranch, beginning 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1, and ending at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. While this retreat is primarily done in silence, there will be times of devotional teaching and opportunities for fellowship over meals. Register online today.

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Winter Grace

FEB. 3-4, 2024

GOD'S GRACE IN

FEATURING ANDREW PETERSON & KEVIN DEYOUNG



ANDREW PETERSON

Award-winning author (*The Wingfeather Saga, The God of the Garden, Adorning the Dark*) & singer-songwriter of songs that ache with sorrow, joy, and integrity andrew-peterson.com



KEVIN DEYOUNG

Senior Pastor at Christ Covenant Church (Matthews, North Carolina) & Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Reformed Theological Seminary (Charlotte, North Carolina) clearlyreformed.org

Schedule

Saturday*

- 9:30 a.m. : Welcome & Morning Prayer
- 10:00-12:00 p.m. : Breakout Sessions
- Noon-1:30 p.m. : Luncheon with Andrew Peterson
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. : Andrew Peterson Concert (free ticket required at pcpcconcerts.org)
- 8:30-9:00 p.m. : Dessert in Grand Hall

(*registration required for luncheon & children's program)

Children's programming will be offered on Saturday morning from 9:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for children birth-5th grade. Registration required.

Winter Grace is an on-campus retreat for renewal in God's grace. Through guest speakers, music, and worship, WinterGrace will focus this year on God's grace in suffering. Please save the date, February 3-4, and join the church family for this renewing weekend.



Please go to pcpc.org/WinterGrace for more details.

"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:1-2

How do young adults at PCPC connect, abide, and extend Christ?

John Paul (JP), Cam, and Reynolds on PCPC's Young Adult (YA) team want to share with the PCPC congregation just what their ministry is all about.

"Young adults are not just a Sunday school class. They are a generation of people making up nearly one-third of our church population who are very active in the life of the church. Did you know that 22 through 35-year-olds make up 28 percent of the whole church? It's wild. It's a massive segment of our church," said JP Schulze, Director of Community Formation and Young Adults.



Many young adults in recent New Members Classes have come out of YA programs and want to be part of PCPC. JP shared that one YA member was baptized in December 2023 on New Member Joining Sunday. "It was an incredible moment for us to see," said JP, "it's encouraging that YA's are such a large portion of our membership class."

So, what's this age group all about?

Young Adults consist of three different life stages at PCPC: singles, couples, and families primarily in their 20's to late 30's. As a unified group, YA hopes to grow, serve, and gather regularly to know Christ more and to make Him known. The heartbeat of YA comes from Ephesians 4:1-2, with a hope to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love."

The main weekly gathering for YA is its Sunday Morning Community called Ambassadors. PCPC Resident for Young Adults, Reynolds Walker, leads most Ambassador meetings. "The Ambassadors group typically follows the sermon to drive it deeper while not overloading the participants," said Reynolds. Ambassadors have about 50-70 people attending and meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.



But YA goes well beyond Sunday mornings. YA is a sandwich generation, with the opportunity to serve the generation below them and also to be cared for by older adults in their 40's, 50's, and senior age. Young Adults gather in the PCPC gym for basketball and volleyball several times a week, participate in Bible studies and small groups, and enjoy fellowship events like pickleball throughout the year. PCPC's Young Adult ministry hosts a spring and fall Night of Worship, Solitude Saturday, and a Summer Book Study. The book study for example had 120 participants scattered in 12 different host homes learning about the limits

YOUNG ADULTS AT PCPC

by Jane Edson
PCPC Communication Specialist

God gave us for His glory and our good. These events help create a space for young adults to have time with one another and with the larger church family as they pursue the call to abide in Christ.

As part of their desire to extend Christ, the YA's take an annual trip to Japan. Last fall, ten young adults traveled to Japan to visit with, learn from, and serve alongside Christ Bible Institute in the city of Nagoya. This spring, YA plans to take a group on a mission trip to Northern Italy to serve Italian high school students alongside PCPC Missionaries, the Luker family.

Meet the PCPC YA Team: JP, Reynolds, and Cam

PCPC currently has three staff members doing YA ministry. YA Director JP Schulze is "the mascot that brings the energy" and has been overseeing YA for ten years. Reynolds Walker helps young adult men get connected to the church, focusing on shepherding, discipleship, and teaching the Ambassadors class. The newest member of the YA staff is Cam Close, who joined the team last summer. Cam is focused on young adult women, and she wants the congregation to know what a "warm and inclusive place" PCPC is.



How to get involved?

If your age group is in the 20s or 30s and you would like to get involved with YA, please contact ya@pcpc.org. Check out the spring YA event list and join in! Additionally, YA has volunteer opportunities for people ages 40 and up to host dinners, lead a small group, or be part of summer book study either on a one-time or regular basis. See how the Lord will faithfully bless your time as you connect with this wonderful portion of PCPC's congregation. For more information, visit pcpc.org/young-adults.

PCPCYA EVENTS

- February 11:** Big Game Party
- March 21:** Night of Worship
- March 27:** Holy Week Lunch
- April 7:** Volleyball
- April 20:** Service Project
- May 2:** Two-Stepping Night

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