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"And the Word  
became flesh and  
dwelt among us,  
and we have seen  
His glory, glory as  
of the only Son from  
the Father, full of  
grace and truth."

John 1:14

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## CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

### FALL BIBLE STUDIES & CLASSES

Connect with one another this fall at PCPC! Be sure to find a weekday Bible study or care group for couples, women, men, children, and youth beginning September 9-13. Vespers and Midweek Dinner will begin on Wednesday, September 11. UNION and Parenting Ahead Class will take place later this fall. Registration and more is available on the PCPC app and website.

[pcpc.org/events](https://pcpc.org/events)

### FIRST FRIDAY/BEFRIEND

SEPTEMBER 6 | 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. | PRESCHOOL AREA

First Friday provides a parent's night out for families with students ages 3-18 with a disability, as well as their siblings. We provide a buddy for the evening one Friday night a month during the school year. Each evening has activities and a devotional led by a team member. bEfriend offers dinners for 8 for our adults with disability. To volunteer or participate, email [jeanie.cox@pcpc.org](mailto:jeanie.cox@pcpc.org).

[pcpc.org/calendar](https://pcpc.org/calendar)

### HELPING HANDS

SEPTEMBER 7 | 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | MEET AT OAK LAWN WEST

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and join the deacons and other volunteers to help single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs (light repairs, maintenance, and minor jobs) around their homes. If you need assistance or would like to serve, please email [Jessica.Fikkert@pcpc.org](mailto:Jessica.Fikkert@pcpc.org).

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### NEW MEMBERS CLASS

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8 | 9:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Is the Lord calling you to be a member of PCPC? Our New Members Class gives you the opportunity to explore that question as we discuss our church's beliefs, vision, and mission. The next class will run from Sunday, September 8 to Sunday, October 27, 2024. We meet from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Register online to attend.

[pcpc.org/membership](https://pcpc.org/membership)

### COMMUNICANT CLASSES

This fall, we will offer two communicant classes for 3rd-8th grade and 9th-12th grade. The 6-week classes will be September 15-October 27. There is a required parent intro class on either August 25 or September 1. Registration is open.

[pcpc.org/worship/communicants](https://pcpc.org/worship/communicants)

### MISSIONARY MAILINGS

SEPTEMBER 22 | 12:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us to write our missionaries letters of encouragement. Lunch will be provided, and donations are appreciated. If you are unable to attend the lunch, you can still write letters found on various tables around the church that day. RSVP to Emily Leonard [emily.leonard@pcpc.org](mailto:emily.leonard@pcpc.org).

### OTHER EVENTS

- PRAYER FOR UKRAINE (ZOOM) | SEPTEMBER 3
- SENIOR ADULT FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP | SEPTEMBER 6
- GRIEFSHARE BEGINS | SEPTEMBER 10
- YOUNG ADULT FALL KICKOFF | SEPTEMBER 11
- GLOBAL PRAYER | SEPTEMBER 21
- YOUNG ADULT PICKLEBALL & POPSICLES | SEPTEMBER 26

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# BEHOLD THE LAMB

This fall, we begin a year-long journey through the Gospel of John. We have entitled the sermon series "Behold the Lamb." After a year of studying the vision John saw in Revelation regarding end times and God's eternal glory in heaven, we now turn to another book written by this same disciple whom Jesus loved. We will soak in the Gospel of John, meditating upon moments like the wedding in Cana, the seven I AM statements declared by Jesus, and the moment at the empty tomb where John looked inside and "saw and believed" that Jesus had risen (John 20:8). This summer, we have seen the honey-like sweetness of the Word of God in Psalm 119. As we turn to John, we will see the same sweetness of the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. We encourage your faithfulness to worship with us each week and invite neighbors, family, and friends to join us. Each week's sermon will be posted on YouTube, Facebook, podcast, PCPC app, and church website for you to share with others ([pcpc.org/resources](http://pcpc.org/resources)).

# SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES

Sunday Morning Communities (SMC) cultivate a space for adults to connect more deeply to Christ through the teaching of God's Word in fellowship with one another. Each SMC varies in size and reflects the unique character of what its members share in common, even as it extends an invitation to all—young and old, single and married, those with children and those without. The following descriptions merely state the stage of life most represented in each SMC, but they do not preclude a welcome to all who will come.

### Communities Meeting at 9:15 a.m.

- Believers' Fellowship** – Serving all ages and stages. Classroom 8 (Lower Level)
- Cornerstone** – Serving young married couples in their 20's and 30's. Classroom 12 (Lower Level; meets at 9:30 a.m.)

### Communities Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

- Ambassadors** – Serving all, with an emphasis on those in their 20's and 30's. Fellowship Hall C (Level One)
- Family Foundations** – Serving all, with an emphasis on those in their 30's and 40's. Mezzanine A (Level Two)
- Redeemer's Fellowship** – Serving all, with an emphasis on those in their 30's to 50's. Classroom 12 (Lower Level near Bookstore)
- Veritas** – Serving all ages and stages. Classroom 2 (Lower Level)
- Good News** – Serving all ages and stages. Classroom 9 (Lower Level)
- Good Shepherd's Fellowship** – Serving all, with an emphasis on those in their 60's, 70's, and 80's. Mezzanine B (Level Two)
- Vineyard** – Serving all, with an emphasis on those in their 50's and 60's. Oak Lawn West Main Meeting Room
- Covenant & New Creations** – Serving all, with an emphasis on those in their 50's and up. Fellowship Hall A/B (Level One)
- Shalom** – Serving all, with an emphasis on those in their 40's and 50's. Classroom 9 (Lower Level)

Find out more about each SMC at [pcpc.org/communities/](http://pcpc.org/communities/).

# FIND YOUR PLACE FALL BIBLE STUDIES & GROUPS

With the launch of a new school year, we begin our fall semester at PCPC. There are several opportunities for men, women, couples, children, and youth to connect with Christ and one another at PCPC through our weekly programming.



### MARRIAGE & COUNSELING

PCPC Marriage Ministry will hold UNION, a nine-week course for seriously dating, engaged, or newly married couples which meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 24. Newly weds, join our new Sunday Morning Community, Cornerstone, on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or join a Foundation Group that meets in homes weekly. Find out more at [pcpc.org/marriage/](http://pcpc.org/marriage/).

For those seeking a place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief, join GriefShare on Tuesdays beginning September 10 from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Care and Counseling Small Groups are also available. Find out more at [pcpc.org/care/](http://pcpc.org/care/).



### MEN

Men, our weekly Tuesday Morning Bible Study will feature the book of *Ecclesiastes* this fall. It is an incredible book that offers very profound and practical wisdom to the everyday lives of men. On Tuesday mornings, 200+ men from our church devote their time to being in God's Word with a large group lecture followed

by small group time for prayer requests and fellowship. For many PCPC Men, this is a pivotal time in their week and personal devotion to Jesus. Block off your calendar beginning September 10 at 7:00 a.m. and sign up now on the PCPC app or website at [pcpc.org/men/](http://pcpc.org/men/).

### WOMEN

In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven I AM declarations. And in Psalm 96:3, the author says, "Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among the peoples." This year, PCPC Women's theme will be "Declare," and our Bible studies will begin September 10-12. On Tuesdays, Precepts will study *Hebrews*, and A Mother's

Heart will study *The Gospel of Mark*. On Wednesdays, Early Morning Bible Study will study 1, 2, & 3 *John*, Wednesday Watchmen will study *Exodus*, and Young Women's Bible Study will study *From Garden to Glory*. Thursday Morning Bible Study will study *Hebrews*. Sign up at [pcpc.org/women/](http://pcpc.org/women/).



### MIDWEEK (WEDNESDAYS AT PCPC)

This fall, come to PCPC on Wednesday nights for Midweek activities beginning September 11 ([pcpc.org/midweek](http://pcpc.org/midweek)). Join our church family for delicious food, refreshing fellowship, Bible studies for many ages, and choir rehearsals. Midweek Dinner from 5:30-7:00 p.m. is a great chance to gather as a group or to meet new friends.

Vespers at 5:30 p.m. is an intimate Communion Service in The Chapel. Weekly adult and children's choirs hold rehearsals. FOCUS for men, women, and couples will study *Hebrews* with small group discussion, lecture, and fellowship.

DivorceCare will meet at 6:45 p.m., helping those affected by divorce or separation to find caring people who understand the issues, begin the healing process, and receive God's comfort and support.

Youth programming will include Small Groups for Middle School and High School girls and guys which will meet off-campus. Each small group will be led by a youth resident and young adult volunteer. High Schoolers meet at The Gathering once a month on Wednesday nights off-campus.



### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Is the Lord calling you to serve this fall? There are weekly opportunities in Children's Ministry on Sunday mornings and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings during our weekday Bible studies. PCPC Missions has these great opportunities: ESL (weekly), Helping Hands on September 7 & November 16, Project Workday on October 5, and our annual Boxes of Blessing on December 7. Sign up on the PCPC app or website at [pcpc.org/volunteer/](http://pcpc.org/volunteer/).

Registration is open for the fall semester. Please visit our website at [pcpc.org/events](http://pcpc.org/events) or download the PCPC app for more on all these weekly programs. We hope you will join us and find your place at PCPC this fall!

# WELCOME BACK TO PCPC...

We are excited to announce that Rob Rucker has joined our ministry as the Interim Director of Senior Adults. Rob served on the PCPC staff from 1993-2005, having gone on to work with two of our church plants and other churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania. He is a Dallas Theological Seminary graduate with additional coursework at Westminster Seminary and is adding the PCA to his ordination credentials. He has two grown children, both baptized at PCPC. Elise lives in Dallas and works for Gracie Studio in the Design District. Benjamin is a software engineer in Palo Alto, CA. They love to hike and ski, catch movies, and check out local restaurants as foodies. Rob will work with Pastor Tommy Overton, Jane Beasley, and Wilma Morgan in Pastoral Care. Please help us welcome Rob back home at PCPC!!!

