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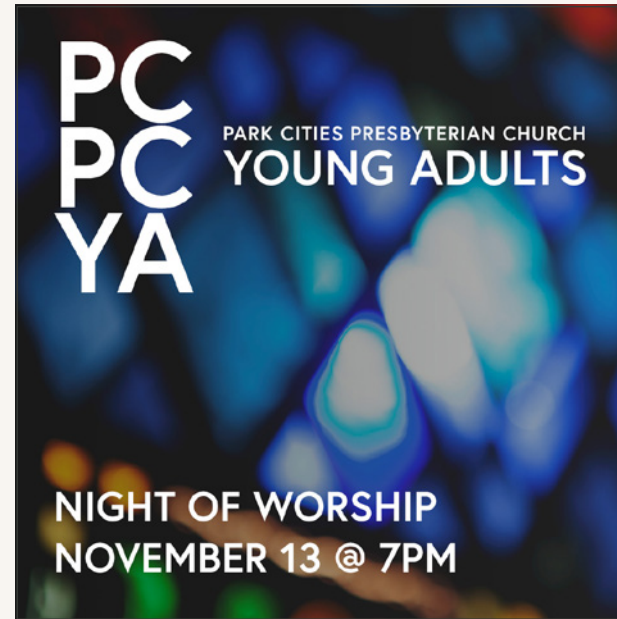
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"If I gave everything
I have to the poor
and even sacrificed
my body, I could
boast about it; but if
I didn't love others,
I would have gained
nothing."

1 Corinthians 13:2-3 (NLT)

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CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

GLORY & GOODNESS: GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1-2

Join us for a weekend of seeing God's design for missions, His glory, and our goodness, as we study the book of Haggai. Hear from Pastor and Author Jonty Rhodes, musical guests Shane and Shane, PCPC's International Church Planting Partners from Senegal, Asia, the UK, Colombia, Mexico, and Iran, and of course, our very own missionaries. Register online.

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60+ COMMUNITY FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 | 11:30 A.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us for an educational seminar with Dr. Gregory K. Beale, Professor of New Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary, Dallas. Please make your reservation no later than 12-noon, Tuesday, November 4.

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SERVE SATURDAY: HELPING HANDS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 8:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. | MEET AT OAK LAWN WEST

Be the hands and feet of Jesus and volunteer to help single moms, widows/ers, senior adults, and those with chronic illness by doing odd jobs around their homes. If you need assistance, please email Jessica.Fikkert@pcpc.org.

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YOUNG ADULT NIGHT OF WORSHIP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Gather to sing and pray in the Chapel. Dress casually and bring friends!

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RUF-INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21 | 6:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Welcome SMU international students with an American Thanksgiving dinner, games, and fellowship. Please sign up to bring food by contacting Sarah Morrison.

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CHRISTMAS CANDELIGHT CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 4:00 OR 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Tickets will be available online starting on Monday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m.

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OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- WOMEN'S SEMI-SILENT RETREAT | NOVEMBER 6-8
- PRESCHOOL POP & PLAY | NOVEMBER 7
- FIRST FRIDAY/BEFRIEND | NOVEMBER 7
- MNA DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING | NOVEMBER 14-16
- MEN'S SOLITUDE SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 15
- MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS FRIENDSGIVING | NOVEMBER 19
- HIGH SCHOOL: THE GATHERING | NOVEMBER 21
- PRESCHOOL SONG & STORY | NOVEMBER 21
- FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO CARTAGENA | NOVEMBER 22-28
- BOXES OF BLESSING | DECEMBER 6

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ADVENT AT PCPC

THE LOVE OF GOD INCARNATE

This Advent season at PCPC, we will celebrate the coming of Christ and the longing for His return, focusing on the love of God incarnate. At its heart, Christmas is "the world's best love story" as Paul David Trip wrote in *Come Let Us Adore Him*. It's "about a God of love sending the Son of His love to live a life of love and die a death of love, so that all who believe in Him would be welcomed into the arms of His love forever and ever."



We hope that during this Advent, you will abide in Christ's love and wonder at the reminder that God keeps His promises. Christ embodies true, selfless love in His birth, death, and resurrection. "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13). The events we hold this Advent season point us towards that love. Come worship, fellowship, and sing a joyful song of love to our Savior.

POINSETTIAS IN THE SANCTUARY

Purchase a poinsettia in honor of a friend or loved one to be displayed in the Sanctuary in December. Reservations are open online and run through November 24.



WOMEN'S ADVENT PRAYER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 7:00 P.M. | CHAPEL

Come begin the Christmas season with a time of prayer and worship. We pray our hearts will be filled with the wonder of our beautiful Savior and King.

ADVENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 5:30 P.M. | CHAPEL

Join us for a time of worship and reflection as we remember the loved ones we have lost during the year.

BOXES OF BLESSING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 8:30-11:30 A.M. | BCW WAREHOUSE 6100 CEDAR SPRINGS RD

Bring your family, small group, and friends to help us extend Christ's Kingdom to our city by filling 11,000 boxes of food.

FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 4:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

PCPC Children's Ministry invites all families to attend a special evening to celebrate Advent. Please reserve dinner online.

CHRISTMAS CANDELIGHT CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 4:00 OR 7:00 P.M. | SANCTUARY

Our yearly concert features the children's, youth, and adult choirs with symphony orchestra. A free ticket is required for entry.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 | 4:00 P.M. (FAMILY) OR 8:00 P.M. (EVENING) | SANCTUARY

Who will you invite? The Christmas Eve Family service is at 4:00 p.m. We will have a special children's message and music. And the Christmas Eve Evening Service is at 8:00 p.m.

All of this and more can be found online at pcpc.org/advent/.



PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP

by the Generosity Committee of the PCPC Diaconate

This past year, Park Cities Presbyterian Church (PCPC) deacons focused on cultivating and renewing a spirit of generosity within our church. This effort, based upon PCPC's Principles of Stewardship, was initiated by Harris McCraw with the support of Jim Sheppard, a Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) Elder based in Atlanta who has assisted other churches with similar initiatives.

If PCPC's stated mission is to extend the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world, then we, the members of the church, are responsible for using our gifts and abilities to that end. In 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, Paul cites the wonderful example of the churches in Macedonia, who "overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave...beyond their means, of their own accord." He then notes that this is not a command to the believers in Corinth, but rather an example of other believers' earnest love for others and desire to follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

And this strikes at the root of where we must focus. Our giving must be driven by the heart and informed to a greater degree by our faith. To paraphrase the lessons from Jim: all too often, we focus on the **TO** element of our giving. We think in terms of specific investments, outcomes, missions, etc. Talk of budgets too easily dominates, particularly in a culture as financially oriented as the one we inhabit today. However, these concerns, while certainly appropriate, often crowd out the **FROM** element of our giving. It is our faith that must be the driver of how we give and steward the resources the Lord has entrusted to us.

Helpfully, PCPC's Principles of Stewardship were compiled by the Session several years ago to guide all of us "as stewards who are to be held accountable, we must prayerfully seek to exercise our stewardship in a manner that is consistent with and obedient to God's Word."

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This is where the initiative has focused. It became clear, too, that this ought to start with the elders, deacons, and staff of the church, who must embrace a culture of generosity in all that we do and steward: time, treasure, and talent. We must each prayerfully consider our own hearts and giving in the context of the Principles of Stewardship, talk through where we are with our spouses and families, and then seek to draw closer to the models and examples presented in Scripture.

From there to the church as a whole, giving and generosity will need to be a discipleship conversation as we broaden from a focus on how to give to one that equally emphasizes why we give. As PCPC's third principle says: God is concerned with the heart of the giver as opposed to the amount of the gift. God does not need our money, nor are God's ultimate purposes contingent upon our gifts. Generous giving is a grace given by God in which He provides us the opportunity to participate in His work. As we give sacrificially, we grow in our sanctification (for scriptural support and further reading, see: Matthew 6:1-4; Matthew 23:23-26; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Mark 12:41-44; 1 Corinthians 13:3).

We urge all of the members of PCPC to prayerfully consider the Principles of Stewardship (see QR code) in light of their own giving and seek to continually cultivate a spirit of generosity, as well as come together as a church body to extend the Kingdom.



PRINCIPLES OF STEWARDSHIP AND ONLINE GIVING

Scan QR code for pcpc.org/give and read PCPC's biblical Principles of Stewardship.