



FALL GUIDE 2023

*Park Cities Presbyterian Church exists to extend the transforming presence
of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.*



Welcome

TO PARK CITIES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I want to welcome you to PCPC. We know there's a lot in this Fall Guide, but we hope it's more than a menu, more than a flood of information. We want to shepherd you toward being a healthy member or participant in the life of our church.

As you consider where the Lord is calling you to *connect, abide, and extend*, our hope is that you will:



Mark Davis
SENIOR PASTOR

- Join us regularly in corporate worship on Sundays.
- Find a community that makes the big church smaller and helps you become more like Jesus (see the "Connect" section in this guide).
- Find a way to serve the Lord inside or outside the walls of the church (see the "Extend" section in this guide).

Some of our people get involved in more than one smaller community. Some of our people find more than one way to serve. It is not our desire that you would do everything, but that the Lord would lead you to a few things that help you *connect, abide, and extend*. If you can only do one thing, we hope that you'll prioritize the joy of worshiping the Lord together on Sunday morning.

— Mark Davis, Senior Pastor



SUNDAYS AT PCPC

Three corporate worship services are held Sunday mornings for all ages at 8:00 a.m. (Chapel), 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary).



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Connect to Christ

AND ONE ANOTHER

In John 15, Jesus gives us a beautiful vision of a healthy group of believers. Drawing from the rich biblical imagery of God's people being like a vineyard, Jesus reveals Himself as "the true vine," the one in whom true life is found (v. 1). He warns that apart from Him we are fruitless, helpless, and condemned (vv. 5-7). But He also promises that all who connect to Him by faith will be united to Him, bear fruit through Him, and experience fullness of joy (vv. 3-4, 11).

If we are connected to Jesus, the true vine, we are also immediately and intimately connected with every other believer as fellow branches (v. 5). For us as a church, this means the first and most foundational thing we do is to be God's means to connect people to Christ and His Church personally.





CHILDREN

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We want to provide a safe, loving environment as we connect our youngest disciples to the love of God through Jesus Christ. Our hope is to partner with parents as they prepare their children for a lifetime of abiding in Christ and extending Him to others. We have a nursery for newborns 3 months through 3-year olds (Lower Level), classes for preschoolers 3 years old through kindergarten (Level One), and elementary-age kids 1st through 5th grade (Level Two).

Communicants Class – Fall & Spring

First Friday & bFriend – Monthly

Second Grade Bibles – Oct. 1

Pumpkin Gospel – Oct. 6

Parent Equipping Event – Nov. 8

Family Advent Service – Dec. 3

CHOIRS

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Our choirs are filled with people who love God, love to sing, and love to help others sing. We welcome new members, preschool through adult.

Chancel Adult Choir

Children's & Youth Choirs

Musikgarten

SUNDAY MORNING COMMUNITIES

PCPC.ORG/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.

MARRIAGE

PCPC.ORG/MARRIAGE

We long to see vibrant relationships that reflect God's love for us in the Gospel. Our marriage ministry serves pre-married, newly married, and established married couples through classes such as UNION, our pre-marriage course, and re|engage, a course for all married couples. We also have Foundation Groups which are small groups for newlyweds that study and discuss biblical marriage.

re|engage – begins Sept. 13

UNION – begins Sept. 19

Foundation Groups – Ongoing

MEN

PCPC.ORG/MEN

PCPC offers opportunities for men to abide in God's Word, connect by sharing life, and extend Christ to others. We are especially interested in helping men internalize the Gospel for themselves and integrate the life of Christ into all of life.

Men's Care Groups – Fall & Spring

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

– begins Sept. 12

The Call Bible Study – begins Sept. 13

Focus Bible Study for Men, Women, & Couples – begins Sept. 13

Silent Retreat – Sept. 27-Oct. 1

Men's Golf Tournament – Nov. 3

Helping Hands – Nov. 11

What group are you a part of that helps you connect with others at PCPC?

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

PCPC.ORG/MEMBERSHIP

This class meets on Sunday mornings in the fall and spring and serves both as an introduction to our church as well as a guide toward membership.

Fall Class – begins Sept. 10

Spring Class – begins Jan. 14

PARISH MINISTRY

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PCPC.ORG/PARISH

A parish makes the big church smaller as we seek to live as Christ's people in our neighborhoods.

SMALL GROUPS

PCPC.ORG/SMALL-GROUPS

Our small groups meet throughout the week all over the city for abiding in Christ in the context of deepening relationships. We would love to help you find a small group.

THIRD THIRD & SENIOR ADULTS

PCPC.ORG/CALENDAR

The focus of these ministries is on the more mature and experienced in life and faith who have a need for learning, fellowship, and sharing with others in ministry.

Aging with Grace – Sept. 22

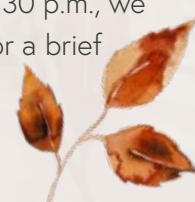
Third Third Luncheon – Oct. 1

State Fair Day – Oct. 12

Thanksgiving Luncheon – Nov. 17

VESPERS

Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., we gather in the Chapel for a brief





evening prayer service that features a contemplative liturgy of prayers, Scripture readings, hymns, and Communion. The service is led by our pastors and is open to all.

WOMEN

PCPC.ORG/WOMEN

We offer many places for women to connect, abide, and extend Christ through studying the Word of God, praying boldly, and sharing our lives and the Gospel. We want YOU to be part of growing in God's family with us this year!

Bible Studies – begin Sept. 12-14

The Bridge: What's Her Story?

– Oct. 17

Silent Retreat – Nov. 8-12

Advent Prayer – Nov. 28

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YOUTH

PCPC.ORG/YOUTH

We believe that relationships are crucial for discipleship, so we offer multiple ways for students in grades 6-12 to build relationships with one another and with our team of staff and volunteers.

Middle School – Sundays, 6-8 grade at 11:00 a.m. in the Hangout & Gym.

High School – Sundays, 9-12 grade at 11:00 a.m. in The Loft (Level Two).

Middle School: Sky Ranch Fall Retreat – Sept. 15-17

Middle School Communicants Class – Fall & Spring

Middle School Events – Oct. 12, Nov. 12, Dec. 3

High School: The Gathering – Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15

YOUNG ADULTS

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This ministry serves three different life stages—singles, couples, and families—who are primarily, but not absolutely, in their 20s to late 30s. All updated news/information can be found on IG [@PCPCYA](#) or





Abide in Christ

The most repeated word in John 15 is, "abide." Abide means to dwell, to live with. By grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we are inseparably united with Christ and called to a life-long journey of growing in Him. Christian formation cultivates an abiding life in Christ by participating in the work of God's free grace. Our hope for the people of Park Cities Presbyterian Church is that through their time in this community their lives will abide more deeply in Christ, so that their minds are filled with the truth and beauty of Christ, their hearts are captivated by the love of God, and their lives joyfully extend, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the transforming presence of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in Dallas and to the world.

ESSENTIAL PATHS TO CHRISTIAN FORMATION

PCPC.ORG/CHRISTIAN-FORMATION

Believing

We seek to know and love God by growing in understanding of the Bible and truths for life collected in faithful doctrine.

Bible | Doctrine

Praying

We seek to receive and rest in Christ alone, listening and speaking to God as beloved children, by the help of His Spirit, captivated by the love of God, turning away from sin and turning to life in Jesus.

Prayer | Renewal

Extending

We seek to cultivate a spirit of glad generosity, extending the transforming presence of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ in word and way of life.

Generosity | Evangelism

FAITH & CULTURE

PCPC.ORG/FAITHANDCULTURE

As Christians, we have the privilege of applying our faith in the context of the challenging world we live in. But we often struggle with knowing how to do that.

Fall Book Discussion – begins Oct. 16



PRAYER

PCPC.ORG/PRAYER

Prayer is a key component to abiding in Christ. We have All-Church Prayer, Abide: A Prayer Book, Silent Retreats, and other opportunities to grow in prayer throughout the year.

All-Church Prayer – Sept. 10

Men's Silent Retreat – Sept. 27-Oct. 1

Women's Silent Retreat – Nov. 8-12

Women's Advent Prayer – Nov. 28

Prayer for Missionaries – Monthly

CARE & COUNSELING

PCPC.ORG/CARE

We believe that the Church is God's instrument to CARE for people as they really are, in all the unique ways God has created each person as an individual, and in all the difficult ways that brokenness, doubt, and frustration has come to bear on his or her story.

Deep Light Podcast – (search "Deep Light Podcast" on Spotify, Google, Apple, and others)

Women's Care Groups - Fall & Spring

Men's Care Groups - Fall & Spring

DivorceCare - Fall & Spring

Advent Memorial Service - Dec. 6

*Are you abiding
in Christ through
Scripture and prayer?*





Extend Christ

One of the great surprises of John 15 is that Jesus entrusts His mission as the vine to us as branches. Just as the Father appointed Him, so now Jesus has appointed us (vv. 15-16). This means extending His self-sacrificial love to one another (vv. 12-13, 17). And this means going out to proclaim that the Kingdom of God has come in Jesus Christ, and to pray that God would bear much fruit through us (vv. 15-16). For us as a church, this means the third and most far-reaching thing we do is to extend Christ.

YOUR CHURCH

PCPC.ORG/VOLUNTEER or [PCPC APP](http://PCPC.ORG/APP)

PCPC has many volunteer opportunities including PCPC Kids, Helping Hands, First Friday & bFriend, and our Frontline Ministry. Begin today!

YOUR CITY

CITY MISSIONS

PCPC.ORG/CITY-MISSIONS

We encourage and equip PCPC members to extend Christ through Gospel-centered relationships and cross-cultural ministry, especially with the least, the lost, and the lonely. We seek to raise awareness for issues faced within an inner-city context, serve alongside our ministry partners, and be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in Dallas.

Church in the City Luncheon – Oct. 8

Project Workday – Oct. 28

Boxes of Blessing – Dec. 2

INTERNATIONALS IN DALLAS

PCPC.ORG/GLOBAL-LOCAL

PCPC longs to be a community that is discipled to be welcoming, teachable, and transformed through cross-cultural immersion with the nations that God sends to our doorstep.

Our members are engaged in refugee, immigrant, and international student ministry in Dallas through relationships with ministry partners Reformed University Fellowship International (RUF-I), Cristo Rey, Vickery Trading, Casa del Lago, and our own English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

ESL – Fall & Spring Classes

RUF-I Welcome Party – Aug. 18

RUF-I Thanksgiving – Nov. 17

PERFORMING ARTS

PCPCCONCERTS.ORG

The PCPC concert series exists to proclaim the excellencies of Jesus Christ through music and other artistic media. These public events are presented each year by our church choirs as well as many guest artists.

Dr. Jeremy Begbie – Sept. 19

Kevin & Cooper Twit – Oct. 1

Voces 8 – Nov. 2

Candlelight Christmas – Dec. 17

YOUR WORLD

WORLD MISSIONS & CHURCH PLANTING

PCPC.ORG/WORLD

At PCPC, we envision a church where every member is a world Christian who understands the "global-ness" of the Church's mission and is eager to serve the purposes of God globally.

Missionary Mailings – Sept. 24

Crates for Ukraine – Fall Initiative

Global Missions Expo – Nov. 5

PRAY, GIVE, GO

On Sunday, November 5, the Missions Ministry will host a Global Missions Expo to highlight PCPC's short-term mission trips. Come by Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service to hear stories from previous trip participants. Hear why YOU should consider joining us on a mission trip in 2024!

Weekdays at PCPC



For more, visit pcpc.org/calendar

MONDAY

9:00 A.M. Musikgarten (Babies/Toddlers)
9:00 A.M. Mom's Chapel School Co-op (Preschoolers)
9:30 A.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)

TUESDAY

7:00 A.M. Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Men)
9:30 A.M. Precepts (Women)
9:50 A.M. A Mother's Heart (Women)
6:30 P.M. Precepts (Women)
6:30 P.M. A Mother's Heart (Women)
6:30 P.M. Why We Hide (Care/Counseling)
7:00 P.M. UNION (Pre-Marriage)
7:00 P.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)



WEDNESDAY

7:00 A.M. Early Morning Bible Study (Women)
9:30 A.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)
9:30 A.M. Wednesday Watchmen (Women)
4:00 P.M. Cherub Choir (4-5 year olds)
4:30 P.M. Carol & Chapel Choirs (Grades K-1 & 2-4)
5:00 P.M. Covenant Choir (Grades 5-8)
5:30 P.M. Midweek Dinner
5:30 P.M. Midweek Vespers Service
6:00 P.M. The Call – Pete Deison (Men)
6:30 P.M. Middle School Small Groups (Youth)
6:45 P.M. DivorceCare (Care/Counseling)
6:45 P.M. Focus (Men, Women, & Couples Bible Study)
7:00 P.M. re|engage (Marriage Enrichment)
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir (Adult)
7:00 P.M. Young Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY

10:00 A.M. Thursday Morning Bible Study (Women)
7:00 P.M. English as a Second Language (ESL)
7:00 P.M. Men's Care Groups (Care/Counseling)

FELLOWSHIP HALL





Special Events 2023-2024

Christmas Eve Services – *Dec. 24*

WinterGrace: God's Grace in Our Suffering – *Feb. 3-4*

Share: Women's Equipping Retreat – *Apr. 12-13*

Holy Week – *Mar. 24-31*

High School Florida Trip – *May 25-31*

Vacation Bible School – *June 4-7*

DEEP LIGHT PODCAST

Deep Light is a space for community, healing, hope, and education around topics of rescue and growth. This fall, our Deep Light series will focus on "limitations." Limitations can be emotional, physical, mental, vocational, or relational. We all have them, and rather than seeing them as a fault, they should lead us to greater dependence on the Lord.



Search "Deep Light Podcast" on your favorite platform or scan QR code to visit pcpc.org/deeplight/.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST - SERMON SERIES

Of all the books of the Bible, perhaps the most captivating and at times the most confusing is the book of Revelation. How are we to understand this strange and mysterious book filled with numbers and images and beasts and a Lamb? What is the book of Revelation all about? One reason for our confusion is that we often approach the Bible with the wrong question. The primary question we should ask the book of Revelation to answer is not "what" but "who." Who is the book of Revelation all about? From the first verse to the last, the book of Revelation is all about Jesus Christ. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Lion and the Lamb, the Bridegroom who is coming for His Bride, and the King who will one day return to make all things new. This fall, join us on Sunday mornings for our sermon series on *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*.

WINTERGRACE 2024

Please be sure to save the date for our annual WinterGrace event the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. WinterGrace is an on-campus retreat for our whole congregation to be refreshed in God's grace through fellowship, learning, music, and worship. This year our theme will be, "God's Grace in Our Suffering," and we are excited that singer-songwriter and author Andrew Peterson will be with us for the weekend.



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PCPC MOBILE APP

With this app, you can check your kids in on Sunday, see upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, watch and listen to sermons and other resources including Every Thought Captive devotional, Deep Light Podcast, and online giving.

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