

Gathering Around The Word

“Kind people are brave people. Brave is not something you should wait to feel. Brave is a decision. It is a decision that compassion is more important than fear, than fitting in, than following the crowd.”

– Glennon Doyle

Invitation to Discipleship

Introit

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

Julie Liston Johnson, soprano

Call to Worship

Leader: How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God’s love.

People: We are called to be Easter people!

Leader: New life springs forth around us,

People: The earth bears fruit and creation sings!

Leader: For Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!

*Hymn 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Living God, we find it easy to praise you, joyfully worshipping each Sunday. It is more difficult to follow you, and to act faithfully in the world. We struggle to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly. Forgive us for withholding compassion, for judging quickly, and for speaking poorly of others. Soften our hearts and remind us that your grace covers all people in all circumstances. Encourage us as we strive to follow each and every day. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: We are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43

Sermon

Why did he come here?

Rev. Matthew Ruffner

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory Music

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd (8:15 a.m.)

Julie Liston Johnson, soprano

A New Song (9:30 & 11 a.m.)

The Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all people here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sacrament of Baptism (11 a.m.)

Presentation

LINDE MARIE LARKINS
Parents: Amanda and Matt Larkins
Elder Sponsor: Betsy Colter

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Act of Baptizing and Blessing

Giving of the Baptismal Candle and Welcome

Raindrops, oceans, lakes, and rivers; welcome, child of God.

Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.

When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds you,

We are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.

***Hymn 803**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Toccata on O Filii et Filiae

Worship Leaders

Our preacher today is Rev. Matthew Ruffner. Director of Music Steve Jobman leads our Sanctuary Choir. Our organist is Bradley Hunter Welch, Artist-in-Residence. Our acolytes are Bela and Dilan Koganti. Our lay liturgist is Lisa Johnson. Next week's preacher is Rev. Matthew Ruffner.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are in celebration of the marriage of Hallie Brady and Cliff Bell who were married last night at PHPC. The bride and her parents, Patrick and Ellen Brady are members of PHPC. The flowers in the Chapel are given by Sandra Gompf in loving memory of Henry Lewis Gompf. The flowers in the Columbarium are given by Joanna Kim in loving memory of Tobias Kim.



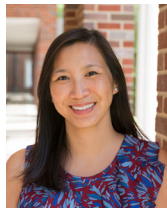
Rev. Matthew Ruffner
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Rev. Mark Brainerd
Associate Pastor for Congregational Care



Rev. Jessie Light-Wells
Monie Pastoral Resident



Rev. Dr. Bob Poteet
Parish Associate

CONNECT

Presbyterian Women's Mad Hatter's Tea: Saturday, April 28 from 2-4 p.m. Don't miss out! Be sure to purchase your tickets this Sunday in the Atrium or at www.phpc.org/madhatter, \$30 each or \$250 for a table of 8. Also, take a look at the lovely gift baskets and purchase an opportunity to win the one of your choice, \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Join us for the fun!

Worship at Five Block Party: We're having a big block party and inviting the whole neighborhood! On **April 29** at 5 p.m., we'll have tacos, bounce houses, live music from the Worship at Five band, face painting and more!

Youth Cake Auction: Today, **April 22** at noon in Jubilee Hall! Come bid on creations by our Youth Ministry at our annual Cake Auction! We will be serving a baked potato lunch, which the youth will prepare, and then the bidding will begin! All of the cakes will be prepared and auctioned off by the students. The money raised will go to offset the cost of summer trips.

GROW

Race (Still) Matters invitation to Dallas' Hidden History Tour: Have you been participating in the Race (Still) Matters conversations and find yourself ready to move beyond the walls of the church? Sign up for an entertaining and educational tour of sites, instrumental in the history and development of vibrant African American communities in Dallas. Take the tour on **Saturday, May 5**, 9 a.m. – noon. Optional lunch will follow. To purchase Hidden History Tour tickets go to phpc.org/adultformation.

SERVE

2018 Vickery Meadow Summer Academy: Make plans now to join McShan students and about 100 more from four other area elementary schools from **July 11 through August 2** at Jack Lowe Elementary (7000 Holly Hill, Dallas 75231) Sessions are 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. No teaching experience is necessary. Email Dalene at vmsra2018@gmail.com with your contact information (name, email address, phone) and your availability. Minimum age is 15.

Super Happy Fun Week: PHPC Kids has a new opportunity this year and we need volunteers! From **August 6-10**, we will have a combination of kids from PHPC and kids from Vickery Meadow neighborhood come together for fun and learning together here at the church. If you are interested in helping with this special week, please contact Ann Nielsen at anielsen@phpc.org.

GIVE

This month, PHPC's EDC offering goes toward WiNGS for Women & Families, whose mission is to empower women, fight poverty, and impact generations. www.phpc.org/edc

Commit 2018: Your Commit dollars help us send volunteers around the world. This year, we have mission trips to Malawi and Nicaragua.

JOYS/CONCERNS

There will be a memorial for Thomas and Jeanne Scholberg on **Monday, April 23** at 11 a.m. in the PHPC Chapel.

There will be a memorial for Ann Simmons on **Thursday, May 31** at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

UPCOMING

April 24: A Night with Glennon Doyle

April 28: PW Mad Hatter's Tea

April 29: Worship at Five Block Party