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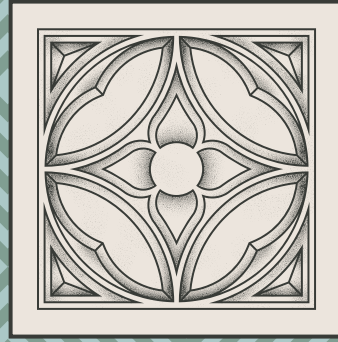


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For this reason I bow my
knees before the Father,
from whom every family in
heaven and on earth is named,
that according to the riches of
His glory He may grant you to
be strengthened with power
through His Spirit in your
inner being...

Ephesians 3:14-16

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CONNECT, ABIDE, & EXTEND

SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

This summer, High School students will meet for fellowship and worship at The Gathering on Wednesday nights (7:15 p.m.) in The Loft at PCPC: June 3, July 15, & August 5. Middle School girls will have weekly Bible studies, and all girls and guys will have hangouts: June 3 at Altitude Trampoline Park (6:00 p.m.), June 12 World Cup Watch Party (8:00 p.m.), and June 24 Dodgeball Tournament (4:30 p.m.).

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SUMMER STUDIES

Abide in Christ this summer at PCPC! On Tuesday mornings beginning June 9, men will study "Act Like Men" from 1 Corinthians 16. On Wednesday mornings beginning June 10, women will discuss *Forgiveness* by Erika Allen. Childcare (birth-Kindergarten) is available with a reservation for the Women's study. On Wednesday evenings, Young Adults will study *Pilgrim's Progress* beginning June 3, and Pat Hobin will lead "Rejoice in Hope" beginning June 17. Registration and more info is available online.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | 9:30 & 11:00 A.M. | SANCTUARY

The Session of PCPC has approved a Congregational Meeting on June 7 for the purpose of electing elder (George Ball, Pete Flowers, Jerry Gibson, & Eric Horan) and deacon (Andrew Edson) officers. Candidate bios are online. We will also vote to dissolve the call of Paul Goebel as an Associate Pastor.

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SUMMER REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP (RUF)

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING JUNE 10 | 7:30 P.M. | PCPC CHAPEL

Calling all college students in Dallas for the summer! Join together for a large group Bible study and fellowship with RUF campus ministers from around the area.

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SEND-OFF RECEPTION FOR THE GOEBEL FAMILY

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 12:30-2:30 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as we celebrate and send off the Goebel family before their move to Tennessee. Paul has accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Nashville. Refreshments and light bites provided; no RSVP is needed.

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MASS CHOIRS & SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 7:00 P.M. | MEYERSON SYMPHONY CENTER

Directed by Dr. Anton Armstrong and led by baritone Donnie Ray Albert, PCPC's Chancel Choir joins with other choirs and symphony orchestra for an evening of sacred music at the Meyerson Symphony Center. Tickets available beginning May 18.

pcpcconcerts.org

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 2-5
- SKY RANCH LAUNCH CAMP | JUNE 8-12
- MEN'S SOLITUDE SATURDAY | JUNE 27
- YOUNG ADULT PICKLEBALL & POPSICLES | JULY 1
- SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCE | JULY
- THE GATHERING (HIGH SCHOOL) | JULY 15

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COMMUNION AS A MEANS OF GRACE

by Pete Hatton
Pastor of Family Ministries

All of us are looking to connect with God and experience His power and presence in our lives. Some will look to mysteriously tap deeper into experiencing the Holy Spirit apart from God's Word, others will buy the latest popular Christian book that promises spiritual success, while others will get more serious about spiritual disciplines. But the Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 1:16-17: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it (*the gospel*) is the power of God for salvation (*All of it: from conversion to glory*) to everyone who believes." God unleashes His power when the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered.

thinking more about Him than you are yourself? Maybe your desires begin to change, where you pray more, read your Bible more, or find yourself more eager to serve your family? God is at work through the means where He says He works, and we clearly see this in Luke 24.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to some of His discouraged disciples on the road to Emmaus. These men didn't recognize that it was Jesus who was speaking to them. Their hopes were dashed because Jesus died. They didn't understand the Old Testament Scriptures that clearly teach the Messiah must suffer and die. So, Jesus responds in Luke 24:25-27, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

Jesus explained and interpreted to them how ALL of the Old Testament Scriptures were about Him. Jesus is the better Adam, the better Moses, and the better David. Jesus is the true Prophet, Priest, and King; He is the true tabernacle and temple. All of God's Word is about THE Word of God, and these men didn't understand the Old Testament. Then in verses 28-32, Jesus was about to leave them, but the disciples urged Him to stay. "When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?'"

Jesus revealed Himself at the table where the bread was broken. Don't miss what was going on when Jesus was explaining the Scriptures to them – "Did not our hearts burn within us *while* He explained the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32b). May our hearts burn to love Jesus more when we hear about Him in the preached Word and see, smell, taste, and touch the reality of His sacrifice, so that we could be forgiven.

If God says, "I'll meet you at the corner of 1st & 2nd Street", why would you go to the corner of 3rd & 4th, and then get mad when God doesn't show up there? He tells us where He will meet with us – places we call "means of grace," namely, through the preached Word, the sacraments (Lord's Supper & Baptism), and prayer and fellowship with God's people. The preached Word is the gospel to the ears, while the sacraments are the gospel to all our senses. God knows how hard it is for us to trust Him, to believe what He says is more real than what we see, so He gives us the sacraments that are meant to make His love and saving promises more real to us. Something we can see, taste, smell, and touch to awaken us to the reality of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

When it comes to the Lord's Supper, Jesus is spiritually present when the elements are administered, and in communion, we are reminded of what Jesus has done for us in order to save us. His body was broken; His blood was shed to pay for ALL of our sins' penalty on the cross. Jesus was punished as our substitute sacrifice, receiving what we deserved in our place. When we trust in Jesus' saving work, God takes everything that is bad about us and puts it on His Son, but then He takes everything that is good about Jesus, and credits it to our account (2 Corinthians 5:21). Theologians call this "The Great Exchange" – All of our sin was placed on Christ, and all of His righteousness is declared to us.

The Lord's Supper reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice, and the Spirit makes these truths more clear to our minds and more real to our hearts. When you take communion, you may not experience the reality of His presence or feel His transformation, but it doesn't mean God isn't working. What if later in the day you find you're



COMMUNICANTS

Twice a year, PCPC offers six-week Communicants Classes for students in 3rd–12th grade who are considering full communing membership and admission to the Lord's Table.

These classes help students examine their faith alongside their families and the church as they discern readiness to make a public profession of faith and be received by the Session as full communing members. Participants will:

- Better understand the vows they will take
- Articulate their faith to an elder
- Cherish the privileges and embrace the responsibilities of their inheritance in the household of faith

The class also celebrates the Lord's faithfulness in drawing covenant children to respond in faith.

This fall, Communicants Classes for Elementary, Middle School, and High School students will meet on Sundays, September 13–October 25, 2026. Parent Introductory Meetings will be held August 23 and 30.

Parents and students are encouraged to pray for the Lord's guidance and attend one of the Parent Intro Meetings.

To help discern readiness, visit: pcpc.org/communicants/

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