

Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church



Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church is a community of God's people, committed to living by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, rooted in Reformed theology, nurtured by mutual caring, inspired by Word and sacrament, invested in spiritual and intellectual growth, and committed to faithful stewardship of our lives and resources. PHPC's mission proclaims

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), called by God, redeemed by Jesus Christ, sustained by the Holy Spirit, seeking to grow in faith and Christian discipleship. PHPC is a welcoming family of faith, seeking unity as we follow Christ, loving and supporting each other and those in need within and beyond our community of faith. By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, all we are and all we do are to the greater glory of God.

The members of our family of faith embrace a desire for spiritual growth and Christian fellowship, along with our call to serve others as faithful, loving Christian disciples in our community and the greater world. Worship is central to our congregation's life, ministry and identity. We are led by uncommonly strong, thoughtful, Biblically-grounded preaching, and blessed by an exceptional music program. Our services are unified through prayer, scripture, music and preaching. Adopted in 1999 and still dynamic today, our congregational vision "invites you on a spiritual journey to know and encourage each other in Christian discipleship as we discover God's purpose in our lives."

PHPC adults are active in worship, education and mission. We are blessed with a respected, vibrant youth fellowship and children's programs known citywide. PHPC has 5 called ministers, 11 program staff, 6 professional and 15 support staff members. A 16-member Session governs as the visioning body and strategic leadership of the church. Five ministry teams conduct the programmatic and mission work, and a 16-member Diaconate oversees congregational care. Our church spreads the Good News of Jesus Christ through our weekly live radio broadcast of Sunday morning worship, routinely drawing an estimated 10,000 listeners as well as a live streaming internet webcast of our weekly worship. The PHPC Foundation, a \$4 million+ institution, enables members and friends to financially extend the reach of their faith into the future to support the ongoing work of the church. The Preston Hollow

Presbyterian School is our longest serving mission. Founded in 1962, PHPS is dedicated to educating children of average to superior intelligence with mild to moderate learning disabilities. As our flagship mission, the Vickery Meadow Learning Center serves 725 adults and 165 children annually by providing free adult English literacy and early childhood education programs. PHPC has a caring and creative approach to meeting the on-going needs of members and their families through our Church Gerontologist. Fellowship, education and communion opportunities are available in groups specific to men, women, parents, youth, children and neighborhoods.

Through 60+ years of service, PHPC is blessed with diverse talents and skills from members sharing generously of their time, talents and financial resources. Despite challenging economic times, PHPC has continued its ministry with no staff or program reductions. Our church is debt free, with balanced membership patterns: 751 members are under age 17, 1,454 are between ages 21 and 60, and 750 are 61 and over. Music is a key component of worship, with 325 members engaged in music programs. The Sanctuary Choir performed at the 2008 International Church Music Festival in Rome. Trained members care for those in distress through DivorceCare, DC4K, Stephen Ministers, and Guided Personal Support groups. More than 100 people share the gift of teaching, while others share the gift of hospitality greeting as Ambassadors and ushers, visiting homebound members and arranging and distributing flowers. Twenty members have served short-term missions in Malawi as teachers, builders and medical volunteers, and 14 in Nicaragua. Ten members share financial knowledge with financially fragile families through EQUIP, while many gifted in prayer share it through our Prayer Cordon. Generous members have given \$100,000 in scholarships for teachers, doctors and nurses in Malawi. PHPC regularly supports seminary students, producing more than 10 ordained ministers. PHPC members are extraordinarily talented, educated, caring and active Christians impacting our church, community and the world beyond.

As Christians, we must serve the larger community while remaining faithful disciples. Believing we are saved by grace through faith, and reflecting the Reformed tradition, PHPC embraces a moderate theological perspective and a commitment to live out the Gospels in a spirit of love, forgiveness, and tolerance. Located in an affluent neighborhood of a large thriving city, many members are economically and educationally advantaged. As God's people, we are elected for service as well as salvation. We are called to use our gifts for the transformation of society by seeking justice and peace, witnessing to the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We seek to be a warm, supportive and inclusive church where people find freedom to speak and help with ethical questions and theological matters. We strive to be a church where strangers can find a home that is tolerant and strives to understand before deciding, to extend grace before judgment, and to use scripture as the measure of truth. We are challenged to live and work in the world but not be wholly of it, to experience God's presence as a community and to represent Christ as a witness to the world. As God's people, PHPC must be a good steward of our human and financial resources, using them effectively so our people will find God's purpose in their lives and humbly contribute their time and treasures to His service. To be good stewards, we are continually challenged to discern God's purpose and live in obedience to His Word.

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Pastor



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Associate Pastor,
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