Park Avenue
CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Messenger

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3000 S. Park Avenue, Denison, TX 75020, 903-465-1288



Todd's Take

Welcome to our worship service! We're glad to have you here, whether you're a longtime member or a first-time visitor. If you have any questions about Park Avenue or would like to know more about the Lord, please seek us out.

This week we honored Veterans Day, and we're grateful for every veteran in our church family. Thank you for your service.

This morning we continue our November series, At the Table, with a question Christians have wrestled with for two thousand years: what actually happens when we take the Lord's Supper?

In 1529, two great reformers, Martin Luther and Ulrich Zwingli, met in Marburg, Germany, hoping to unite their movements. They agreed on fourteen of fifteen articles of faith. The one that divided them was the Lord's Supper. Ironically, the meal Jesus gave to unite his people has often divided them.

Today we'll look at how Catholics, Lutherans, Reformed churches, and others have understood Jesus' words, "This is my body. This is my blood." We'll also look at where we stand and at the many things all Christians agree on at this table.

Here's what we'll discover: nothing happens to the bread or the cup, but something happens to us. At the Lord's table, we remember who Jesus is, and we remember who we are: forgiven, welcomed, wanted, and invited to his table just as we are.

As you take the bread and the cup this morning, look back to the cross, look in at your heart, look around at your church family, and look ahead to his return.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your generous response to the Pressing On campaign! We're grateful for every pledge and gift. Some of you have had questions, so we want to help clear those up.

When you give is up to you. Some have given a one-time gift; others are giving over the three-year period that began November 1. If you haven't pledged yet, you still can at pacoc.net/pledge. Early gifts will help us begin the planned renovations sooner.

Giving online: If possible, please give by bank transfer (ACH). Tithely has given us a discounted campaign rate, but bank transfers still cost less in fees, so more of your gift goes to the work. Be sure to select the Pressing On fund. You may also choose to cover the processing fees; it's never required, but it helps.

Cash or check: Please write "Pressing On" in your check's memo line. Gifts can go in the offering boxes, be mailed to 3000 S Park Avenue, Denison, TX 75020, or be dropped off at the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed an hour for lunch).

Retirement accounts: If you're 70½ or older, a Qualified Charitable Distribution sent directly from your IRA to the church isn't counted as taxable income and can count toward your required minimum distribution. Please check with your financial advisor.

Questions? Call the office at 903-465-1288 or email office@parkavenuechurch.com.

Thank you again. We look forward to the future as we press on!

With gratitude,

The Elders

Schedule

Sunday Bible Classes: 9 AM

Meet the Bible - Rooms D

Everyday Evangelism - Youth Suite, The ARK

Sonshine Hour for 4 yr olds to 6th grade in gym.

Nursery for under 4 in main building.

Sunday Worship: 10 AM

Children dismissed to class at 10:45 AM

Sunday Youth: 5:00-7:30

Discipleship Making Communities throughout the week. Go to pacoc.net/groups for locations.

Ministers: Todd Catteau, *Preaching Minister*; Sam Cannon, *Youth Minister*; Tyler Cope, *Family Minister*; Basil McClure, *Worship and Outreach Minister*; Rachel McClure, *Childrens Minister*

Elders: Gary Calvert (972-658.4970), Greg Clay (580.920.6648), Todd Detro (903.267.8285), Shane Haddock (580.775.1803), George Hatfield (903.357.3563), David Kirkbride (903.436.7283), Blake Smith (214.549.9544)

News

New Members
Vance & Kari Ann Cole and their daughter, **Evie**, are placing membership today. Please make them feel welcome. Their address is 612 W. Pelton Street, Sherman, TX 75092.

2027 Ministry Budget Requests
We are thankful for the ways God is working through Park Avenue Church and for the faithful leadership of our Deacons and Ministry Leaders. As we prayerfully plan for 2027, please submit your ministry's budget requests to Blake Smith or the church office by **Sunday, December 6**. For an update on your 2026 spending, contact Sue Lain in the church office.

Chili Soup Supper
Join us this coming **Wednesday, November 18** in the ARK at 6:00 PM for our traditional chili/soup supper. Sign up to bring a ***Chili, Soup,*** or ***Dessert*** at pacoc.net/chili. ***There will be no DMC's or children's classes that evening.***

Community Thanksgiving Service
Make plans to join us next **Sunday, November 22 at 6:30 PM** for the community Thanksgiving service that will be held at ***Mount Olive Baptist Church*** this year***.***

Ladies Christmas Party
Women of all ages, mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Party, on **Monday, December 7 at 6:00 PM in the Ark.** Bring a $10 wrapped gift, a finger food to share, and a friend! Childcare will be provided.

Re-Engage
Re-Engage is a safe place for married couples to reconnect, reignite, and reconnect. A new session begins **January 10-May 2 on Sundays from 5-7PM**. Register at pacoc.net/reengage. For any questions, contact Tyler, Basil or Rachel.

Prayer List
Matt Hogan, Stewart Bolerjack, Kelly Thomas, Jane Elmore, Elizabeth Phillips, Hazel Winkle, Kristi Porter-Francis, Mike Foltermann, Floyd & Peggy Clark, Patrick Mullins, Dee Stone, Tommy Todd, Harold Porter, Lisa Cobble, Bennie Smith, Wayne & Becky McLain, Che Che Smith, Brenda Huff, Ronda Bigham

Homebound—*Joyce Martin, Daisy Miller, Bobby & Peggy Slaughter, Arlene Joines*

Expectant Mothers—*Cina Strickland, Preslee Powell, Maddie Cannon*

Currently Serving in the Military—*Carter Hayes, Jackson Brandt, River Pasich, Christian Morris (grandson of Kathy & Chris Reinsch), William O'Neal (nephew of Jeff & Katie Thompson), Austin Roberson (son of Steven & Lori Roberson)*

Missions*—Hammer & Dela Afakule (Togo), Mario "Pepe" Torre (Monterrey, Mexico), Jimenez family (Cartagena, Colombia), Cristian & Ana Corrales (Bucaramanga, Colombia), Rio Branco (Brazil)*

Friends of Park Avenue—*Becky Sanchez (wife of Gil Sanchez, former Director of orphanage in Mexico), Oliver Bush (father of Amyee McAlister & Ashley Tharp), Chris Mahaffey (son of Scott & Joyce Mahaffey), Sharon Scroggins (aunt of Ronda Bigham), Judy Allen (friend of Ronda Bigham), Carl Epsy (father of Erin Sexton), Jerry Coulston (friend of Eddie & Belinda Eads), Grady Cobble (father-in-law of Lisa Cobble), Shanan Ericksen (friend of the Elmore's)*

Please notify the church office at office@parkavenuechurch.com for updates.

Operation Christmas Child
Today, November 15, is the deadline to return filled shoe-boxes. Thanks to everyone who has participated and thanks to our Flight 56 students for coordinating this ministry. You are a blessing!

Christmas Caroling
You are invited to join the Calvert/Smith and Haddock small groups to spread some good cheer to the residents and staff of some of the local nursing homes on **Sunday, December 6**. The first stop is Beacon Hill. You can meet them there at **4:30 PM.**

It's A Christmas Wrap
The ladies ministry is providing a **free Christmas gift wrapping service** again this year. On **Wednesday, December 9 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM** you can drop off your Christmas gifts (all gifts must be boxed), we will wrap them, and message you when they are ready! Wrapping paper will be provided but you can also bring your own.

Men's Conference
Join the men of Park Avenue as we travel together to the Men's Conference at **The Hills Church, Jan. 22-23, 2027.** The weekend will feature **Steve Carter, Colt McCoy, Rick Atchley,** and **Emmanuel Dominguez.** Join us for biblical teaching, encouragement, and time together with other men. **Registration Options are: Shared Room-$75, Single Room-$125. Register at pacoc.net/men.**

Family Ministry

- **Wednesday, December 30:** ***End of Year Family Game Night*** in the gym from 5:30-8:30PM.
- **February 19-21:** ***Marriage Getaway*****.** Registration is now open.

Youth Ministry

- **Sunday, November 15:** ***Friendsgiving*** at the McAlister's home from 5:00-7:30 PM.

Scan the QR code for links to the communication card, news, and giving.
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web: pacoc.net

For the Record - November 8, 2026	
Worship	375 in person/ 142 online
Offering Goal	$21,355
Received	$17,403
YTD AVG	$21,796

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Thanks for your ongoing financial support.