Park Avenue
CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Messenger

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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 Thursday, families all across our country will gather around Thanksgiving tables. Some will be full and happy. Some will have an empty chair. And some will have a little tension that nobody talks about but everybody feels.

But before we sit down at those tables, we gather at a different one. This morning, in our *At the Table* series, we look at the Lord's Supper as the meal that makes us one family. Paul writes, "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body" (1 Corinthians 10:17). Not "should try to be." We *are*.

We'll remember Wednesday night's chili and soup supper, where everybody brought something and the table was full. We'll hear a story from our own family history about a young man named Alexander Campbell, who laid down his communion token and walked away from a table that shut other believers out. And we'll look at what it means to examine ourselves, and to make peace with others before we come to the table.

Wherever you sit this Thursday, you have a seat at this table. It's not our table. It's the Lord's, and he paid for every chair.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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

Sympathy
Our sympathy is with **Sandra Ferdinand** after the death of her mother, Helen, on Nov. 17 in Mumbai, India.

Thank You
Gary and I would like to thank everyone for all of your prayers and concern during & after our medical emergency last Sunday. Gary was severely dehydrated & his blood pressure dropped really low. He is now back to his normal, busy self! A special thank you to Glenda Watson, Todd & Naomi Detro, CC & Clint Blackshear, & Dr. Landrum, who all jumped in so quickly to assist. We can't say thank you enough for all the sweet calls & texts checking on him. We are so thankful for our caring church family. With all our love, **Gary & Sandy Whitlock**

Operation Christmas Child
Thank you to our Flight 56 children who challenged us to fill a shoebox and to everyone who participated in this project. Together we filled **382 shoeboxes!** These efforts will bless children around the world.

This Wednesday
There will be **no church activities** this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Christmas Caroling
You are invited to join the Calvert/Smith & Haddock DMC's on **Sunday, December 6**. They will meet at Beacon Hill at **4:30 PM** to sing carols to the residents and staff.

Ladies Christmas Party
Women of all ages, join us for a Christmas Party, on **Monday, Dec. 7 at 6:00 PM in the Ark.** Bring a $10 wrapped gift, finger foods to share, and a friend! Childcare will be provided.

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, Billy Martindale

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.

2027 Ministry Budget Requests
Ministry leaders, please submit your ministry's budget requests to Blake Smith or the church office by **Sunday, December 6**.

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), they will wrap them, and message you when they are ready! Gift wrap is provided but you can also bring your own.

Advent Activity
A daily at-home activity has been prepared for Park Avenue families with **pre-k-elementary age children**. Discussion questions and prayer prompts packaged in a jar, will be available in the Ark this morning.

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

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 22: *Rooted*** will not meet tonight.

Scan the QR code for links to the communication card, news, and giving.
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For the Record - November 15, 2026	
Worship	330 in person/ 150 online
Offering Goal	$21,355
Received	$16,018
YTD AVG	$21,733

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