

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Katie

**\*Hymn 134**

*Joy to the World*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and  
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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**Welcome**

Welcome to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. We have been part of the Duluth community since 1985. Our vibrant congregation embraces people from all walks of life as we live out our mission statement of "connecting faith with everyday life." We are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Our Mission & Vision:**

PHPC is authentically known as a safe, challenging community, growing in the knowledge and love of God, following Christ through love for each other and all of God's children.

Worship services are now being livestreamed at [www.pleasanthillpc.org/phpc-live](http://www.pleasanthillpc.org/phpc-live). Worshipers may appear on this live feed. If you wish to remain off camera, sit in the back rows of any section of pews.

**For Our Younger Worshipers**

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Celebration of the Lord's Day  
 Christmas Eve 7:30PM  
 December 24, 2021

**Prelude** John Reineking  
*A Carol Medley*  
*arr. John Rutter*  
Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Katie Day

**Call to Worship** Katie

One: An unmarried teenage girl was invited—  
**All: to carry Christ into this world.**  
 One: An ordinary carpenter was invited—  
**All: to be a father to a child unlike any other.**  
 One: The shepherds were invited—  
**All: outcast and isolated, included at the manger.**  
 One: The Magi were invited—  
**All: foreigners and seekers, included at the manger.**  
 One: And if she was invited, and he was invited,  
 and they were invited—  
**All: then we can trust that we too are invited.**  
 One: This story is for us.  
**All: This love is for us.**  
 One: Family of faith, this is our invitation. Welcome home.  
**All: Amen.**

**Introit** Hyoun Joo Song

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** The Zinn Family

**Call to Confession** The Rev. Jennie Sankey  
**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you throw open the door and invite us into relationship, day in and day out. However, instead of running toward you, we dip our toes in the water of this faith. We hold our breath. We play it safe. We struggle to believe that a love so unfettered, so unfiltered, could be for us. As a result, we often deny this worth for ourselves and others. Forgive us for ignoring your invitation to be the people you call us to be. Forgive us for the ways in which we hold back from deeper connection to you or withhold your radical love from others. Open our ears to not only hear your invitation, but to trust that this good news exists even for us. Gratefully we pray, amen.

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

**Assurance of Grace** Jennie

One: Family of faith, even when we fail to trust God's love, and even when we fail to love others as we should, God still loves us. That door never closes. So hear and believe this good news:

**All: God invites us into a life of faith. God loves us through every season of life. God forgives us when we lose our way and invites us deeper every step of the way. We are loved, invited, claimed, celebrated, and forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Passing of the Peace** Jennie

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

**Solo** Mary Jane Wilson

*'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

The Word Read and Proclaimed

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Katie

Luke 2:1-7  
*(Pew Bible, p.933)*

**Reflection** Katie

*Be Registered*

**Scripture Reading** The Rev. Jody Andrade

Luke 2:8-14

**Reflection** Jody

*Do Not Be Afraid*

**Scripture Reading** Jennie

Luke 2:15-20

**Reflection** Jennie

*Let Us Go*

Responding to the Word

**Duet** Greg and Mary Kate Veal

*O Holy Night*  
 arr. John Rutter

**Invitation to Offering** Jody

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**Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sacrament of Communion** Jennie  
**Invitation to the Table** Jody  
**Christmas Prayer**  
**Words of Institution**

**Piano Solo** Hyoun Joo

*Away in a Manger*  
 arr. Joseph Martin

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Please join us outdoors for the remainder of the service.*

**\*Sharing the Light**

**Scripture Reading** John1:1-5 Katie

**\*Hymn 122**

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heaven - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu - ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

