

Lent Connection Groups and Prayer Partners

This Lent we are engaging the theme “Seeking Connection.” Connect with other members and friends of PHPC and with God through a Connection Group and/or a prayer partner. Connection groups will meet in-person or on zoom weekly in March. Prayer partners will arrange a time to talk or meet weekly. There are a variety of ways to seek connection this season; reading, praying, questioning, and gathering. Choose one that God might be calling you to connect with this season. For more information and ways to sign-up refer to the newsletter. Groups start this week so sign-up ASAP

Usher Training- TODAY

Curious about what it takes to usher in a worship service? Do you currently serve as an usher? Ushering in worship is a very easy way to get involved at church and make a difference! Stay after worship this Sunday for a brief training session for all ushers and ushers-to-be! We’ll cover passing the plates, dismissing pews for communion, and general practices of hospitality. Contact Usher Coordinator Dave Huffman or Pastor Katie Day with any questions.

Presbyterians for A Better Georgia

Our congregation had 22 members participate in the PBG Advocacy Training on Wed, 2/15 12 in person at the watch gathering and 10 via Zoom. We learned about the 3 primary pieces of legislation that PBG will advocate for this session of the General Assembly. It is not too late to get involved! Please sign up for email from PBG at www.p4bg.org to get the latest news on where our supported legislation is in the bill making process and how you can advocate via email, phone calls and texts to your House and Senate elected representatives. You can also register to attend Capitol Day on March, 14th. However you engage, please continue to pray for our elected leaders as they tackle these important decisions regarding health care and affordable housing for Georgia’s most vulnerable citizens.

Blood Drive

The Blood Drive is back! We’d be honored if you’d join us to donate Thursday, March 30th, 3:30-7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up via the link in the newsletter or contact Jon MacLean at (770) 315-7415.

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year at Pleasant Hill Preschool is now open! Please visit our website for more information and to register your child, phpreschool.org.

Clifton 101

Come learn how to prepare and serve a meal at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries! PHPC serves meals to the men living there once a month. If you’ve been thinking about getting involved with this ministry, but were unsure of what it would entail, this is the event for you-come find out! Meet Becky Zinn and Kim Klein at 12pm around the Fellowship Table in the Breezeway for your Clifton 101 session on March 5th.

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).

We are delighted you are worshiping with us and we invite you to become part of our church family. To learn more about us, make a note on the Red Friendship Pad or contact the church office.

Worship services are livestreamed at 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.

Hearing enhancement devices and printed copies of today’s sermon are available for use during our service. Ask an usher for assistance.

For Our Younger Worshipers

All children are welcome in worship at PHPC.

Elementary age children are invited to the Playground after the Children’s Sermon. Worship Bags and Worship Journals are available. Parents must sit in the pews closest to the Playground.

Parents may walk **children age 3-Kindergarten** (potty-trained) to Room B103 for Play & Praise following the Children’s Sermon.

A nursery is available for **children under 3** in room A114.

Elders

Class of 2023

Mickey Armstrong
Nancy Blazewick
Beth Goodenberger
Dale Murphy
Paul Shane

Class of 2024

Michael Armstrong
Marian Miller
Pat Miller
Robin Prater

Class of 2025

Kristen Ching
Gail Funderburk
Shannon Sligar

Deacons

Class of 2023

Kim Klein
Carol Ann Stough
Jack Maguire

Class of 2024

Mark Goodson
Shannon Hudson
Bernie Kida

Class of 2025

Marianne Anderson
Holli Kyle
Bill Maguire

Church Staff

The Rev. Katie Day, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*
The Rev. Jennie Sankey, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

Mary Cooper, *Church Administrator*
Tania Royster, *Director of Ministry Support*
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
Beth Goodenberger, *Director of Preschool*
Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Assistant*
Hyoung Joo Song, *Organist*

Saeeda St. Aude, *Youth Director*
Andy Kim, *AV Technician*
Hannah Smith, *Children’s Choir Director*
Hema Chudasama, *Nursery Caregiver*
Farzana Javid, *Nursery Caregiver*

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seeking: honest questions for deeper faith

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Celebration of the Lord’s Day
1st Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i> Jason Tonioli
	<u>Gathering Around the Word</u>
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Introit	Hyoun Joo
*Call to Worship	Sharon McLeod
	One: Listen! All: There is hope to be found here. One: Listen! All: God calls you by name here. One: Listen! All: There is love that abides here. One: This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen. All: God is speaking. One: Let us worship. All: Amen.
*Hymn 175	
	<i>Seek Ye First</i>
Call to Confession	Jennie
Prayer of Confession	Jennie
	Holy God, too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it’s convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts we pray, Amen.
Assurance of Grace	Jennie
*Passing of the Peace	Jennie
	One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

<u>The Word Read and Proclaimed</u>		
Children’s Sermon	<i>Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.</i>	Jennie
Prayer for Illumination		Sharon
Scripture Reading	Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7	Sharon
Anthem	<i>Lord, I Know I Been Changed</i> arr. Larry Shackley	Choir
Scripture Reading	Matthew 4:1-11	Katie
Sermon	Seeking Connection: Who Will You Listen To?	Katie
	<u>Responding to the Word</u>	
*Hymn 783	<i>When We Are Tested</i> When we are tested and wrestle alone famished for bread when the world offers stone, Nourish us, God, by your word and your way, food that sustains us by night and by day. When in the desert we cry for relief, pleading for paths marked by certain belief, Lift us to love you beyond sign and test, trusting your presence, our only true rest. When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, Teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do. When we have struggled and searched through the night, sorting and sifting the wrong from the right, Savior, surround us with circles of care, angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.	SLANE
*Affirmation of Faith	In a world full of noise, we believe that God is speaking. In a world full of chaos, we believe that God is singing. In a world full of temptation, we believe that God is healing. Church, who will you listen to? We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide. Church, what will you listen for? We will listen for water in the desert, for the wind of the Spirit,	Jennie

for the laughter of children, for the sound of open doors, and for God's voice, who calls us beloved.		
Prayers of the People		Jennie
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer 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.		
Invitation to Offering		Katie
Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by. Scan the QR code. Go to www.pleasanthillpc.org and click on the Giving tab. Text givePHPC to 73256.		
Please sign the red friendship pad.		
Offertory		Hyoun Joo
<i>Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156</i> arr. J.S. Bach		
Prayer of Dedication		Katie
*Sung Response		
Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. lead me, O Lord, lead me		
<u>Following the Word Into the World</u>		
*Charge and Benediction		Katie
Postlude		Hyoun Joo
<i>Jesus, I Will Ponder Now</i> Paul Manz		

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* Please stand in body or spirit.