

RSVP to Your Next Step in Faith

You're invited to take your next step in faith! The PHPC session has taken the findings from our Vital Congregations Initiative and discerned that our next step in congregational vitality is one focused around invitation. Our prayer for you during the season of Lent was to take a step inward in your spiritual life.

Your next invitation is to *take a step to care for your PHPC community and campus* as we focus on our ministries of pastoral care and fellowship over the next two months. Scan the QR code to RSVP. What's your next step?



Parking Lot Church & Blessing of the Animals

Bring a chair and your pet and join us in the parking lot for worship outdoors and our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, May 12. This year, we are holding this special Sunday service the same weekend as the Friday evening "Dog Days of Duluth," and PHPC folks will be there at that event inviting our neighbors to join us for worship and pet blessings.

VBS Supply Donation

Support this summer's Vacation Bible School and help make "Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs" come alive by donating supplies. You can find our Amazon wishlist in this week's newsletter, shop the list below, or donate money through the drop-down link "VBS" on the Realm giving page. Thank you for your generosity!

We would like to borrow and return:

- Collapsible wagons
- Binoculars
- Tailgate tents
- Kid water tables/outdoor water play items

We would like donations of: *(please inform Pastor Jennie if you purchase any of these items so that we can remove them from our wish list)*

- 5-6 small spray bottles
- 2 bags of potting soil
- 10 large landscaping rocks
- 1 bag of large river rocks
- 15 boxes, large instant chocolate pudding
- 11 boxes, large berry blue Jell-O
- Large container of plain M&M's
- 1 box each - Corn Pops, Rice Krispies, Wheat Chex, Plain Cheerios
- 2 large veggie straws
- 2 bags, miniature marshmallows
- 5 boxes, Trader Joe's Cheddar Rockets
- 1 large Oreo Cookie package
- Gummy worms
- Yogurt covered raisins
- Large carton of Goldfish crackers
- 7 bags (14 oz Value Size), Skinny Pop Popcorn
- Costco gift cards

Join Our Weekly Newsletter

Stay informed of the latest PHPC events, as well as news about our various ministries and opportunities to grow in your faith and connect with God and neighbor. Scan the QR code to subscribe to the Chosen Word weekly email newsletter.



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 2024

- Michael Armstrong
- Marian Miller
- Pat Miller
- Robin Prater
- Ben Badinger

Class of 2025

- Kristen Ching
- Gail Funderburk
- Shannon Sligar
- Kay Strickland

Class of 2026

- Amanda Dannemiller
- Alan Klein
- Angie O'Farrell
- John Reineking

Deacons

Class of 2024

- Mark Goodson
- Shannon Hudson
- Bernie Kida

Class of 2025

- Marianne Anderson
- Holli Kyle
- Bill Maguire

Class of 2026

- Isaac Assan-Mensah
- Jan Mueller
- Margaret Snyder

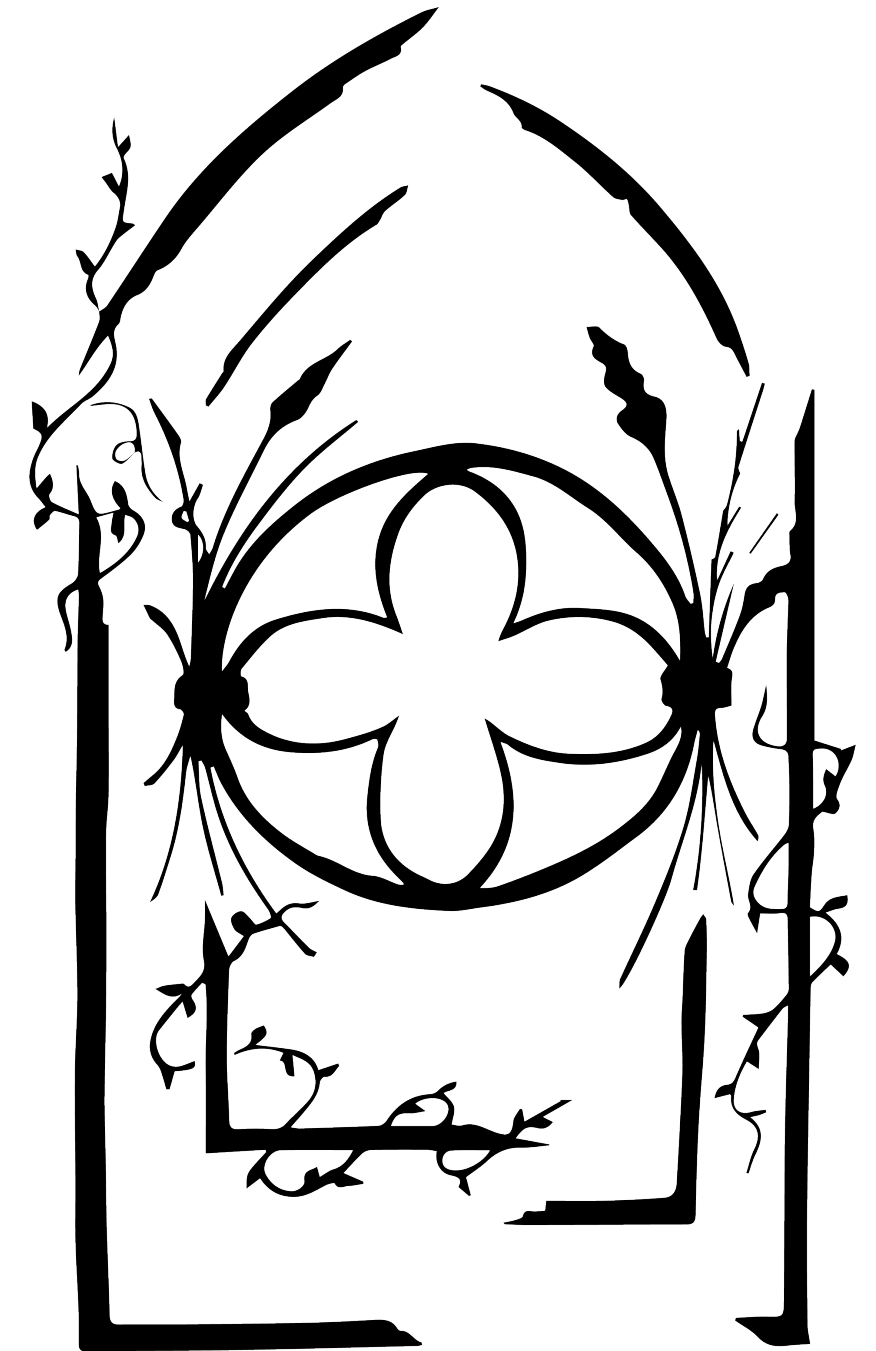
Church Staff

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

- Mary Cooper, *Church Administrator*
- Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
- Veronica Pennington, *Director of Ministry Support*
- Talitha Minton, *Director of Preschool*
- Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Assistant*
- Hyoun Joo Song, *Organist*

- Grace Andrade, *Director of Youth Ministry*
- Andy Kim, *AV Technician*
- Hema Chudasama, *Nursery Caregiver*
- Farzana Javid, *Nursery Caregiver*
- Mekensie Gonzalez, *Interim Child's Choir Director*
- Renu Kashyap, *Play & Praise Leader*

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Celebration of the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday After Easter

April 28, 2024

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song

Pastorale
Douglas Wagner
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

***Call to Worship** Mary Don King

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: Seek us out, O God, and invite us to the water.

One: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

One: In the gathered community, faith cannot remain stagnant.

All: Seek us out, O God, and give us courage to leap.

One: Here is the water of life, the Word that enlightens, and the community that supports.

All: Come and praise the One who gives all goodness.

***Hymn 761**

Called As Partners In Christ's Service

Call to Confession The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession Jennie

Wondrous God, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Forgive us when we see your opportunity for a leap of faith as a threat to our status quo. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Jennie

***Passing of the Peace** Jennie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon Jennie

Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.

Prayer for Illumination Mary Don

Scripture Reading Mary Don

John 15:1-8

Anthem Chancel Choir

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy
Gilbert Martin

Scripture Reading Katie

Acts 8:26-40

Sermon Katie

Invited to take a Leap of Faith

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 295**

Go to the World!

***Affirmation of Faith** Jennie

Adapted from The Confession of 1967

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human involves the church in the common human life. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of humans in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on human inhumanity and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. To live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People Jennie

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Jennie

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

Thy Word
arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Dedication Katie

***Sung Response**

Hymn 742
We Will Walk with God

*We will walk with God, my brothers;
we will walk with God.*

*We will walk with God, my sisters;
we will walk with God.*

*We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.*

Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Katie

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo

Toccata on LEONI
Gordon Young

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from
Feasting on the Word.

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* Please stand in body or spirit.