

**Caregivers Support Group- 4/24 5:30pm**

Those caring for aging parents or relatives gather in the Bride's Room on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm to talk about their current situation and gain support from others who are going through similar experiences. For additional information or support between meetings, contact Margot Ashley: mradla827@gmail.com.

**Garden Planting Day 5/1**

Join Master Gardener Dana Webb Rogers to help get our PHPC garden beds prepped and planted! Stay after church on May 1 to join in the fun. Stay tuned for details on what plants and items are needed to help get the garden going this year.

**Fellowship Event at Kettlerock Brewery 5/1**

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite everyone to Kettlerock Brewery for a family friendly and trivia hosted by your Pastors- The Trivia Trinity. Bring your own food and order some great beers, hard ciders and non alcoholic beverages from Kettlerock. Our very own Doddy Peet's family owns and operates what has been voted as Peachtree Corners' Best Brewery! Some snacks will be provided by the committee. Join us from 6:00pm to 8:00pm for fun and fellowship!

**For Our Younger Worshipers**

All children are welcome in worship at PHPC.

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

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.

**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](http://www.pleasanthillpc.org/phpc-live).

Worshippers 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.

**Offering**

Keep your pledge up to date or make a gift to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church via the secure online giving portal on our website, or by scanning the QR code on the right with your smart phone's QR reader.



**Session**

**Class of 2022**

Ann Cathey  
Bill Holman  
Laura Huffman  
David Steingruber  
Sara Woolley  
Trey Woolley

**Class of 2023**

Mickey Armstrong  
Nancy Blazewick  
Beth Goodenberger  
Dale Murphy  
Paul Shane

**Class of 2024**

Michael Armstrong  
Marian Miller  
Pat Miller  
Robin Prater

**Deacons**

**Class of 2022**

Patrick O'Farrell  
Doreen Wotocek

**Class of 2023**

Kim Klein  
Carol Ann Stough

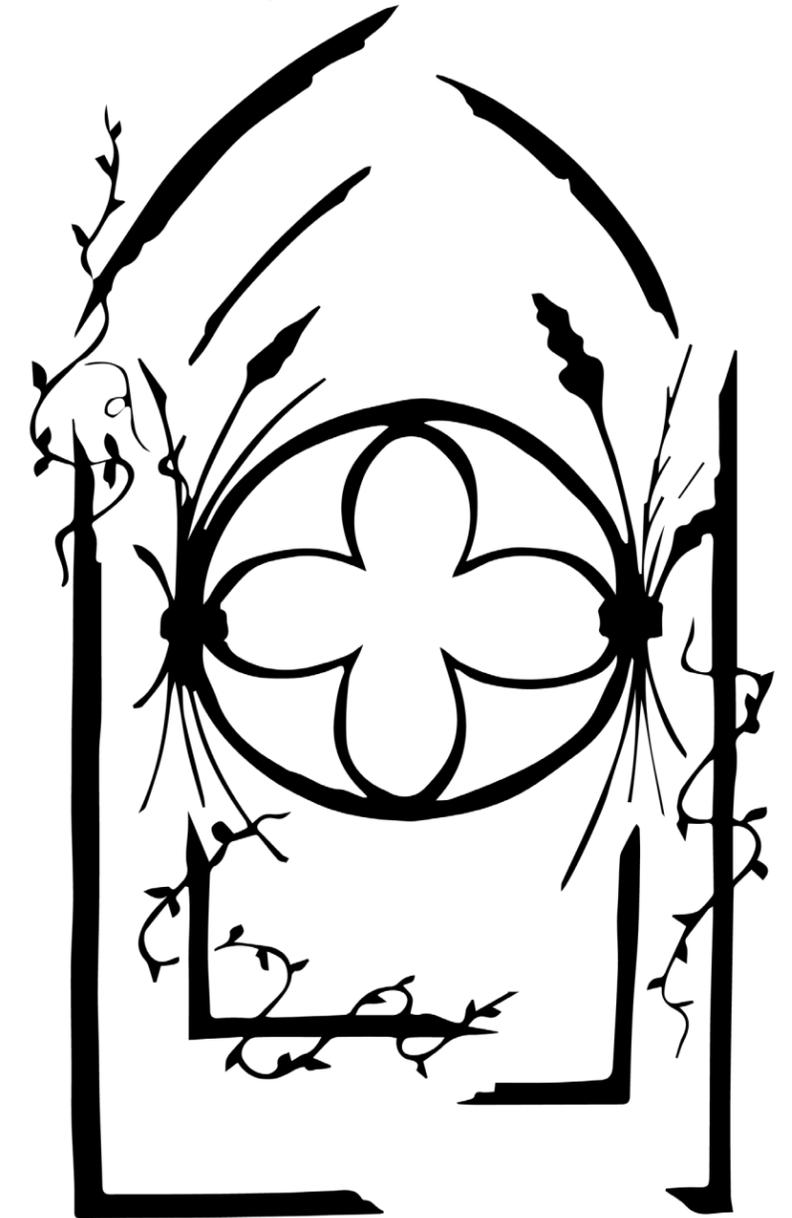
**Class of 2024**

Mark Goodson  
Shannon Hudson  
Bernie Kida

**Church Staff**

The Rev. Katie Day, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*  
The Rev. Jennie Sankey, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*  
The Rev. Jody Andrade, *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care*  
Kristie Johns, *Church Administrator*  
Claire Keyser, *Director of Communications*  
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*  
Beth Goodenberger, *Interim Director of Preschool*  
Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Assistant*  
Hyoun Joo Song, *Organist*  
Andy Kim, *AV Technician*  
Hema Chudasama, *Nursery Caregiver*  
Farzana Javid, *Nursery Caregiver*

**Pleasant Hill  
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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 24, 2022**

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# Celebration of the Lord's Day

## Second Sunday of Easter

### April 24, 2022

**Prelude** Paul Shane and Brian Ireland

Gathering Around the Word

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

**\*Call to Worship** The Rev. Jennie Sankey

One: All dogs and cats, large and small:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: All robins, wrens, and singing birds:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: All bats, squirrels, and raccoons:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: All horses, cows, and sheep:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: All lizards, snakes and creeping things:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

One: Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

**All: Praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn 20 (see insert)**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**Call to Confession** Jennie

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession**

One: Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world,

**All: We thank you, God!**

One: Lord, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,

**All: We thank you, God!**

One: For the abundance and beauty of all your creation,

**All: We thank you, God!**

One: Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals, used poisons that have damaged your beautiful creation, destroyed the homes of creatures in the forests, oceans, or fields,

**All: We are sorry.**

One: For all our sins against the creatures of Earth, forgive us. Help us honor and protect all animals. May the animals of Earth be our companions in life and lead us to celebrate our place in the circle of life. 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** Katie

**Sermon**

*Animals Created as Partners* - Genesis 2:18-25 Katie

*All Creatures Praise the Lord* - Psalm 148 Jennie

*Animals Around the Throne* - Revelation 5:11-14 Katie

*The Beauty of Creation* - Matthew 6:25-29 Jennie

*St. Francis- "Peace, birds, peace!"* Katie

Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn 37 (see insert)**

*Let All Things Now Living*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Katie

*Adapted from A Declaration of Faith*

God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and will surely be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ.

**Blessing of the Animals** Katie and Jennie

One: We gather here today in the beauty of creation and give thanks that we have been made partners in the caretaking of this world. We gather here today alongside the creatures of the earth; Those that fly overhead, Those that creep below on the ground, Those who bring joy to our homes, Those that fill us with awe and delight.

**Many: We gather here today as a part of creation, filled with the breath of God and made of the dust of the earth.**

One: May God bless the animals of the earth and sea and air with security of habitat, plentiful food and clean water. May God bless creatures that are endangered with our concern and protection. May God bless our efforts to ensure that no creature is exploited or forgotten.

**Many: We ask God's blessings for all creatures of the earth, those known to us and those yet to be discovered.**

One: May God bless the animals that provide service to us. Protect animals that assist our police and armed forces, as well as those who serve the blind and those with physical or mental illness.

**Many: We ask God's blessing for the interdependent web of creation, and to make us mindful of all the ways we depend on animals.**

One: May God bless companion animals. We give thanks for the comfort, play, and joy they bring us. May God bless the memories of beloved pets that have died.

**Many: We ask God to keep all of creation in divine arms of redemptive love.**

One: May God make us instruments of God's peace; Where there is hatred, let us sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

**All: Let us be a consoling, understanding, loving, and forgiving people toward all of God's creation.**

*(Pastors will now walk around blessing animals)*

*[Name of animal]*, you were created by God, and you are loved by God. May you and your human family experience joy and companionship together, and continue to be a blessing to each other.

**Music** Paul and Brian

*All God's Creatures Have a Place in the Choir*  
Bill Staines

**Invitation to Offering** Katie

Drop in the plate as you leave worship.

Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

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Text givePHPC to 73256.

**Prayer of Dedication** Katie

**Sung Response**

*Glory to God*

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction** Katie

**Postlude** Paul and Brian

\* Please stand in body or spirit.