

Project Angel Giving Event TODAY

Every Sunday in Advent we will have Project Angel meaningful wishes for you to gift in honor of loved ones/friends supporting our local community & international mission partners. The event runs till Sunday 12/18/22. Visit the Project Angel table in the narthex following worship.

Women's Advent Event TODAY 6pm

All ladies of PHPC are invited to set aside some time to come together and share a meal as we usher in the season of Advent. As usual, we will gather for a potluck dinner and work on creating some lovely Christmas crafts to get in the holiday mood. If you have a craft in mind you would like to suggest and lead, or if you'd be willing to be a hostess of a craft that is set up and ready to go, please reach out to Marianne Anderson to coordinate, (678) 783-9328.

Membership Class TODAY & 12/18 11:15am-1:30pm

Been worshipping with PHPC for awhile? Interested in learning more about what membership in a Presbyterian church means? Wondering how you might get better connected with your chosen church family? Join us for a Membership Class on Sunday mornings, December 4 and 18 from 11:15am-1:30pm. Lunch is provided. Please join us today in the Emmaus classroom.

Men's Breakfast 12/9

The Men's Group will be serving its monthly in-person breakfast the 2nd Friday in December, the 9th. Join us for lots of coffee/tea, fellowship, a hearty breakfast, and a devotion. We will start serving breakfast at 7:30 am and ending between 8:30 and 9 am. If you have any questions or need more info, email Jeff Milway at jdmilway@gmail.com

Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra Worship Service 12/11

Enjoy the beautiful music of a Chamber orchestra and the PHPC Chancel choir as they lead worship. You can attend in-person or livestream the service from home on our website.

Christmas Brunch 12/11

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Brunch immediately following the December 11th church service. Bring your friends and family, all are welcome! Please bring a ready to serve brunch or lunch item to serve 8 – 10. Try a new recipe, make an old favorite or grab something from the grocery store. Fellowship committee will provide dessert, drinks and PB&J fixings.

Grief Group 1/9

The Grief Support Group provides a confidential, structured environment to explore the complex feelings evoked by the loss of a loved one. Led by Stephen Minister Mary Winkeljohn and Rev. Katie Day, the group will meet 8 consecutive Monday evenings at PHPC from 7:00-8:30pm, January 9 through February 27. For questions or to register, please contact Mary at 770-246-9363 or email Katie at katie@pleasanthillpc.org. There is no charge for participation.

Communion Teams

We are hoping to form 2 teams of 3 to handle communion setup/cleanup for the 1st Sunday of each month, teams to rotate every other month. Diane Warren will coordinate training for this very special sacrament. If you are interested, please contact Diane by text 770-595-9781 or email dmwarren1@gmail.com, or the church office.

Coats For Clifton

We are collecting new and gently used coats to keep our friends at Clifton's homeless men's shelter warm this year. Please bring as you are able and deposit in the large collection boxes marked "Coats For Clifton" at our collection center. If you have any questions, please contact Erik Mjorud (770) 317-7078 or ameagleerik@yahoo.com

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 worshipping 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

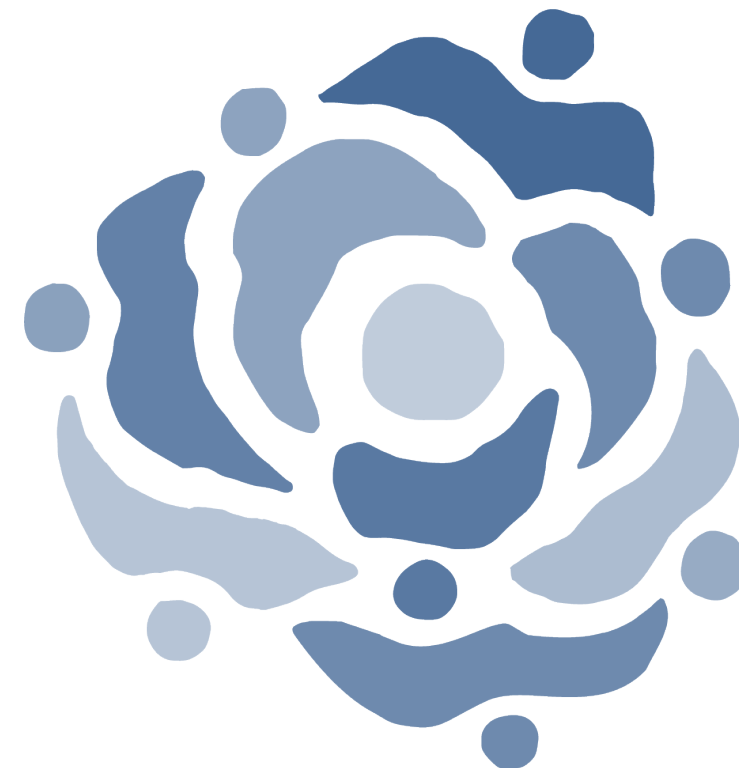
Church Staff

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

Mary Cooper, <i>Church Administrator</i>	Saeeda St. Aude, <i>Youth Director</i>
Claire Keyser, <i>Director of Communications</i>	Andy Kim, <i>AV Technician</i>
Steve Dean, <i>Director of Music</i>	Hannah Smith, <i>Children's Choir Director</i>
Beth Goodenberger, <i>Director of Preschool</i>	Hema Chudasama, <i>Nursery Caregiver</i>
Adnan Zukanovic, <i>Facilities Assistant</i>	Farzana Javid, <i>Nursery Caregiver</i>
Hyoun Joo Song, <i>Organist</i>	



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Celebration of the Lord’s Day
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
arr. Robert Lau

Gathering Around the Word

Hyoun Joo Song

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

A Carol Festival
arr. Carl Strommen

Children’s Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Margot Ashley, Chris Keyser,
Anya Lucia Phillips, and Reid Keyser

One:

May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming.
Together we affirm:

All:

God was with generations before, God is with us to day, and God will be with us tomorrow. Even now, God is on the way. Amen.

*Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Call to Confession

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession

Jennie

God of mercy, a million times a day we have the opportunity to be gracious, to assume the best in others, to give the benefit of the doubt. A million times a day we could choose the better way, but so often we don’t. Fear and greed kick in. Assumptions and insecurities take the wheel. Comparison and critique lead the charge. Forgive us for forgetting that we are descendants of Joseph. Forgive us for forgetting that grace and mercy are in our blood. Forgive us for forgetting that all belong to you. Give us the courage to love even bigger than before, and the wisdom to choose a better way. 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

Chris

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Chris

Anthem

How Far is it to Bethlehem
arr. Stephen Paulus

Chancel Choir, Oboe- Jennie
Soprano-Pam Griffin
Baritone-Ralph Griffin

How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room lit by a star?
Can we see the little child, is he within?
If we we lift the wooden latch may we go in?

May we stroke the creatures there, ox,ass, or sheep?
May we peep like them and see Jesus asleep?
If we touch his tiny hand will he awake?
Will he know we’ve come so far just for his sake?

Great kings have precious gifts, and we have naught,little smiles and little tears are all we have brought,for all weary children Mary must weep.
Here on his bed of straw sleep, children, sleep.

God in his mother’s arms, babes in the byre, Sleep,
as they sleep who find their heart’s desire.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Katie

Sermon

From Generation to Generation:
We Can Choose a Better Way

Katie

Sealing the Word in Our Lives

Children will be returning from Play and Praise.

*Music

Come to the Table
Amanda Meisenheimer

Come to the table. Come to the table.
Come to the table and celebrate with us. (repeat)

We are all welcome. We are all welcome.
We are all welcome. Come celebrate with us. (repeat)

The Sacrament of Communion

Katie

Invitation to the Table

Pastoral Prayer

Jennie

Words of Institution

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.

Responding to the Word

Katie

Invitation to Offering

Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by.
Scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.
Go to www.pleasanthillpc.org and click on the Giving tab.
Text givePHPC to 73256.



Please sign the red friendship pad.

Offertory

Sleeper’s Awake
J.S. Bach

Hyoun Joo

Prayer of Dedication

Katie

*Sung Response

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Following the Word Into the World

*Charge and Benediction


Katie

Postlude

Lord Christ, the only Son of God
J.S. Bach

Hyoun Joo

Liturgy written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.



The Courageous Choice
by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by Matthew 1:18-25 | Silk painting with digital drawing and collage