

Women's Breakfast - April 29, 9am

Join the wonderful women of PHPC for breakfast, conversation and a bit of Spring fun. Childcare will be available. No reservations are needed for the breakfast, but please let us know if you plan to use the childcare so we can prepare accordingly. If you would like to contribute a food item or help out in the kitchen, please contact Marianne Anderson marianne4001@gmail.com.

International Mission Trips

We have two upcoming travel opportunities. The first is an immersive experience in Guatemala with our partners CEDEPCA from June 14- 21. Participants must be 15 or older. The second is a return to our beloved ranch in Honduras coordinated by our partners of Honduras Outreach, Inc., October 7-14. For further information please contact Erik Mjorud (770) 317-7078 ameagleerik@yahoo.com.

Vacation Bible School - June 19-23

VBS registration is almost full, and we need a few more volunteers to accommodate all the children who have signed up. We need 4 more adults to serve as "tribe leaders" at Marketplace 29 A.D. to welcome children in the mornings and accompany their tribes to all their exciting activities. If you can help, please contact Jennie at jennie@pleasanthillpc.org.

Preschool Registration

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

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*
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
Veronica Pennington, *Director of Ministry Support*
Beth Goodenberger, *Director of Preschool*
Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Assistant*
Hyoun 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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Celebration of the Lord’s Day Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023		
Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song	
Whenever We are in Deepest Need J. S. Bach Gathering Around the Word		
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day	
Introit	Men’s Quartet	
Holy Lord of All Frances Williams		
*Call to Worship	Barbara Langdon	
One: We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets free. Many: We do not come seeking crumbs of justice but a way of life that liberates. One: Together, we practice courage in resisting evil and rejecting the temptations of complicity and complacency. Many: The Spirit leads us in power and truth. One: Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts broken spirits and brings new life from places of ruin. Many: With hope that is neither narrow nor fragile, we come to follow Christ. One: Let us worship together!		
*Hymn 543	God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me	
Call to Confession	Katie	
Prayer of Confession	Katie	
Holy God, You love us and know us in entirety—all of our moments, the best and the worst. You call us to proclaim the gospel, but we confess we sometimes are bound by doubt and fear. Lord, have mercy upon us; hold and forgive us so that we might move through the world as witnesses to your good news. Help us to courageously walk the path of justice and love, so that we may know the joy of the life of Christ and can glorify the signs of resurrection all around us. Amen.		
Assurance of Grace	Katie	
*Passing of the Peace	Katie	
One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.		

* Please stand in body or spirit.

The Word Read and Proclaimed		
Children’s Sermon	Katie	
Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.		
Prayer for Illumination	Barbara	
Scripture Reading	Barbara	
Psalm 98: 1-9		
Anthem	Men’s Quartet	
Bound for the Promised Land Emily Crocker		
Scripture Reading	Courtney Henry	
Luke 24:13-35		
Sermon	Courtney	
On The Road		
Responding to the Word		
*Hymn 726	Will You Come and Follow Me	
*Affirmation of Faith	Katie	
Adapted from Liturgies From Below by Cláudio Carvalhaes.		
I believe in a Soft God.		
I believe in a Soft God who cries and mourns with us for all the ways bodies have been violated and shattered and murdered and broken and unloved and erased.		
I believe in Jesus, Soft God incarnate, who holds our breaths and breathes courage and love back into our lungs and arteries when we no longer have the strength for the pulse of life.		
I believe in the Soft Spirit who— out of the depths— tenderly swings by . . . to empower in us the sounds of our own voices, of our sorrows, of our cries, of our strengths.		
I believe in a church that listens to the whisperings of the Earth, that feels the pain circulating in its body, that is not indifferent to violence, that believes in the cries of those who report violence at the expense of their livelihood, as well as those who are not able to do so.		
I believe in the communion of ancestors and saints and sinners and creation, living and non-living, who have thoughts that feel and feelings that think. Communities that will not allow hate and intolerance to win, but who will come to the table hand-in-hand, shoulder-to-shoulder to move softly forward, in radical joy and acceptance and hope and earthly togetherness for justice.		

Prayers of the People	Katie
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	Katie
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
As Pants the Deer for Flowing Stream arr. Joseph Martin	
Prayer of Dedication	Katie
*Sung Response	
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	Courtney
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
Glorious Majesty Lani Smith	
Parts of today’s liturgy has been adapted from enfleshed, Liturgies From Below, and Feasting on the Word.	
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