

VBS Supply Donations

Marketplace VBS starts in a little more than a month, and we need your help gathering supplies! There are 4 ways you can help:

1. Check out our Amazon Wishlist provided in this week's newsletter.
2. Donations and gift cards welcome.
3. Donate one of the following items to the VBS collection bin in the breezeway:
 - Striped or plain sheets (used is fine as long as they are clean). No other patterns or characters please.
 - Costco bulk items: Cheerios, Chex cereal, Cheese-its, Craisins, nut-free granola
 - Empty oatmeal containers.
4. Let us borrow one of the following items that we will do our best to care for and return:
 - Rolling and collapsible wagon
 - Mortars and Pestles for spice grinding
 - Dry gourds of any size that could be used as bowls
 - Pottery bowls or trays
 - Pillows to use as cushions to sit on

If you have any questions, please contact Jennie.

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
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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
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song
Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us
arr. Andrew Fletcher
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit Hyoun Joo

***Call to Worship** Sara Woolley
One: If you come into this place with the hope of growing deeper,
Many: with the hope of connecting, with the hope of glimpsing God,
One: and if all of those things take place, and your spirit is moved,
Many: and we believe God is near, and we feel more than lucky for the gift of faith,
One: and then the service comes to an end, and it’s time for you to leave,
Many: and we ask ourselves, “Where do we go from here?”
One: Then I would say to you, “Go out into the world to love and to share and to learn, but come back soon, because this is the beginning.”
Many: This is only the beginning.
One: So come on in. Fill your cup here. Be present here. God is here.
Many: Let us worship Holy God.

***Hymn 754**
Help Us Accept Each Other

Call to Confession The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession Jennie

Holy God, we are naturals when it comes to stalling out. We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation, in our faith, and then we stall. We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there, destined to never dig deeper or climb higher. Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter. Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top. Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building, vulnerability, and connection. Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here. With hope and honesty 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.

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

The Word Read and Proclaimed
Senior Recognition Jennie
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 Sara

Scripture Reading Sara
Acts 10: 9-16, 34-36

Anthem Chancel Choir
Like a River in My Soul
Tom Osiek
I’ve got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
I’ve got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
I’ve got peace like a river, like a river in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
I’ve got love like an ocean endless ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.
When your lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I’ve got love like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul. In my soul, In my soul.
I’ve got joy like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!
I’ve got joy like a fountain, peace like a river, in my soul.

Scripture Reading Katie
Ruth 1:1-22

Sermon Katie
I’ve been meaning to ask...where do we go from here?

Responding to the Word


***Hymn 435**
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

***Affirmation of Faith** Katie

We believe that God is a conversationalist, drawing close to us and asking, “What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?” We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God’s own flesh, who walked the earth speaking with the poor, the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast. Therefore, we believe that our call as people of faith is to continue this holy conversation with those who look and think like us, as well as with those who share little in common with us. We believe that through these conversations, we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God, so we continue the conversation in hope. Amen.

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
The River Flows in You
Yiruma

Prayer of Dedication Katie

Thanksgiving for the Chancel Choir Katie

***Sung Response**

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Katie

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo
Postlude on Beata Nobis Gaudia
Robert Powell

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
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