

### Sundaes on Sunday

Gather with friends for a cool treat and conversation following service on Sunday, July 30. Hosted by your fun-loving Fellowship Committee.

### Back to School Picnic

Let's celebrate summer with an indoor picnic immediately following service on Sunday, August 6. We will feast on summer salads and sandwiches provided by the best cooks around - you. Please bring either a salad or sandwiches to serve 8-10. No desserts please. Fellowship Committee will provide drinks, PB&J sandwiches, and dessert.

### Save the Date: Women's Crafting Retreat

A retreat for the women of PHPC is being planned for the weekend of September 9-10 with crafting and fellowship being shared throughout Saturday, and joining the women of Faith Presbyterian for worship service on Sunday morning after breakfast. The expected cost of the retreat will be \$40, and will include all the materials for the crafting afternoon plus three meals at the lodge. More information to come with the retreat schedule and details about accommodations at the North Georgia Mission Lodge.

### Popsicles on the Playground

Popsicles on the Playground continues through today, July 23. Join us during the church school hour to enjoy popsicles as well as a simple creation themed craft/activity for kids.

### 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](http://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](http://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 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.

## 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*  
Beth Goodenberger, *Director of Preschool*  
Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Assistant*  
Hyoun Joo Song, *Organist*

Grace Andrade, *Director of Youth Ministry*  
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  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2023

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
	<i>Ellers</i> Colin Hand
	<u>Gathering Around the Word</u>
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Introit	
*Call to Worship	Robin Prater
	One: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ. All: We come because we seek to abide in Christ. One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit. All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, a blessing to our neighbors. One: If we abide in Christ, then Christ’s words will abide in us. All: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples. One: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. All: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.
*Hymn 401	<i>Here in This Place</i>
Call to Confession	The Rev. Jennie Sankey
Prayer of Confession	Jennie
	Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace. We confess that we have not always borne the fruit of the Spirit, and that we cut ourselves off from you and try to grow on our own. Forgive us, restore us, and lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. 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.
	<u>The Word Read and Proclaimed</u>
Children’s Sermon	Jennie
	<i>Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play &amp; Praise.</i>

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination	Robin
Scripture Reading	Robin
	John 15:1-5
Anthem	Ralph Griffin Jennie - oboe
	<i>Arise, My Soul, Arise</i> Dan Forrest
Scripture Reading	Katie
	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Sermon	Katie
	Hungry for Connection: Bear Much Fruit
	<u>Responding to the Word</u>
*Hymn 504	<i>We Come as Guests Invited</i>
*Affirmation of Faith	Katie
	<i>We Believe by Dorothy McRae-McMahan, Uniting Church in Australia</i> We believe in God the Creator, who reminds us, in the drawing of every new day, that new life is possible. We believe in the wonder and grandeur of a universe where the whole of life is called to live in harmony of care. We believe in Jesus Christ, who prayed in mountains of peace, and brought us the Word in mustard seeds of faith and fig trees of blessing, whose footsteps touched the earth in love and who invites us to follow. We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose wisdom often lies embedded in ancient peoples. They trod lightly across deserts and lived gently among plants and creatures. They reached respectfully for the mystery, which is God-with-us, the One who never leaves us nor forsakes us. We believe in the everlasting hope, the great calling of the people of God, the church, for the transforming of all things, which is possible in God. Amen.
Prayers of the People	Jennie
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer ( <i>creation themed</i> )	Jennie
	One: Our father who art in heaven, All: You are also at home in the air, soil, forests, and oceans. One: Hallowed be your name All: By the care we take of your creation. One: Your kingdom come, All: All that you see is good. One: Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven, All: Your will to till and care.

One:	Give us this day our daily bread,
All:	That all may have sufficient to live life in fullness.
One:	Forgive us our debts,
All:	Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations,
One:	As we forgive our debtors,
All:	By reconciliation with justice and peace.
One:	Lead us not into temptation,
All:	The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation,
One:	And deliver us from evil,
All:	The evil of destroying your gift of creation.
One:	For yours is the kingdom,
All:	Yours, Lord, not ours,
One:	The power, and the glory
All:	In the cross and resurrection,
One:	For ever and ever.
All:	You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen.

Invitation to Offering	Katie
Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by. Scan the QR code. Go to <a href="http://www.pleasanthillpc.org">www.pleasanthillpc.org</a> and click on the Giving tab. Text givePHPC to 73256.	

	Please sign the red friendship pad.
Offertory	Hyoun Joo
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> arr. Jason Tonioli
Prayer of Dedication	Katie

*Sung Response	
	For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.
	<u>Following the Word Into the World</u>
*Charge and Benediction	Katie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> arr. Timothy Albrecht

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from  
*re: Worship and Feasting on the Word.*