

Sundaes on Sunday

Gather with friends for a cool treat and conversation today after service. Hosted by your fun-loving Fellowship Committee.

Monthly Prayer in the Garden

Drop into monthly morning or evening prayer times in the PHPC Prayer Garden every 1st Tuesday of the month at 9am and 6:30pm beginning August 1. We'll spend a half-hour in guided prayer for the world, our church, and one another's joys and concerns.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpack (or any bag you carry around) to worship on August 6 for our annual blessing of the backpacks. Children will be invited to bring their bags up during the children's sermon for a special prayer of blessing, and backpack tags will be handed out to any child or adult that wants a reminder that "you matter" to PHPC to carry with you.

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.

Little Pantry Collection

Please consider contributing to the Little Pantry on Sunday, August 6. Your donations help keep this vital community outreach program running. The pantry is in need of dried beans and rice, and canned veggies and beans. All donations, including monetary, are welcome and very much appreciated.

Church School Resumes

Church school for children, youth, and adults will begin again on Sunday, August 13.

Women's Crafting Retreat

Please join women of Pleasant Hill and Faith Presbyterian in Blue Ridge for a crafting retreat taking place at the North Georgia Mission Lodge on September 9-10. The schedule of the retreat is as follows: a lunch gathering at noon followed by an afternoon of fall crafting and dinner on Saturday, and a continental breakfast before morning service at Faith Presbyterian on Sunday. The cost of the retreat is \$40 (due August 8) and includes the crafting materials and three meals noted. Space is limited. RSVP to Marianne Anderson marianne4001@gmail.com to reserve your place.

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 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
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2023

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
	Mannheim arr. Andrew Fletcher Gathering Around the Word
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Introit	
*Call to Worship	Sharon McLeod
One:	We gather to worship the God of all creation
All:	who crafted the seas and mountains, and yet cares for each of us.
One:	We gather to worship the God of all mystery
All:	who rejoices in our being, and invites us to connection with God, neighbor, and creation!
One:	Let us worship God!
*Hymn 714	God of the Fertile Fields
Call to Confession	The Rev. Jennie Sankey
Prayer of Confession	Jennie
	Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from our sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples. 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	Sharon
Scripture Reading	Sharon
	Psalm 24

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Anthem	Greg Veal
	It is Good David Lantz
Scripture Reading	Katie
	Genesis 1:26-29
Sermon	Katie
	Hungry for Connection: This Land is Your Land
	Responding to the Word
*Hymn 715 (see insert)	
	The Earth Belongs to God Alone (sung to the tune of hymn 214 You Are My Refuge, Faithful God)
*Affirmation of Faith	Katie
	We Believe by Dorothy McRae-McMahan, Uniting Church in Australia 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 (creation themed)	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 www.pleasanthillpc.org and click on the Giving tab.	
Text givePHPC to 73256.	
	Please sign the red friendship pad.

Offertory	Hyoun Joo
	Come, Thou Fount arr. Joseph Martin
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.
	Following the Word Into the World
*Charge and Benediction	Katie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
	Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young

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