

### Popsicles on the Playground

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

### Hungry for Connection Dinner

Our next Hungry for Connection Dinner will be Friday, July 14 hosted by Kim and Alan Klein. Table conversation cards will offer some guided faith-based discussion. RSVP at the link in this week's newsletter.

### Youth Babysitting Night

PHPC Youth (and an adult chaperone) will be providing free babysitting at PHPC on Saturday, July 15 from 5pm-8:30pm. There is no cost to attend. Pizza dinner is also provided. RSVP to Grace youth@pleasanthillpc.org by Wednesday, July 12.

### 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 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*

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  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 9, 2023

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
<i>Pastorale</i> Douglas Wagner <u>Gathering Around the Word</u>	
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Jennie Sankey
Introit	
*Call to Worship	Sara Woolley
Leader: In the darkest valley, <b>All: at the banquet table;</b> Leader: in the hard work of life, <b>All: at the moments of ease;</b> Leader: in our day-to-day reality, at times set aside– <b>All: at times set aside– like this time, now– for worship, for listening, for paying attention;</b> Leader: with every step we take: <b>All: goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.</b>	
*Hymn 509	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>
Call to Confession	Sara
Prayer of Confession	Sara
We are a nation of all-you-can-eat buffets and fast foods. We have forgotten what it is to eat what we need to be healthy, and to know when we have had enough. Remind us of the morning manna in the desert, of simply gathering what is needed each day, and gratefully trusting in your provision for the next. Disturb us at the thought of “haves” and “have-nots.” Help us to realize that a true feast is not defined by the quantity of food, but by the certainty that everyone— even our enemy— has a welcome place at the table. Amen.	
Assurance of Grace	Jennie
*Passing of the Peace	Jennie
One: The peace of Christ be with you. <b>All: And also with you.</b>	
<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 ☺ Praise.</i>	

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination	Sara
Scripture Reading	Sara
Genesis 2:5-9	
Anthem	Lee Bourgeois
<i>Hallelujahs</i> Chris Rice	
Scripture Reading	Jennie
Selected verses from Jesus’ Parables	
Sermon	Jennie
Hungry for Connection: The Kingdom of Heaven is like...	
<u>Responding to the Word</u>	
*Hymn 511	<i>Come Behold! The Feast of Heaven</i>
*Affirmation of Faith	Jennie
<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 the 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
Leader: Our father who art in heaven <b>All: You are also at home in the air, soil, forests and oceans</b> Leader: Hallowed be your name <b>All: By the care we take of your creation</b> Leader: Your kingdom come <b>All: All that you see is good</b> Leader: Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. <b>All: Your will to till and care</b> Leader: Give us this day our daily bread <b>All: That all may have sufficient to live life in fullness.</b>	

Leader: Forgive us our debts	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Our greed, our exploitation, our lack of concern for other species and for future generations</b>
Leader: As we forgive our debtors.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>By reconciliation with justice and peace</b>
Leader: Lead us not into temptation	
<b>All:</b>	<b>The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation</b>
Leader: And deliver us from evil	
<b>All:</b>	<b>The evil of destroying your gift of creation</b>
Leader: For yours is the kingdom	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Yours, Lord, not ours</b>
Leader: The power and the glory	
<b>All:</b>	<b>In the cross and resurrection</b>
Leader: For ever and ever	
<b>All:</b>	<b>You are the beginning and you are the end. Amen.</b>

Invitation to Offering	Jennie
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>Gabriel’s Oboe</i> Ennio Morricone	
Prayer of Dedication	Jennie
*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	Jennie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Minor</i> J. S. Bach	

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from  
*The Canadian Food Grains Bank World Food Day Liturgy.*

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