

Reconciling Gwinnett Trans Youth and Young Adult Clothing Drive

The PHPC Mission and Outreach Committee is partnering with Reconciling Gwinnett, a local Christian group who work toward true inclusion, affirmation, and equality for all of God’s people. We’ll be collecting new and gently used items (see this week’s newsletter for a full list) for local trans youth and young adults. Church member donations will be received before and after service today.

Laundry Love Collection

Drop your spare change and dollars in the laundry detergent jugs after service today to make a joyful noise supporting our Laundry Love ministry. Through our Laundry Love program, we offer free laundry services every month at the laundromat at 2880 Simpson Circle in Norcross, GA. The PHPC congregation donates quarters and laundry detergent, and Laundry Love team members volunteer to help staff the machines. Just as importantly, we listen to people’s stories, build relationships, and create community.

Women’s Breakfast

Take some time out of your week on Saturday, August 26 9am-11am to join the wonderful women of PHPC for breakfast, conversation and fun. If you would like to contribute a food item or help out in the kitchen on the morning of the breakfast, please contact Marianne Anderson marianne4001@gmail.com.

Membership Class

Sunday, August 27, 11:15am-1:30pm
Have you been worshipping at Pleasant Hill for awhile and interested in learning about church membership? Are you curious about what it means to be Presbyterian? Come to our one-day Membership Class to learn more about PHPC, the PC(USA) denomination, and any other questions you may have about your faith or this congregation and what we believe and do! Lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP at the link in this week’s newsletter.

Choir Kick Off

If you’ve ever thought of singing with PHPC’s Chancel Choir, now is a great time to join. They rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00am and then sing for service at 10:00am. They also have a few Saturday morning rehearsals, especially for Christmas music.

This fall, Chancel Choir kicks off fall music with a rehearsal on Saturday, September 9 from 9:30am-noon. They will sing at Sunday’s service on September 10. If you want to join but cannot be there on Saturday, September 9, or Sunday, September 10, please come a few minutes early on any Sunday morning and choir will find a robe and a music folder for you.

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church will be on Thursday, September 28 from 3:30pm-7:30pm.

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 worshipping 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*
Talitha Minton, *Director of Preschool*
Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Assistant*
Hyouun 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
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2023

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song
Hymn
arr. Douglas Wagner
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

***Call to Worship** Sharon McLeod
One: Who is my neighbor?
All: The one who connects by showing up.
One: Who is my neighbor?
All: The one who connects by walking with.
One: Who is my neighbor?
All: The one who connects by sharing a meal.
One: Who is my neighbor?
All: The one who connects by paying attention.
One: In stories, through practice, through connection,
All: A neighbor is the one who shows mercy.
One: Let us worship our merciful God,
All: who fills us with love.

***Hymn 720**
Jesus Calls Us

Call to Confession The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession Jennie
Lord, we admit to you our own shortsightedness. But you already know, we think more of myself than our neighbor next door, let alone our neighbor that lives around the world. We get so caught up in the needs in our own house that we forget to think about, much less figure out how to feed, people we’ve never met. We want to be good neighbors. We say we love you, and we do love you, and yet so often we neglect your sheep. Help us to match our words with our actions, to connect our faith with our everyday lives. 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.*

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Prayer for Illumination Sharon

Scripture Reading Sharon
Psalm 23

Scripture Reading Katie
John 21:15-19

Sermon Katie
Like a Good Neighbor: Bring Food
Responding to the Word

***Hymn 722**
Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

***Affirmation of Faith** Katie
Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

Mission Focus: Laundry Love Shawn Badinger

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.

An offering for Laundry Love will be received in the Narthex after service. Gifts of coins and cash provide free loads of laundry for our neighbors in need.

Offertory Ben Badinger

Claire de Lune
Claude Debussy

Prayer of Dedication Katie

***Sung Response**
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ’s love.

Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Katie

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo
Prelude and Fugue in G Minor
J. S. Bach

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
re:Worship.