

### Friends of Pleasant Hill Preschool

We are looking for “Friends of PHP.” We’d love to have you on our Friends list to help support our wonderful Pleasant Hill Preschool with your many gifts. As a Friend, you will receive an occasional email with opportunities to help. This could be volunteering your time to assist with an event for the kids, your cooking talents to provide a dish for a teacher appreciation event, your love of shopping to purchase a book or educational support item from the preschool wish list, or we always welcome your prayer support! Help as you can and if you are unable to assist when an email comes, just delete and look take a look next time. If you would like to be added to our list, please email Kristen Ching at kburn03@hotmail.com.

### Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church Care Teams

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church Care Teams (powered by Lotsa Helping Hands) is the website we use to inform of congregational needs including meals, rides, and more. There is also a calendar for you to sign up for specific days to provide these needs as you can.

If you would like to join our care teams page, please click the link in this week’s newsletter. Contact Kim Klein kfaklein@gmail.com with questions.

### 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.

### Women’s Bible Study Resuming

*Thursdays 10:30am-12pm, beginning September 14*

Women of Pleasant Hill, you are all invited to a Bible Study led by Pastor Katie on Thursdays. Our study this fall will focus on Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke & Acts, and each week we’ll examine a particular encounter between Jesus and an individual or group. Workbooks are available, and cost \$10 if you can help cover the cost. All are welcome to come for honest conversation, sharing, and growing in faith. Email Katie katie@pleasanthillpc.org if you would like a book and plan to attend!

### 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 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](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 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*  
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  
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 27, 2023

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

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship** Serena Wright

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 766**  
*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

**Call to Confession** The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Prayer of Confession** Jennie

Lord Jesus, We confess that we have not always seen your face among our neighbors in need. There are seasons in our lives, as individuals and as your Church, when we have not shared our food with the hungry, or offered clothes to the needy or shelter to the homeless. We have not always welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your family members, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Dear Jesus, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us your assurance of another chance to be better neighbors. 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** Serena

**Scripture Reading** Serena  
Psalm 100

**Anthem** Women’s Quartet  
Lee Bourgeois, Laura Huffman,  
Robin Prater, and Brenda Torri

*Let All Things Now Living*  
Gwynn Bement

**Scripture Reading** Katie  
Matthew 25:31-46

**Sermon** Katie  
Like a Good Neighbor: Pay Attention!

Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn 727**  
*The Servant Song*

**\*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: Blood Drive** Dick LoPresti and  
Jon MacLean

**Invitation to Offering** Katie

Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by.  
Scan the QR code.  
Go to [www.pleasanthillpc.org](http://www.pleasanthillpc.org) and click on the Giving tab.  
Text givePHPC to 73256.



Please sign the red friendship pad.

**Offertory** Jennie, oboe  
*Gabriel’s Oboe*  
Ennio Morricone

**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  
*Recessional on Hymn To Joy*  
arr. Matthew Corl

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