



## PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

### Trivia Night

Join us for trivia at Kettlerock Brewery on Sunday, October 8 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. We lost against Christ the King Lutheran last time, and will hopefully have a better outcome in our rematch. There will be a food truck, adult beverages, and great fun with our Lutheran brethren.

### Office Closed for Fall Break

Our church office will be closed in observance of Fall Break on Thursday, October 5, Friday, October 6, and Monday, October 9. Our dedicated staff will be taking this well-deserved time off to recharge their spirits and spend quality moments with their loved ones. We will still worship on Sunday, October 8.

### Garden Group

Join up with the PHPC Garden Group on Saturday, October 14 at 9 am in the prayer garden for some fall planting and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Bring your trowel, gloves and enthusiasm. For questions, contact Julie Smith at 817-470-1694 or julies1959@gmail.com.

### Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat is on Saturday, October 28 from 1pm-3pm. If you're interested in decorating your trunk for the event, find the link to sign up in this week's newsletter.

### Fall North Georgia Mission Trip

A group from PHPC will once again be traveling to North Georgia to serve the communities of Fannin and Gilmer counties. The trip will start with a welcome dinner on Wednesday, November 1 and will wrap up on Saturday afternoon, November 4. We will stay at the North Georgia Mission Lodge, along with the LoPresti and Milway houses. We will do service projects with various non-profits in the area; Habitat for Humanity, Feed Fannin, Fannin Family Connection, Faith Presbyterian Church, and others. The cost of the trip is \$150. If you are interested in making the trip or have questions, please email Jeff Milway at jdmilway@gmail.com.

### Join Our Weekly Newsletter

Stay informed of the latest PHPC events, as well as news about our various ministries and opportunities to grow in your faith and connect with God and neighbor. Scan the QR code and subscribe to the Chosen Word email newsletter to receive weekly updates.



## 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. Katie Sankey**, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

**Mary Cooper**, *Church Administrator*  
**Veronica Pennington**, *Director of Ministry Support*  
**Steve Dean**, *Director of Music*  
**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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2023

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song  
*The Quiet Days*  
André Gagnon

Gathering Around the Word

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

**Introit**

**Call to Worship** Sara Woolley  
One: Long before we even knew you, God,  
**All: You already knew us, and had chosen us to be part of Your own family.**  
One: So we come before you with our whole selves to bring praise and thanksgiving,  
**All: offering you the worship of our hearts and lives.**  
One: Let us worship! Amen.

**\*Hymn 692**  
*Spirit, Open My Heart*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**  
Generous God, in Jesus you have shown us love: love that seeks, love that suffers with us, love that survives all things. You call us, even command us, to show that love in our lives. Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the times we shut our eyes, the suffering we have caused, the ways we have given up. Remind us of who and whose we are. Restore our sight, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of the Peace**  
One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

The Word Read and Proclaimed

**Children’s Sermon**  
*Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.*

**Prayer for Illumination**  
**Scripture Reading** Acts 8:3, 9:1-21  
**Anthem** Chancel Choir  
*Devotion*  
John Ness Beck

*I am thine, O Lord.  
I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.  
Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer to thy precious bleeding side.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

**Scripture Reading** Romans 1:12b, 8:38-39

**Sermon** Gifted, Connected, Called: Your God-Given Place  
Sealing the Word in Our Lives  
*Children will return from Play & Praise to sit with their families during communion.*

**\*Music**  
*Come to the Table*  
arr. Amanda Meisenheimer  
Come to the table. Come to the table.  
Come to the table and celebrate with us. (repeat)  
We are all welcome. We are all welcome.  
We are all welcome. Come celebrate with us. (repeat)

**The Sacrament of Communion**  
**Invitation to the Table**  
**Pastoral Prayer**  
**Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**  
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.

Responding to the Word  
**Invitation to Offering**  
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**  
*As the Deer*  
arr. Tom Fettke

**Prayer of Dedication**  
**\*Sung Response**  
*Hymn 748*  
*Go With Us, Lord*  
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction**  
**\*Postlude**  
*Finale in B flat*  
Dom Andrew Moore

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

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.