

Gifted, Connected, Called All-Church Study Begins Today

Return to the sanctuary at 11:15 to begin a new 8-week all church study exploring our God given gifts and identities. A Zoom session is also available on Thursdays at 7pm if you cannot attend on Sundays. The link is in the newsletter.

Help Out Your PHPC Friends in Need!

Sign-up as you are able to bring a meal, provide a ride, or fulfill other needs when someone is in need of care. Click on the link in this week's newsletter to let us know you're interested and receive access to our PHPC Care Calendar. Contact Kim Klein at kfaklein@gmail.com with questions.

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 at katie@pleasanthillpc.org if you would like a book and plan to attend!

Men's Breakfast

The PHPC Men's Breakfast will be held on Friday, September 15th at 7:30am- 8:30am. There will be lots of coffee/tea, conversations, a hearty breakfast, and a devotion. All men of PHPC and friends are welcomed. For more information or questions, email Jeff Milway at jdmilway@gmail.com.

Garden Group

The PHPC Garden Group will meet on Saturday, September 16 at 8:30am. Bring your garden gloves, clippers, water and sunscreen. We meet in the prayer garden, work at various gardening tasks, have a short devotional time and usually leave by 10:30am. If you are looking for a place to serve, belong, and get your hands dirty, please join us!

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church will be on Thursday, September 28 from 3:30pm-7:30pm. Find the link in this week's newsletter to register for donation.

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. 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10, 2023

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song
The Peace May be Exchanged
Dan Locklair
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

***Call to Worship** The Rev. Steve Sankey
One: We’ve come to worship God,
All: who loved us before we were yet born,
One: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
All: whose presence never leaves us,
One: and whose love for us never ceases.
All: This is our God.
One: Wonderful are God’s works.
All: Let us worship together!

***Hymn 267 (see insert)** Chancel Choir
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Confession Steve

Prayer of Confession Steve
By Jan Richardson

Even when we were dead, Paul writes.
Even when we turned away from the One who had created us.
Even when we lived in the grip of what drew our gaze from God.
Even when we were oblivious.
Even when we followed a path fashioned of nothing
but our own desires.
Even when we wandered far and willfully away.
Even when we forgot to look past our own feet and to see
the wonders not of our making.
Even when we failed to stand in awe, to breathe thanks,
to lean into the love that had waited long for us.
Even when, Paul writes.
Even when,
even then:
grace.

Assurance of Grace Steve
***Passing of the Peace** Steve
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.*

Anthem (see insert) Chancel Choir
Jennie, oboe
Jennifer Falk, flute
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Mack Wilberg

Prayer for Illumination Steve

Scripture Reading Steve
Ephesians 2:4-10

Scripture Reading Jennie
Gen 1:26

Sermon Jennie
Gifted, Connected, Called: Made for Good

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 308**
O God in Whom All Life Begins

***Affirmation of Faith** Jennie
Adapted from Confession of Belhar
We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest
in the church as the community of believers who have been
reconciled with God and with one another. Unity is, therefore,
both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.
Through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet
simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and
sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up
to attain. This unity can be established only in freedom and not
under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities,
backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and
cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities
for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of
God.

Prayers of the People Steve
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer Steve
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.

Moment for Ministry:
Christian Education

Invitation to Offering Jennie
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
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
arr. Jason Tonioli

Prayer of Dedication Jennie

***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** Jennie

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo
‘Hallelujah’ Has Been Restored
Dan Locklair

* Please stand in body or spirit.

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