

PHPC in the Community

PHPC will be participating in the **Peachtree Corners Festival** (Saturday, September 23) and the **Duluth Fall Festival Parade** (Saturday, September 30.) There are several volunteer opportunities available for both events. Please check the newsletter for more information on participating, or contact Amanda Dannemiller at amanda.dannemiller@gmail.com.

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.

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church will be on Thursday, September 28 from 3:30pm-7:30pm. There are only a few spots for donation left. Sign up using the link in this week's newsletter to register for donation.

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. 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-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2023

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
<i>I Call to You Lord, Jesus Christ</i> J.S. Bach	
<u>Gathering Around the Word</u>	
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Introit	
*Call to Worship	Mary Don King
One: You have called us to this place, O Lord. All: Each one of us is unique, with differing gifts and talents. One: Yet each talent represented here is valuable in God’s realm. All: Lord, help us find ways in which to use our talents for healing and hope. One: Come, let us praise the Lord who has called us here. All: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God’s word for us.	
*Hymn 409	<i>God Is Here!</i>
Call to Confession	Katie
Prayer of Confession	Katie
It is so easy for us, Lord, to diminish the gifts you have given us. We have come to believe that either we are experts in some areas or we know nothing. Each of us has been given special talents and gifts that can be used to help others, but sometimes we choose not to use these gifts, deciding that they are unimportant or not needed. Forgive us when we decide not to act. Help us look at the blessings that you have poured into our lives and to discover our special talents. Open the doorways of service and let the gates swing wide that we may go forth to serve you in this world. Amen.	
Assurance of Grace	Katie
*Passing of the Peace	Katie
One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	
<u>The Word Read and Proclaimed</u>	
Children’s Sermon	Katie
<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	Mary Don
Scripture Reading	Mary Don
Exodus 35:30-36:1	
Anthem	Chancel Choir
<i>Come, Thou Fount</i> arr. Eric Nelson	
Scripture Reading	Katie
Luke 10:38-42	
Sermon	Katie
Gifted, Connected, Called: What Comes Naturally	
<u>Responding to the Word</u>	
*Hymn 410	<i>God Is Calling through the Whisper</i>
*Affirmation of Faith	Katie
<i>Adapted from Confession of Belhar</i> 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	Katie
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	Katie
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: Mission	

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.	
Offertory	Hyoun Joo
<i>Simple Gifts</i> arr. Joseph Martin	
Prayer of Dedication	Katie
*Sung Response	<i>Hymn 748</i> <i>Go With Us, Lord</i> 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.
<u>Following the Word Into the World</u>	
*Charge and Benediction	Katie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
<i>Praeludium pro Organo pleno (BWV 552)</i> J. S. Bach	

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
Ministry Matters and Feasting on the Word.