

Request for Submissions to the Advent Devotional

The theme of our PHPC Advent devotional this year is “Practicing Joy.” The content will be created by members and pastors, and we need your submissions! We are seeking writers to write brief reflections on provided prompts, and artists to respond to the week’s scripture with an already completed or new piece of art (medium of your choice). Home chefs may share their favorite Advent/Christmas/New Years/Epiphany comfort food recipes accompanied by a story of how that recipe has been enjoyed. Find the scripture and prompts in this week’s newsletter and sign-up for one you would be interested in responding to. In order for us to have the devotional ready for Advent, all submissions must be sent to Shannon Sligar at shannonsligar7@gmail.com by October 31.

Date Change to Women’s Breakfast

Please take note! Our next Women’s Breakfast originally scheduled for October 21 is being postponed until Saturday, November 11. Join us for food, fun and fellowship as we gather together in the Jerusalem Room starting at 9. If you want to participate in the kitchen beforehand, or wish to bring an item to share, please contact Marianne Anderson at marianne4001@gmail.com.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. A time set aside each year to honor and give thanks for our pastors, Katie and Jennie, who give, care, and serve us and our communities in remarkable ways. We are planning to recognize Katie on Sunday, October 22, during the church service for her commitment and wonderful ministry in our church and community. It just so happens that Katie’s 17th year Ordination Anniversary falls on this same Sunday. We have so much to celebrate! One way of expressing appreciation is for the congregation to provide weekly meals to Katie and her family. You will also have an opportunity to write a thank you note to Katie and Jennie and place it in a box in the breezeway.

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.

Clifton Volunteer Appreciation Cookout

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Cookout on Sunday, October 29th from 4pm-6pm. If you are a volunteer at Clifton, we’d love to see you there!

If you would like more information about the cookout, or about Clifton in general, please text Becky Zinn at 678-478-3863.

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 - on sabbatical*

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2023

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Mark Hayes

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

*Call to Worship Mary Don King

One: Rejoice and be glad!
All: God is gracious and offers us blessings.
One: God calls us to live in this world,
All: And God offers us the chance to explore how to live out
God’s values and vision.
One: We are gifted, we are connected, we are called.
All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 463
How Firm A Foundation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Help us to unclench our hands and open ourselves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. 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
Ruth 1: 6-17

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Anthem Chancel Choir

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
Chuck Bridwell

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed.
I trust the everliving one, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain:
I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him, he’ll never cast me out.
Refrain

My great physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
For me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.
Refrain

My faith has found a resting place, in Jesus Christ, my Lord!

Scripture Reading
Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Sermon
Gifted, Connected, Called: Values

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 432
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (stanzas 1 & 4)

*Affirmation of Faith
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
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

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.

Moment for Ministry: Becky Zinn
Mission

Invitation to Offering
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
Gabriel’s Oboe
Ennio Morricone

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
Fuga from Sonata No. 6
Felix Mendelssohn

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

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