

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

Our next Women’s Breakfast originally scheduled for October 21 is 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 bring an item to share, email 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’ll recognize Katie during today’s service for her commitment and wonderful ministry in our church and community. Today marks Katie’s 17th year Ordination Anniversary. One way of expressing appreciation is for the congregation to provide weekly meals to Katie and her family. You can also 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. Find the link to sign up to decorate your trunk in this week’s newsletter.

Clifton Volunteer Appreciation Cookout

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

Thanksgiving Luncheon (hosted by Atlanta Taiwanese Presbyterian)

ATPC (our building neighbors) invites PHPC to join together for a Thanksgiving luncheon on Sunday, November 19 at noon. RSVP at the link in our newsletter to reserve your spot for good food and community building.

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2023

Prelude
Evelyn’s
Malcolm Archer
Hyoun Joo Song

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements
The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

*Call to Worship
Bill Maguire
One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.
All: God calls us to build our lives:
One: God calls us to build our lives:
All: to restore broken places and continue to grow.
One: God calls us to build our faith:
All: to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.
One: God calls us to build our community:
All: to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.
One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:
All: to passionately share the good news of God’s love for all people.

*Hymn 305
Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you. Guide our passion to serve you through our gifts and blessings; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. 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.

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading
Matthew 5: 13-16

Anthem
How Excellent is Thy Name
Warren Angel
Pam Griffin, soprano

Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!
Who set thy glory above the heavens.
When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and stars which thou hast ordained.
What is man that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man that thou visiteth him?
For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory and honor.
When I consider thy heavens,
Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent thy name in all the earth.
Who set thy glory above the heavens.
Hallelujah! Amen.

Scripture Reading
Nehemiah, selected verses
2:12, 4:6-23, 6:15-16

Sermon
Gifted, Connected, Called: Passion

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 711
Lord of All Good

*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:
Pastoral Care
Margot Ashley

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.

Offertory
Lord, Listen to Your Children
arr. Jack Schrader

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
God Be Praised and Glorified
Heinrich Scheidemann

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