

Call for Volunteers: Friendly Visitors

PHPC's Pastoral Care team is introducing a fantastic new initiative - Friendly Visitors. We're looking for caring individuals to make casual visits and phone calls to those who can't join us for worship regularly. No providing counseling or theology required - just a chance to build warm connections within our church family. If you're interested in spreading love, empathy, and encouragement, this is for you! Contact the church office at office@pleasanthillpc.org to indicate your interest and ask any questions. Thank you for prayerfully considering this new ministry opportunity!

Request for Submissions to the Advent Devotional, "Practicing Joy"

We're still seeking writers, artists, and home chefs to share brief reflections on provided prompts. Find more information in this week's newsletter and sign-up to contribute. Your participation not only enriches our community devotional but also creates a tapestry of joy that reflects the diverse talents and experiences within our congregation. Thank you for being an essential part of this meaningful project. 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.

Introducing PHPC's Shepherd Ministry

A brand-new ministry is beginning here at Pleasant Hill: a ministry of contact. With 18 dedicated Shepherds, this ministry aims to foster connections with members and friends. Everyone who worships regularly at PHPC in person or online is now in a flock, and you don't have to do a thing. Your Shepherd will reach out soon to introduce themselves and build a connection. Expect to hear from them monthly with warm greetings at worship or through texts, emails, or calls. Your Deacons, Pastoral Care Committee, Membership Committee, and Pastors are excited about this launch, and we're praying that these new connections will be meaningful, Spirit-led, and filled with care.

Women's Breakfast

Our next Women's Breakfast is 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. You can write a thank you note to Katie and Jennie and place it in a box in the breezeway.

Fall North Georgia Mission Trip

A group from PHPC will be traveling to North Georgia to serve the communities of Fannin and Gilmer counties November 1 through November 4. They will do service projects with various non-profits in the area. We'll commission the mission trip participants during today's service.

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 worshipping 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
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2023

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song
Hymn
Douglas Wagner
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

***Call to Worship** Nancy Blazewick
One: We are gifted:
All: Made in God’s own image, with unique talents, gifts, personalities, values, and passions.
One: We are connected:
All: Created for community both within and outside the church; created for unity but not uniformity.
One: We are called:
All: To connect our faith with everyday life, sharing ourselves as we serve God in the world.
One: Thanks be to God! Let us worship.

***Hymn 275** Brass Ensemble
Trumpet - Brian Ireland, Levi Phillips
Trombone - Drew Phillips, Paul Shane
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and cares for us, too, help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings. Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you until we find what we seek above all: your kingdom. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

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

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children’s Sermon
The Children’s Choir will perform “Father Abraham” by Pierre Kartner.

Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

Anthem Chancel Choir
Trumpet - Levi Phillips

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord
John Carter
*I love thy kingdom Lord, the house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
Beyond my highest joys I prize her heavenly ways:
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her songs of love and praise.
Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given,
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.*

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon Gifted, Connected, Called: Everyday Life

Responding to the Word
***Hymn 716**
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Moment for Ministry: Worship Robin Prater

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 Generosity Erik Mjorud

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
For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. Jason Tonioli

Commissioning of North Georgia Mission Trip Participants

***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
Don Andrew Moore

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
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