

#### Year-end Donation Planning

Thank you for your generous financial support of PHPC this year. If you're planning your year-end donations, here are some things to consider:

##### Donating Appreciated Stock

There are significant tax advantages when you donate stock that has appreciated to a church or qualified charitable organization. Ask your tax advisor how you might benefit. If you plan to donate to PHPC, email Mary at [mary@pleasanthillpc.org](mailto:mary@pleasanthillpc.org) for simple instructions.

##### Donating Some or All of your RMD

If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may know that RMD stands for Required Minimum Distribution, or the amount that the IRS requires you to withdraw annually from your IRA. Doing this has tax consequences and you may benefit from directing all or a portion of your RMD to a church or other qualified charity. Ask your tax advisor first, but all you have to do is instruct your IRA custodian to send the RMD payment directly to PHPC. Please let us know if we can help with your year-end giving in any way. Donations must be received or postmarked by Sunday, December 31 to be tax deductible in 2023.

#### Operation Turkey Sandwich

Join us as we celebrate our annual tradition of providing a hearty sandwich and goodies to our local service providers on Thanksgiving morning. Operation Turkey Sandwich will enter into its 7th season of serving our neighbors and celebrating the giving season in style! Sign up to provide/prepare supplies, edible goodies, or to contribute financially, and to join us on Thanksgiving 9am to noon as we put the lunches together and distribute them throughout the community. Everyone is welcome! Please email Erik Mjorud to sign up at [ameagleerik@yahoo.com](mailto:ameagleerik@yahoo.com).

#### Presbyterians for a Better Georgia Legislative Forum

PBG will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm. The legislative forum will introduce you to key legislators and advocates who support the mission of PBG. Learn about pending issues for the coming session, get a forecast of likely bills and their authors, and get answers to your questions submitted in advance. Register via the link in this week's newsletter.

#### Project Angel

We're excited to support our community partners for Christmas this year with Project Angel. We'll have monetary gift options for you to give to family, friends, and teachers. There will be gift certificates listing your gift information. Look for our table beginning the first Sunday in Advent, December 3, and come shop! If you have any questions, please contact Sara Woolley at [woolley.sara@gmail.com](mailto:woolley.sara@gmail.com).

#### Women's Advent Event

All ladies of PHPC are invited to come together and share a meal at the start of Advent, Sunday, December 3 at 6pm. We'll gather for a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall and work on creating some lovely Christmas crafts to get in the holiday spirit. If you have a craft in mind you would like to suggest and lead, or if you'd be willing to be a hostess of a craft table that is set up and ready to go, please reach out to Marianne Anderson to coordinate, (678) 783-9328.

#### Christmas Music Worship Service and Brunch

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting brunch immediately following the Christmas music worship service on Sunday, December 10. Bring your friends and family - all are welcome! Please bring a ready to serve brunch or lunch item to serve 8-10. No desserts please.

#### 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](http://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  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2023

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song  
*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
arr. Jason Tonioli

Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship** Serena Wright

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God’s name.  
**All: We sing praises to your name.**  
One: Come and see what God has done; how awesome are your deeds, O God!  
**All: We sing praises to your name.**  
One: God is with us always, never leaving or turning away!  
**All: We sing praises to your name.**  
One: Let us worship in joy and thanksgiving!

**\*Hymn 37**  
*Let All Things Now Living*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

O God, you are our creator and redeemer. You blessed the earth and called it good. You blessed our lives and call us your own. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to give you thanks, when we forget that you are the source of all that is good and that our lives are to be an offering of thanksgiving and joy. Make us grateful, O God, for the gifts of your mercy, and draw us closer to you and one another. 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** Psalm 30

**Anthem** Chancel Choir  
Jennifer Falk - Penny Whistle  
Michael Garrett - Snare Drum

*Amazing Grace!*  
arr. Mack Wilberg

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease;  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.*

**(congregation - please stand and sing when directed)**  
*When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 17: 11-19

**Sermon** Give Thanks in Joy: Grounded in Gratitude

Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn 22**  
*God of the Sparrow*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)*  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Stephen Leader Commissioning** Clay Keller

A Note to Today’s Worshipers  
While this liturgy reminds us that caring ministry is a part of the life of every Christian, it specifically recognizes those who are offering themselves to organize, teach, and supervise our Stephen Ministers, the trained caregivers who will minister to hurting people in our congregation and community.

**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: Mission** Sara Woolley

**Invitation to Offering**  
Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by.  
Scan the QR code.  
Go to [www.pleasanthillpc.org](http://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** *Sanctuary*  
arr. Carol Tornquist

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Sung Response** Hymn 36  
*For the Fruit of All Creation (stanza 3)*  
*For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.*

Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Now Thank We All Our God*  
arr. Paul Manz

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*Call to Worship, Feasting on the Word.*  
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