



## PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

### Little Pantry Volunteers Needed

Beginning this new year after a season of giving, instead of donations, what the Lil Pantry really needs are volunteers. Specifically, a few folks to go through the items we have in-house to check for expiration dates. Please contact Holli Kyle at [hkyle@bellsouth.net](mailto:hkyle@bellsouth.net) for more information and scheduling. No more than a couple of hours would be needed.

### Presbyterians for a Better Georgia - Save the Dates

PBG has some important events coming up. Mark your calendars and get ready for excellent advocacy opportunities in the new year. Find more details about these dates in this week's newsletter. Georgia's Legislative session kicks off on **Monday, January 8**. Be sure to check your inbox in the coming weeks for action alerts, legislation updates, events and news of what's going on under the Gold Dome. PBG's annual Virtual Advocacy Training is on **Tuesday, February 6** from 7-8:30pm on Zoom. There will be a watch party at PHPC. Details and room info will be provided prior to the event. Lobby Day (**Thursday, March 14**) is an opportunity to visit the capital to meet with legislators from across the state and advocate for those in our community.

### Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group provides a free and confidential structured environment to explore the complex feelings evoked by the loss of a loved one. Led by Stephen Minister Mary Winkeljohnd and Pastor Katie Day, the group will meet 7 consecutive Tuesday evenings at PHPC from 7:00pm-8:30pm, starting on January 9 through February 20. For questions or to join, please contact Mary at 770-246-9363 or email Pastor Katie at [katie@pleasanthillpc.org](mailto:katie@pleasanthillpc.org).

### Men's Breakfast

The PHPC Men's Breakfast will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 7:30am in the Jerusalem room and kitchen. There will be coffee/tea, conversations, a hearty breakfast, and a devotion. All men of PHPC and friends are welcomed. For more information or questions, email Jeff Milway at [jdmilway@gmail.com](mailto:jdmilway@gmail.com).

### Blood Drive

PHPC is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, January 25. Everyone is invited to participate in this important cause. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and make a positive impact on the lives of those in need. If you're eligible and willing to donate, please register using the link in this week's newsletter. If you have questions, you may email Jon MacLean at [jm71578@aol.com](mailto:jm71578@aol.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](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*

**Mary Cooper**, *Church Administrator*  
**Veronica Pennington**, *Director of Ministry Support*  
**Steve Dean**, *Director of Music*  
**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		
Epiphany		
January 7, 2024		
Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song	
Prologue		
André Gagnon		
<u>Gathering Around the Word</u>		
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day	
Recommissioning The Rev. Jennie Sankey for Ministry with PHPC		
Introit		
Call to Worship	Pam Griffin	
One:	This little light of mine	
All:	I’m going to let it shine.	
One:	This little light of ours	
All:	we’re going to let it shine.	
One:	This little light of the world has overcome the darkness.	
All:	We have followed the light to this place, and the glory of God’s presence is among us!	
One:	Let us worship God!	
*Hymn 151		
We Three Kings		
Call to Confession	The Rev. Jennie Sankey	
Prayer of Confession	Jennie	
God of the weary traveler, our feet are dusty from the roads we’ve traveled this past week, this past year, every day of our lives. We’ve followed your star here, looking for a glimmer of hope. And now, after a long journey, we set our baggage down. We have arrived. We’re here, and we’re on holy ground. Forgive us when we drag our feet on this journey. Forgive us when we doubt your presence every step of the way. You may not show up where we expect you, but help us trust that you are here nevertheless. Be known to us in the hope of the star, the peace of a baby snuggled in the manger, the joy of arrival, and Love that could not stay away. We are here. You are here. And we are so very grateful. Amen.		
Assurance of Grace	Jennie	
*Passing of the Peace		
One:	The peace of Christ be with you.	
All:	And also with you.	
<u>The Word Read and Proclaimed</u>		
Children’s Sermon	Jennie	
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	Pam	
Scripture Reading	Pam	
	Isaiah 60:1-6	
Scripture Reading	Katie	
	Matthew 2:1-12	
Anthem	Chancel Choir	
	Thou Must Leave Thy Lowly Dwelling Hector Berlioz	
	Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, loving mother, shelter thee with tender care. Blessed Jesus, we implore thee with humble love and holy fear, in the land that lies before thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling ever to thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your heavenly treasure, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!	
Sermon	Katie	
	How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Seek A New Way	
	<u>Sealing the Word in Our Lives</u>	
	Children will return from Play & Praise to sit with their families during communion.	
*Music		
	Come to the Table arr. Amanda Meisenheimer	
	Come to the table. Come to the table. Come to the table and celebrate with us. (repeat)	
	We are all welcome. We are all welcome. We are all welcome. Come celebrate with us. (repeat)	
The Sacrament of Communion		
Invitation to the Table	Katie	
Pastoral Prayer	Jennie	
Words of Institution		
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.	

Responding to the Word	
Invitation to Offering	Jennie
Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by. Scan the QR code. Go to <a href="http://www.pleasanthillpc.org">www.pleasanthillpc.org</a> and click on the Giving tab. Text givePHPC to 73256.	
Please sign the red friendship pad.	
Offertory	Hyoun Joo
Morning Has Broken arr. Mark Hayes	
Prayer of Dedication	Jennie
*Sung Response	
Hymn 702 Christ Be Beside Me (stanza 1)	
Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.	
Following the Word Into the World	
*Charge and Benediction	Katie
*Postlude	
Postlude on Beata Nobis Gaudia Robert Powell	
Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from Rev. Anna Strickland   A Sanctified Art LLC   <a href="http://sanctifiedart.org">sanctifiedart.org</a> and Call to Worship.	
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