



PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

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.

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.

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.

Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance Planning Meeting

The Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance mission statement is, "Our mission is to promote understanding and respect among the different faiths of Gwinnett County by interaction, communication, and education. We will strive to create and enrich the community by working together to promote inclusion and acceptance. We will focus on our commonalities while embracing our differences." The planning meeting for 2024 will take place on Thursday, January 25 from 7:00 to 8:30pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Gwinnett located at 12 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville. Everyone is invited to attend in person or online (find the link in this week's newsletter.)

Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross blood drive is on Thursday, January 25. It's a great chance to contribute to a cause that saves lives in our local community and beyond. Each donation brings hope, healing, and relief to those in need - one pint of blood can save up to three lives. Besides saving lives, each donor will receive a chicken sandwich donated by Chickfila at Peachtree Industrial and Pleasant Hill. 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.

Annual Congregational Meeting

All members of PHPC are invited to our annual congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, January 28. We'll elect new Deacons and Elders to be trained and start service in summer 2024, elect at-large members of the Nominating Committee, approve the terms of call (salary and benefits) for Pastor Katie and Pastor Jennie, and receive the 2024 budget as approved by Session. Please join us to hear these important updates.

Women's Breakfast

We are a few weeks into 2024, but let's keep the celebration going as the Lunar New Year approaches. Wear something red for LUCK and join the wonderful women of PHPC for breakfast, conversation, and a bit of fun on Saturday, February 3 at 9am. Childcare will be available for moms who would like to have their breakfast warm (for a change). No reservations needed for the breakfast, but please let us know if you plan to use the childcare so we can prepare accordingly. If you would like to contribute a food item or help out in the kitchen, please email Marianne Anderson at marianne4001@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*

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
Baptism of the Lord
January 14, 2024

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
	<i>Pastorale</i> Douglas Wagner
	<u>Gathering Around the Word</u>
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Jennie Sankey
Introit	
*Call to Worship	John Reineking
One:	There are some days when I need the reminder that I belong to God. Do you ever feel that way?
All:	Yes. We do. The world can be a harsh place; we often need that reminder.
One:	Well then, let us care for one another. Let us speak the truth we each need to hear. Church, you belong to God. You are God’s beloved.
All:	Friend, you belong to God. You are God’s beloved.
One:	Let us worship the God who knows our names.
All:	Let us worship the God who calls us beloved.
*Hymn 292	
	<i>As the Wind Song</i>
Call to Confession	The Rev. Katie Day
Prayer of Confession	Katie
	Loving God, from the very beginning, you breathed life into us and called us good. However, somewhere along the way we replaced “good” with “not enough.” Somewhere along the way we turned the volume up on that phrase and began to doubt our own self-worth. Forgive us, for this is not what you have taught us. For when the world tells us we are not enough, you call us beloved. Show us how to return to that truth. Show us how to let go of our weariness and rest in that good news. Amen.
Assurance of Grace	Katie
*Passing of the Peace	Katie
One:	The peace of Christ be with you.
All:	And also with you.

* Please stand in body or spirit.

	<u>The Word Read and Proclaimed</u>	
Children’s Sermon		Jennie
Baptism of Hannah Stella Assan-Mensah		
	<i>please see insert</i>	
	<i>Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.</i>	
Prayer for Illumination		John
Scripture Reading		John
	Isaiah 43:1-7	
Anthem		Chancel Choir Flute - Jennifer Falk Guitar - Paul Shane, Stan Fyfe, and Doug Griswold Tamborine - Charles Goorsky
	<i>Prepare a Way for the Lord</i> Buryl Red (“Celebrate Life”)	
Scripture Reading		Jennie
	Luke 3:21-22	
Sermon		Jennie
	How Does a Weary World Rejoice? We Trust Our Belovedness	
	<u>Responding to the Word</u>	
*Hymn 486		
	<i>Child of Blessing, Child of Promise</i>	
Prayers of the People		Katie
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		Katie
	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: CE		Laura Cason

Invitation to Offering		Katie
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		Hyoun Joo
	<i>Simple Gifts</i> Joseph Martin	
Prayer of Dedication		Katie
*Sung Response		
	Hymn 702 <i>Christ Be Beside Me (stanza 1)</i>	
	<i>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.</i>	
	<u>Following the Word Into the World</u>	
*Charge and Benediction		Jennie
*Postlude		Hyoun Joo
	<i>God Be Praised and Glorified</i> Heinrich Scheidemann	