

Annual Congregational Meeting

All members of PHPC are invited to our annual congregational meeting immediately following worship on 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.

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 on Zoom (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.

Caregivers Support Group

Caregivers Support has taken place at Pleasant Hill since 2003--that is 20 years of caring! Many different people have attended these meetings and found encouragement, solace and support from others walking the same path. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 at 5:30pm. An online component is available -- please email Margot Ashley at mradla827@gmail.com if you would like to attend online.

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.

Presbyterians for a Better Georgia - Save the Date

PBG's annual Virtual Advocacy Training is on **Tuesday, February 6** from 7-8:30pm on Zoom. Details about the watch party at PHPC 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.

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*
Hema Chudasama, *Nursery Caregiver*
Farzana Javid, *Nursery Caregiver*

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Celebration of the Lord’s Day
Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 21, 2024

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
<i>Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us</i> arr. Andrew Fletcher	
<u>Gathering Around the Word</u>	
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Introit	
*Call to Worship	David Ashley
One: The boy Samuel heard God’s voice in the night. All: We come listening for God’s voice. One: God knew us before we knew ourselves. All: We come listening for God’s voice. One: Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God. All: We come listening for God’s voice. One: We come to this place to listen, to be invited, and follow. All: Let us worship God!	
*Hymn 410	
<i>God is Calling through the Whisper</i>	
Call to Confession	The Rev. Jennie Sankey
Prayer of Confession	Jennie
Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither listened to your invitation nor always responded with joy. We often fail our neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin our journey again with renewed strength; in Jesus’ name. Amen.	
Assurance of Grace	Jennie
*Passing of the Peace	Jennie
One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.	
<u>The Word Read and Proclaimed</u>	
Children’s Sermon	Katie
<i>Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.</i>	

Prayer for Illumination	David
Scripture Reading	David
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	
Anthem	Chancel Choir
<i>Speak, O Lord</i> arr. Mary McDonald	
Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word; take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness; that the light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity; Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us. Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, ‘til Your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the truth of your holy word.	
Scripture Reading	Katie
1 Samuel 3:1-10	
Sermon	Katie
Ancient Invitations: Samuel	
<u>Responding to the Word</u>	
*Hymn 69	
<i>I, the Lord of Sea and Sky</i>	
*Affirmation of Faith	Katie
<i>Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)</i> We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.	

Prayers of the People	Jennie
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer	
The Lord’s Prayer	Jennie
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	Gail Funderburk
Invitation to Offering	Jennie
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.	
An offering for Laundry Love will be received in the Narthex after today’s service. Gifts of coins and cash provide free loads of laundry for our neighbors in need.	
Offertory	Hyoun Joo
<i>On the Blue Ridge</i> Joseph Martin	
Prayer of Dedication	Jennie
*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	Katie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
<i>Blessed Be the Lord</i> David Paxton	

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
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