

Upcoming Youth Events

The youth of PHPC have lots of fun events coming up! See below for dates. More information can be found in this week's newsletter. Contact Grace Andrade at youth@pleasanthillpc.org with any questions.

March 3 - Youth Group

March 8-10 - Youth Ski Trip with Johns Creek Presbyterian Church

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Youth Group

April 14 - All Youth Birthday Celebration

April 28 - End of the Year Celebration and Senior Recognition

Lent Invitation Groups

You're invited to take your next step in faith by participating in one of our Lent Invitation Groups. Find more information, meeting dates, and sign up by scanning the QR code or using the link in this week's newsletter.

Invitation to Doubt - Read and discuss Brian McLaren's book "Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to do About It." Led by Jerry Dean Weber.

Invitation to Dinner and Devotion - All ages are invited to a weekly simple dinner, followed by time spent in creative engagement with scripture and prayer using A Sanctified Art's "Wandering Hearts: Figuring Out Faith with Peter." Led by Pastor Jennie.

Invitation to Pause - Pastor Katie will lead a hybrid group in reading and discussing "Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms."

Invitation to Dig - All ages are invited to come get your hands dirty. Help the PHPC gardeners with some winter clean-up and spring planting around the grounds and gardens of the church.

Book Club

The book club's meeting for February has been canceled. The next meeting is Monday, March 17 at 1pm.

Senior Friends Trip to Baitul Ata Mosque

PHPC's Senior Friends are invited to visit Baitul Ata Mosque in Norcross on Friday, March 8 for an interfaith dialogue. The visit will include prayer, services and sermon, and Q&A with light refreshments. For more information or to RSVP, email Tom Stricker at thomasstricker2001@yahoo.com.

2024 PHPC Spring Break Mission Trip

The annual Spring Break Mission trip to Blue Ridge, GA is on Wednesday, April 3 through Saturday, April 6. Families and individuals of all ages are invited. We'll be working with various non-profit organizations in the area to improve the local community. We'll be staying at the North Georgia Mission Lodge. The cost for the trip (including food) is \$100 per person with a family maximum of \$300. Your payment reserves your spot. If you're interested or have questions, email Jeff Milway at jdmilway@gmail.com.

Save the Date: VBS @ PHPC

Registration for our Vacation Bible School (held from Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 21) begins in March. Please consider lending a helping hand during VBS. Your time and talents are invaluable, and your support will contribute to making this event a tremendous success.

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 to subscribe to the Chosen Word weekly email newsletter.



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

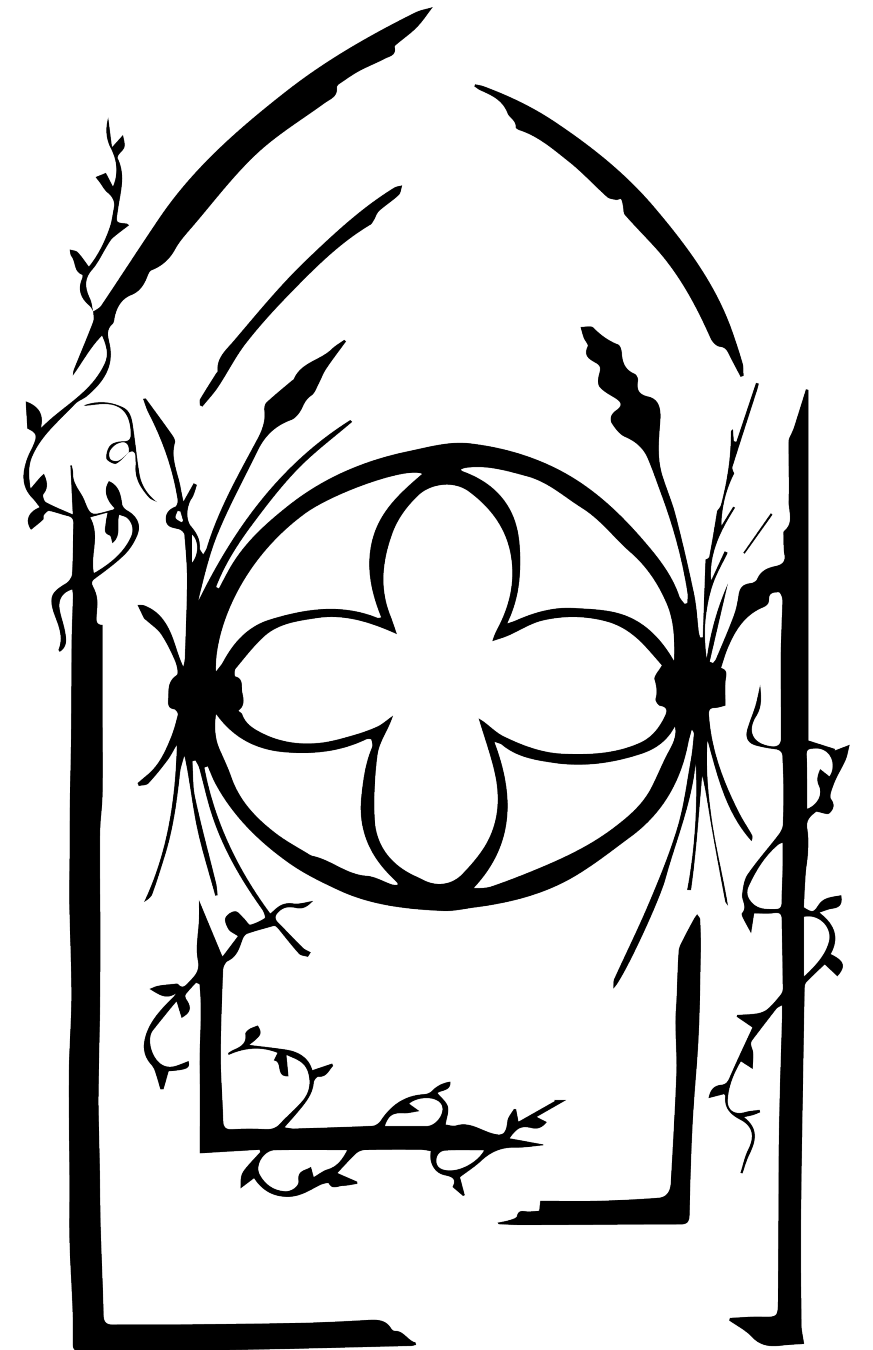
The Rev. Katie Day, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

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*
Mekensie Gonzalez, *Interim Child's Choir Director*

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Celebration of the Lord’s Day
First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
<i>Evening Prayer I</i> Timothy Albrecht <u>Gathering Around the Word</u>	
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Introit	
*Call to Worship	Keith Funderburk
One: Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries. Take a deep breath. Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw, All: for Christ is here. God never stops seeking us. One: We have been found. All: Let us find God in return. One: Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.	
*Hymn 475	
<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
Call to Confession	The Rev. Jennie Sankey
Prayer of Confession	Jennie
Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life. You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than we’d like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst. Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own. Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves. Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you, for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray. 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	Jennie
<i>Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.</i>	

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination	Keith
Scripture Reading	Keith
Psalm 25:1-10	
Anthem	Chancel Choir
<i>Only a Holy God</i> arr. Molly James	
Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God. What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendor outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God. Come and behold him, the one and the only. Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God, come and worship the holy God. What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God. Come and behold him, the One and the only. Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God, come and worship the holy God.	
Scripture Reading	Katie
Luke 5:1-11	
Sermon	Katie
Jesus Sought Me	
<u>Responding to the Word</u>	
*Hymn 170	
<i>You Walk Along Our Shoreline</i>	
*Affirmation of Faith	Jennie
I believe in a God of abundance— a God who sees possibilities where I cannot, and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope. I believe in a God who comforts— a God who says, “Do not be afraid;” a God who joins me in life’s deep waters. I believe in a God who invites— a God who says, “Follow me,” and, “You will be fishers of people.” I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently— a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name. We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.	

Prayers of the People Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer	Jennie
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: Christian Education	Kay Strickland
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.	
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>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i> arr. Joel Raney	
Prayer of Dedication	Katie
*Sung Response	
Hymn 475 <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (stanza 2)</i> <i>Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.</i>	
<u>Following the Word Into the World</u>	
*Charge and Benediction	Katie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
<i>Toccata on LEONI</i> arr. Gordon Young	

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
Call to Worship and Feasting on the Word.