

Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance Meeting - TODAY!

The Gwinnett Interfaith Alliance has their monthly meeting today at 4pm in the Jerusalem room or online (link in this week's newsletter.) The Alliance consists of representatives from religious organizations in Gwinnett County. This meeting will give you the chance to meet with individuals of different faiths and backgrounds. Contact Tom Stricker with any questions.

Presbyterians for a Better Georgia Lobby Day at the Capitol

PHPC had great participation in the Advocacy Training Session earlier this month. We're ready to put that effort to work at Lobby Day on Tuesday, March 5. All are welcome! If you would like to carpool from the church, please coordinate with Pastor Jennie.

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.

Chastain @ PHPC

We invite you to a night of music and community with Chastain @ PHPC on Saturday, April 20 at 7pm. Join for an evening of secular music presented by PHPC's Chancel Choir and special guests. Bring chairs and a picnic to enjoy the ambiance under the stars. Light refreshments will be provided, and all are invited. Admission is free but we'll gratefully accept a love offering to support our choir fund for new music and guest musicians. This year's theme is "Escape to the Beach! The Good Time Music of Jimmy Buffett & Friends." In tribute to the late Jimmy Buffett, we'll feature several of his beloved songs alongside a variety of beach-inspired tunes.

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, <i>Church Administrator</i>	Grace Andrade, <i>Director of Youth Ministry</i>
Steve Dean, <i>Director of Music</i>	Andy Kim, <i>AV Technician</i>
Veronica Pennington, <i>Director of Ministry Support</i>	Hema Chudasama, <i>Nursery Caregiver</i>
Talitha Minton, <i>Director of Preschool</i>	Farzana Javid, <i>Nursery Caregiver</i>
Adnan Zukanovic, <i>Facilities Assistant</i>	Mekensie Gonzalez, <i>Interim Child's Choir Director</i>
Hyoun Joo Song, <i>Organist</i>	

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Celebration of the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song

Hymn
Douglas Wagner
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

***Call to Worship** Pat Miller

One: God welcomes the dreamers and the doubters,

All: the courageous and the fearful,

One: the hungry and the hopeful,

All: the impatient and the reserved.

One: God welcomes the young and the old,

All: the poets and the prophets,

One: the faithful and the tired,

All: the curious and the convicted.

One: Wherever you are on your journey, wherever your boat is at sea,

All: there is room for all to gather here.

One: This is God's house.

All: Let us worship the one whom even the seas obey.

***Hymn 463**
How Firm A Foundation

Call to Confession The Rev. Katie Day

Prayer of Confession Katie

Gracious God,
There are days that threaten to swallow us,
days when the storms of life feel too big.
In those moments, we often cling to the sides of our ships in fear,
spending more energy hiding from storms than looking for you.
Forgive us for doubting ourselves.
Forgive us for doubting you.
Rescue us from the storms of today and from the fears that trap us.
With hope in our hearts we pray,
amen.

Assurance of Grace Katie

***Passing of the Peace** Katie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children's Sermon Katie

*Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten
to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.*

Prayer for Illumination Pat

Scripture Reading Pat

Psalm 22:23-31

Anthem Chancel Choir

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.

Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;

Thou my great father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,

Thou mine inheritance now and always;

Thou and thou only first in my heart,

High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's sun!

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Scripture Reading Jennie

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Jennie

Rescue Me from Danger

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 8**
Eternal Father, Strong to Save

***Affirmation of Faith** Katie

I believe in a God who moves toward me when storms rage.

I believe in a God who invites me to be brave.

I believe in a God whom the wind and waves obey.

I believe in a God who knows my name.

I believe in a God of love. I am not afraid.

Amen.

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: Pastoral Care Dan Miller

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.

Offertory Hyoun Joo

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
arr. Joel Raney

Prayer of Dedication Jennie

***Sung Response**
Hymn 475
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (stanza 2)

*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.*

Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Jennie

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
arr. Paul Manz