

#### **Book Club**

PHPC's book club meets on the third Monday of each month. You don't have to attend every meeting. Just come whenever you can and immerse yourself in the world of books. All are welcome. The reading for March is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. The book club's next meeting is on Monday, March 18 at 1pm.

#### **Learn to Avoid Scams with Duluth PD**

Meet with Corporal Ted Sadowski of Duluth Police Department who will lead a discussion on current senior scams and other topics of interest. RSVP using the link in this week's newsletter to join for a catered brunch at PHPC on Wednesday, March 20 from 10:30am-noon. Contact Erik Mjorud with questions at [ameagleerik@yahoo.com](mailto:ameagleerik@yahoo.com).

#### **Spring Brunch and Egg Hunt**

All are invited to the spring brunch after service on Sunday, March 24. Please bring a ready to serve dish (no desserts) to serve 8-10. Fellowship committee will provide dessert, drinks, and PB&J fixings. If you'd like to join the kitchen crew for this event or others, contact Deb LoPresti at [DKLopresti@aol.com](mailto:DKLopresti@aol.com). After brunch, children are invited to bring a basket and find eggs hidden in the courtyard. **Adults**, please bring in a dozen filled eggs per child participating on March 10 and 17. *Donations of filled eggs from the congregation are gratefully accepted.*

#### **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. The cost for the trip (including food) is \$100 per person with a family maximum of \$300. If you're interested or have questions, email Jeff Milway at [jdmilway@gmail.com](mailto:jdmilway@gmail.com).

#### **New Member Class**

PHPC's new member class is on Sunday, April 14 and 21. Whether you've been attending the church for a week or years, we encourage you to take the next step on your faith journey by becoming a member of PHPC. Plan on attending both sessions. Register using the link in this week's newsletter or speak to one of your pastors or Membership Committee members.

#### **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.

#### **VBS @ PHPC**

Members and friends only registration for VBS is open! Register using the link in this week's newsletter to secure your spot at Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs June 17-21, 9am-12pm. VBS is for children ages 3 (potty trained)-5th grade (completed). Registration for the general public opens later today, and we fill up fast.

#### **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](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*  
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  
Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 10, 2024

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
	<i>The Peace May be Exchanged... from Rubrics</i> Dan Locklair
	<u>Gathering Around the Word</u>
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Introit	
*Call to Worship	David Ashley
	One: On our worst days, <b>All: God is good.</b> One: On our best days, <b>All: God is good.</b> One: When life is consistent, <b>All: God is good.</b> One: And when life turns on its head, <b>All: God is good.</b> One: Day and night, Monday through Sunday, <b>All: God is good. God is here. God is love.</b> One: Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!
*Hymn 450	Brian Ireland, Michael Meo, & Levi Phillips, trumpet Drew Phillips & Paul Shane, trombone <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>
Call to Confession	The Rev. Jennie Sankey
Prayer of Confession	Jennie
	Holy God, we often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense. Like Peter, we want to yell out, “This should not happen!” We want to control scenarios beyond our reach. We want to hold your world in our hands. Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity. Forgive us for arguing when we could listen. Forgive us for fixating on All: truth, when we could open ourselves up to many. Soften our hard edges and teach us how to listen. With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.
Assurance of Grace	Jennie
*Passing of the Peace	Jennie
	One: The peace of Christ be with you. <b>All: And also with you.</b>

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

	<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 &amp; Praise.</i>	
Prayer for Illumination		David
Scripture Reading		David
	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	
Anthem		Michael Meo, trumpet
	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i> arr. Joel Raney	
Scripture Reading		Katie
	Matthew 16:21-23	
Sermon		Katie
	I’m Fixed Upon It	
	<u>Responding to the Word</u>	
*Hymn 722		
	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	
*Affirmation of Faith		Jennie
	One: I believe in a God of second chances, <b>All: a God who sees through my stubbornness and holds my fear with tenderness.</b> One: I believe that this God of second chances uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world. <b>All: Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.</b> One: I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible. I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds. <b>All: This change is holy and important work, although challenging. When fear and scarcity plague me, or when the impossible feels out of reach, I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.</b> One: Thanks be to God for a love like that. <b>All: Amen.</b>	

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: Christian Education	Addy Cason, Ruthie Cason, Crosby Cline, & Conley Cline
Invitation to Offering	Katie
	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 and Heyook Seo
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> arr. Joel Raney
Prayer of Dedication	Katie
*Sung Response	Hymn 475 <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (stanza 1)</i> <i>Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!</i>
	<u>Following the Word Into the World</u>
*Charge and Benediction	Katie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> arr. Timothy Albrecht