

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. 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.*

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Easter Sunday (March 31), we'll collect a special offering that supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) projects throughout our denomination. Many in our congregation have travelled and served at PDA sites. Please give as generously as you can to this important work of our denomination. There will be special envelopes in the worship bulletin on Easter Sunday or you can give online and note that your gift is for PDA. If you would like to learn more about this vital ministry, please visit the link in this week's newsletter.

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.

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. 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
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song
Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156
J. S. Bach
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

***Call to Worship** Sara Woolley
One: Why are you here?
All: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.
One: I see it! You’re in the right place!
This is God’s house. The door is open to you.
All: Why are you here?
One: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.
All: We see that in you! You’re in the right place. This is God’s house. The door is open to you.
One: Let us worship God.
All: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

***Hymn 306**
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Call to Confession The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession Jennie
Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you “Rabbi, Teacher.” Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter—who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?”—make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility 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.
The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children’s Sermon Jennie
Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Prayer for Illumination Sara
Scripture Reading Sara
Psalm 119:9-16
Anthem Chancel Choir
Jennie, oboe
We Are Trav’lers on a Journey
Craig Courtney

We are trav’lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you In the nighttime of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be you servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to Let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we’ve seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

Scripture Reading Katie
Matthew 18:15-22
Sermon Katie
Teach Me
Responding to the Word

***Hymn 754**
Help Us Accept Each Other

***Affirmation of Faith** Jennie
One: We believe that questions are a building block of faith.
All: “How many times should I forgive?” “Jesus, where are you going?” “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”
One: We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.
All: “Where does it hurt?” “What do you need?” “How can I help?”
One: We believe that God is a teacher.
All: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” “Here I am.” “Send me.”
One: We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,
All: with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.
One: We believe. Help our unbelief.
All: In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

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 Michelle Alcorn,
Rainbow Village

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
When Thou Art Near
J.S. Bach

Prayer of Dedication Katie

***Sung Response** Hymn 475
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (stanza 1)
*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!*
Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Katie

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo
Postlude on Beata Nobis Gaudia
Robert Powell

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