

**RSVP to Your Next Step in Faith**

You're invited to take your next step in faith! The PHPC session has taken the findings from our Vital Congregations Initiative and discerned that our next step in congregational vitality is one focused around invitation. Our prayer for you during the season of Lent was to take a step inward in your spiritual life.

Your next invitation is to *take a step to care for your PHPC community and campus* as we focus on our ministries of pastoral care and fellowship over the next two months. Scan the QR code to RSVP. What's your next step?



**Gardening Group**

Come join the garden group on Saturday, April 27 at 9am. Bring your garden gloves and water. We will meet in the Prayer Garden to work in the dirt, have a short devotion and enjoy time together as we beautify the PHPC campus.

**VBS Supply Donation**

Support this summer's Vacation Bible School and help make "Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs" come alive by donating supplies. You can find our wishlist in this week's newsletter or donate money through the drop-down link "VBS" on the Realm giving page. Thank you for your generosity!

**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

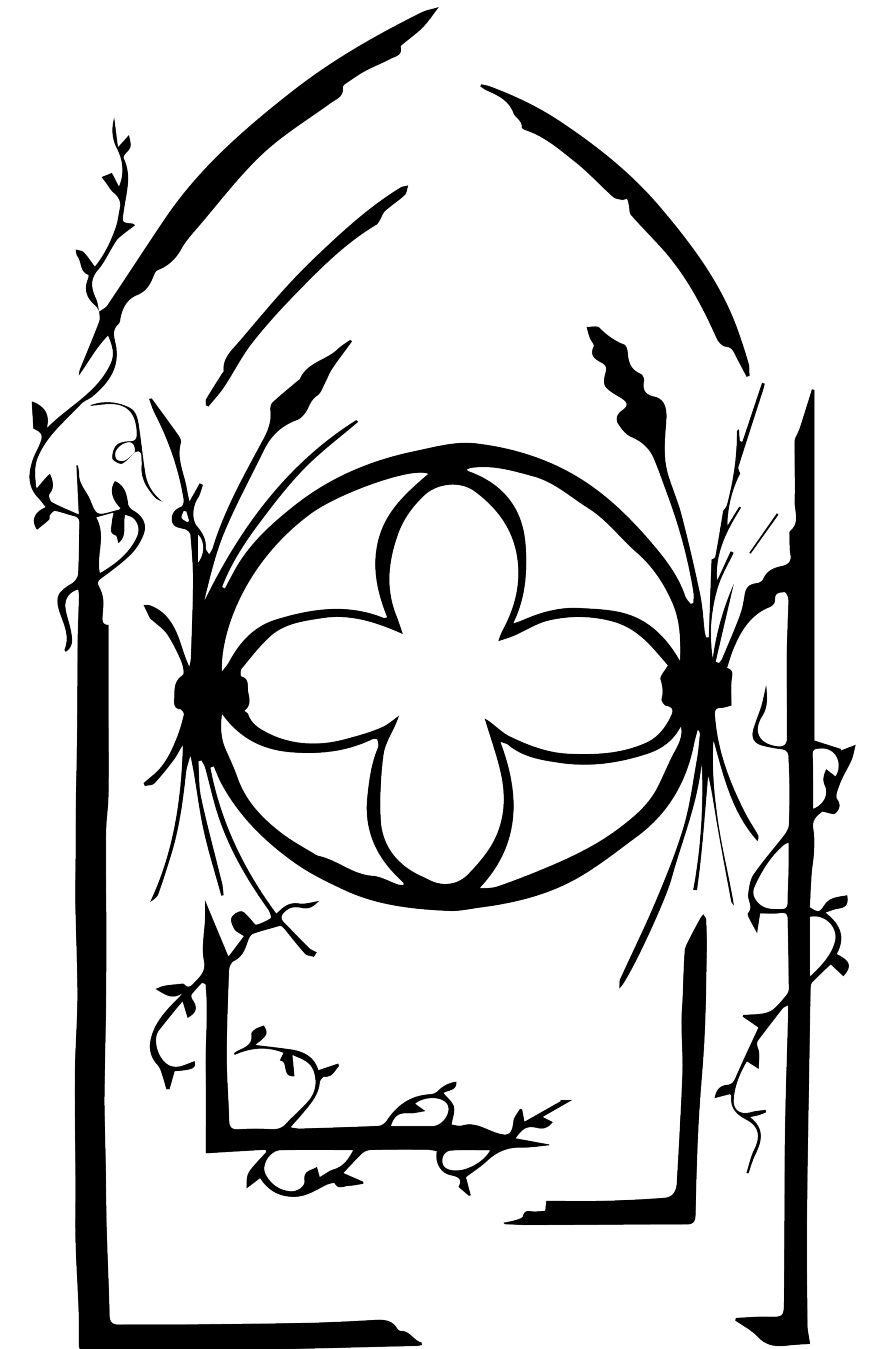
**Church Staff**

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*  
Renu Kashyap, *Play & Praise Leader*

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# Celebration of the Lord's Day

## Third Sunday After Easter

### April 21, 2024

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song

*The Quiet Days*  
André Gagnon  
Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

**Music** Men's Quartet

*Rise Up! O Church of God*  
Doris Hall

**\*Call to Worship** Ralph Griffin

One: Come, Christians, join to sing:  
**All: Alleluia, Amen!**  
One: We were created for community,  
**All: And called to nurture the bonds of relationship.**  
One: God invites us to join together in song and prayer,  
**All: In worship and thanksgiving.**  
One: With joyful hearts and glad spirits,  
**All: Let us worship God together!**

**\*Hymn 767**  
*Together We Serve*

**Call to Confession** The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Prayer of Confession** Jennie

Nurturing God, we are called to care for one another as you care for each one of us, and so often we fall short. We care for ourselves, our closest friends, our families, but we often neglect our church family, our neighbors, and the stranger in our midst. We brush off those around us, don't give our full attention, and ignore the needs of our neighbors. Forgive us. Strengthen our bonds, clothe us with compassion and kindness, and embolden us to give priority to our relationships with one another that we might better serve you and your kin-dom. 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

3rd and 4th Grade Bible Presentation  
*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** Ralph

**Scripture Reading** Ralph

Colossians 3:12-17

**Anthem** Men's Quartet

*Bound for the Promised Land*  
Emily Crocker

**Scripture Reading** Katie

Acts 6:1-7

**Sermon** Katie

Invited to Caring Relationships

Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn 692**

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Jennie

*Adapted from The Confession of 1967*  
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as a human involves the church in the common human life. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of humans in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. To live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

**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:** Jeff Milway

**Mission**

**Invitation to Offering** Katie

Drop in the plate when the Usher comes by.  
Scan the QR code.  
Go to [www.pleasanthillpc.org](http://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

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
arr. Jason Tonioli

**Prayer of Dedication** Katie

**\*Sung Response**  
Hymn 742  
*We Will Walk with God*  
*We will walk with God, my brothers;*  
*we will walk with God.*  
*We will walk with God, my sisters;*  
*we will walk with God.*  
*We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.*  
*We will go rejoicing till the kingdom has come.*

Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction** Katie

**\*Postlude** Hyoun Joo

*Finale in B flat*  
Dom Andrew Moore