



PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

VBS Prep Day

Come join a group of volunteers to help prepare crafts, supplies, and other materials for VBS on Friday, May 10 from 9am-noon in the Youth Room. Email Julie Smith at julies1959@gmail.com if you plan to come. Thank you!

Become a Digital Disciple with PHPC's Live Stream Team!

Are you internet savvy and interested in spreading God's Word online? We're looking for volunteers to help run our weekly live stream. No prior experience is necessary—just enthusiasm and small availability for training. This is a *great baby step in your next step in faith* into connecting remote worshipers to PHPC and God's teachings. If you're ready to contribute to our mission, email Veronica at veronica@pleasanthillpc.org.

Second Sunday Supports - Supporting Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

PHPC hosts dinners for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries the 2nd Sunday of each month (at Clifton in Decatur). Please consider preparing and hosting a meal for July-January for our friends at Clifton. Sign up using the link in this week's newsletter. If you have any questions, please reach out to Becky Zinn at bzinn_ga@yahoo.com or by texting 678-478-3863.

Monthly Prayer in the Garden

Drop into monthly morning prayer times in the PHPC Prayer Garden every first Tuesday of the month - our next prayer is Tuesday, May 7 at 9am. We'll spend a half-hour in guided prayer for the world, our church, and one another's joys and concerns.

Parking Lot Church & Blessing of the Animals

Bring a chair and your pet to join us in the parking lot for worship outdoors at our annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, May 12. This year, we are holding this special Sunday service the same weekend as the Friday evening "Dog Days of Duluth," and PHPC folks will be there at that event inviting our neighbors to join us for worship and pet blessings. Come by and see us at the City of Duluth tent - bring your dog and wear your PHPC shirt.

Annual Cookout

Celebrate with food, friendship, and fun on the lawn near the labyrinth following worship on Sunday, May 19. We'll provide hot dogs, beef and veggie burgers, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and watermelon. If you'd like to bring a dessert to share, we welcome your contribution. A few picnic tables are available, but please bring a blanket or folding chair for additional seating. Contact Deb LoPresti at dklopresti@aol.com if you have a shade structure to lend for the day.

Book Club

PHPC's book club meets on the third Monday of each month at 1pm. 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 May is *Women Rowing North* by Mary Pipher. The book club's next meeting is on Monday, May 20. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Don King at rckmdk@bellsouth.net.

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!

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 Sliger
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*
Veronica Pennington, *Director of Ministry Support*
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
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

Fifth Sunday After Easter

May 5, 2024

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Paul Manz

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

Call to Worship Pam Griffin

One: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

All: God's love is poured in us from our birth.

One: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

All: God's loved is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.

One: We are called to proclaim God's love in every breath and step.

All: In all creation, in all our relationships, in all our worship, may God's love be made known.

***Hymn 409**

God is Here!

Call to Confession The Rev. Katie Day

Prayer of Confession Katie

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Help us to love others as Christ as loved us. Teach us to abide in your love. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name 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.

Anthem

Chancel Choir
Jennie - oboe

Here, O My Lord
William Schoenfeld

*Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face,
Here, faith can touch and handle things unseen
Here, I will grasp with firmer hand your grace;
And all my weariness upon you lean.*

*Here, I will feed upon the bread of life;
Here, drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
Here, I will lay aside each earthly load;
Here, taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

*Too soon we rise, the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and done;
Gone are the bread and wine, but you are here,
Nearer than ever still my shield and sun.*

*Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above;
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.*

Prayer for Illumination

Pam

Scripture Reading

Pam

Acts 10:44-48

Scripture Reading

Jennie

John 15:9-17

Sermon

Jennie

Invited to Take a Baby Step

Sealing the Word in Our Lives

Children will return from Play & Praise to sit with their families during communion.

***Music**

Come to the Table

arr. Amanda Meisenheimer

Come to the table. Come to the table.

Come to the table and celebrate with us. (repeat)

We are all welcome. We are all welcome.

We are all welcome. Come celebrate with us. (repeat)

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Jennie

Pastoral Prayer

Katie

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Responding to the Word

Moment for Ministry: Fellowship

Jan Mueller

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.

An offering for our Little Free Pantry will be received in the Narthex after today's service. Gifts of canned and nonperishable foods provide free meals to our neighbors in need.

Offertory

Hyoun Joo

Amazing Grace
arr. Jason Tonioli

Prayer of Dedication

Jennie

***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**

Jennie

***Postlude**

Hyoun Joo

Processional in E flat Major
David Johnson

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from
Feasting on the Word and Ministry Matters.

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* Please stand in body or spirit.