

Your Next Step in Faith: Community Matters

You're invited to take your next step in faith! So far this year, you have been invited to take a step inward in your spiritual life, and to take a step to care for our PHPC family through pastoral care and fellowship. This month, you are invited to turn outward and take a step in serving our neighbors outside of PHPC through our mission and outreach ministries, showing up in ways large and small to meet the needs of those in our community. Scan the QR code and RSVP to care for our neighbors.



Duluth Co-op Volunteer Month

June is PHPC's volunteer month at the Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry. Sign up to sort food (and other small tasks) at the *NEW* Duluth Co-Op facility. Our congregation has committed to provide 2 volunteers (per shift) every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the month of June (except for the Juneteenth holiday). The shifts are 10AM to noon and noon to 2PM. Use the link in this week's newsletter to sign up or contact Ivie Goorsky for more information at ivie.goorsky@gmail.com.

Family Fellowship on the Town Green

Bring a picnic lunch and join us for a low-key fellowship opportunity at the Duluth Town Green after church on June 23. We will enjoy each other's company at the fountain and town green after worship.

Blood Drive

Our next Red Cross blood drive is on Thursday, June 27. Contribute to a cause that saves lives in our local community and beyond. Each donation brings hope, healing, and relief to those in need - one pint of blood can save up to three lives. Sign up using the link in this week's newsletter.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship Ice Cream Sundaes

Please join us after worship on Sunday, June 30 to enjoy ice cream sundaes with sprinkles and syrup!!! We'll have our ice cream fun in the courtyard (weather permitting) but if not, we'll meet in the Narthex.

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*
Renu Kashyap, *Play & Praise Leader*

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Celebration of the Lord's Day

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song

Hymn
Douglas Wagner
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

***Call to Worship** Kay Dixon

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives."
Peace is not the absence of chaos, it is the presence of hope.
Peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the embodiment of love.
Peace is not the absence of evil, it is the boldness of righteousness.
Peace is not the absence of pain, it is the compassion of presence.
Peace is not the absence of change, it is the commitment to justice.
Peace is not about absence, because peace is never passive.
Peace is active. Alive. On the move.

All: Peace is always possible.

One: So let us worship the God of peace, peace that passes all understanding.

All: Let us worship the God of promises kept.

One: Let us worship the God of boundless creativity.

All: Let us worship the God of second chances and third chances and 400th chances.

One: Let us worship the God of radical acceptance and uncompromisingly good news.

All: Let us worship the God of gentle wisdom and endless welcome. Let us worship the God of daring dreams and defiant joy. Let us worship God!

***Hymn 623**

Peace Like A River

Call to Confession Nora Badinger

Prayer of Confession Nora

Sometimes peace is so far away, we cannot even imagine what it would feel like. Other times peace is close enough to be within our grasp, but we lack the conviction to reach for it. We fail to be your peaceful people, O God, when our resolve is weak, our egos are fragile, or our imagination is lacking. Draw us closer and closer to you until we realize you are everything we need.

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Assurance of Grace Nora

***Passing of the Peace** Nora

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.

Anthem Ben Badinger and Elizabeth Conti

I Wish You Love
Laufey

Prayer for Illumination Jennie

Scripture Reading Kay Dixon

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Meditation

Peace

Scripture Reading Ben

Matthew 13:1-9

Meditation

Plant

Scripture Reading Nora

John 15:1-2

Meditation

Prune

Scripture Reading Elizabeth

Romans 12:14-18

Meditation

Persist

Scripture Reading Jennie

Leviticus 23:15-22 and Psalm 125:5-6

Meditation

Party!

Today's meditation include thoughtful responses by those who attended the Montreat Youth Conference: Ben and Nora Badinger, Elizabeth Conti, Kay Dixon, Bernie Kida, Jack Maguire, Jennie Sankey, and Maggie Woolley.

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 79**

Light Dawns on a Weary World

***Affirmation of Faith** Ben

This Affirmation comes from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place: into action, into vulnerability, and into our communities. We commit ourselves to to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully, and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life; and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope.

Prayers of the People Elizabeth

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer Elizabeth

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.

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 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

Thy Word
arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Dedication Jennie

***Sung Response**

Hymn 295

Go to the World! (stanza 2)

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Youth

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo

God Be Praised and Glorified
Heinrich Scheidemann

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from
Montreat Youth Conference Week 1 Liturgy by Rev. Jenny McDevitt.

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