



## PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

### **Back to School Indoor Picnic - TODAY!**

Let's celebrate summer with an indoor picnic after worship today, and show your school spirit, too! We will feast on summer salads and sandwiches provided by the best cooks around - you! Fellowship Committee will provide drinks, PB&J sandwiches, and dessert.

### **Blessing of the Backpacks and Children's Church School Kick-Off**

Church School is BACK! To kick-off our new year of school and children's ministry, you're invited to come with your family to these upcoming events:

**August 4:** Bring your backpacks to worship for a special blessing and then stay for the indoor family picnic!

**August 11:** Children ages 2-5th grade and their families are invited to a Church School Kick-Off Event from 11:15am-12pm where children will meet their teachers and classmates, learn about the new church school year, and have some playtime together.

**August 18:** Regular church school begins at 11:15 for our Preschool (Ages 2-5), K-2nd Grade, and 3rd-5th grade classes.

### **Adult Church School Kick-Off**

Save the date for an informational session about this year's adult church school classes, topics, and series on August 11 in the Sanctuary at 11:30. More information regarding these classes will be in the newsletter soon! Adult church school classes will begin on August 18.

### **North Georgia Fall Mission Trip**

Save the date for our next adult mission trip on October 23-26. Contact Jeff Milway at [jeff@northgeorgiamissionlodgeinc.org](mailto:jeff@northgeorgiamissionlodgeinc.org) to learn more and sign up.

### **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 2025

Kristen Ching  
Gail Funderburk  
Shannon Sligar  
Kay Strickland  
Maggie Woolley

#### Class of 2026

Amanda Dannemiller  
Alan Klein  
Angie O'Farrell  
John Reineking

#### Class of 2027

Michael Armstrong  
John Cason  
Dave Huffman  
Sharon McLeod

### Deacons

#### Class of 2025

Marianne Anderson  
Holli Kyle  
Bill Maguire

#### Class of 2026

Isaac Assan-Mensah  
Jan Mueller  
Margaret Snyder

#### Class of 2027

Cindy Heuer  
Jon MacLean  
Shannon Scott

## 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  
**Renu Kashyap**, Play & Praise Leader

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# Celebration of the Lord's Day

## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### August 4, 2024

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song

*GWALCHMAI*  
arr. Christopher Tambling  
Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Introit**

**Call to Worship** David Ashley

One: God our parent asks us to give our whole selves  
**All: to God and to each other.**  
One: The world claims we should hold different priorities.  
**All: We gather in worship to renew our faith,**  
One: to strengthen our resolve,  
**All: and to grow in empathy and compassion**  
One: for ourselves and for each other as children of our Creator.  
**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn 110**  
*Love Has Come*

**Call to Confession** Maggie Woolley

**Prayer of Confession** Maggie

Loving God, we sing your praises, for your love endures forever. Mary bore the revelation of your divine love in the child she birthed and raised with Joseph. You have given us the privilege of bearing and caring for your love in the world. We confess that often we have failed you in this labor, fearing rejection, the unknown, and new ways of being. Send your Holy Spirit upon us. Strengthen us and show us where nurturing your love can bring new life. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace** Maggie

**\*Passing of the Peace** Maggie  
One: The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

The Word Read and Proclaimed

**Children's Sermon** Jennie

Blessing of the Backpacks  
*Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.*

**Prayer for Illumination** David

**Scripture Reading** David  
Luke 2:41-52

*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Anthem** Anya Lucia Phillips and Drew Phillips  
*When the River Meets the Sea/Amazing Grace*  
Williams/Newton (arr. Phillips)

**Scripture Reading** Jennie  
Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon** Jennie  
The Heart of Connection: Parents & Children  
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** Maggie  
**Pastoral Prayer** Jennie  
**Words of Institution**  
*During the prayer, follow the prompt to write a name or request.*  
*Place it in the offering plate, and take someone else's prayer when you leave.*

**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** Shannon Scott

**Invitation to Offering** Jennie  
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.

**Offertory** Hyoun Joo  
*O God, Show Mercy to Us*  
Gustav Holst

**Prayer of Dedication** Jennie

**\*Sung Response**  
Hymn 692, stanza 3  
*May I weep with those who weep;  
share the joy of sister, brother.  
In the welcome of Christ,  
may we welcome one another.  
Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.*

Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction** Jennie

**\*Postlude** Hyoun Joo  
*Recessional on HYMN TO JOY*  
arr. Matthew Corl



The white rose on the table is in celebration of the life of member Michael Meivers who passed away on July 30, 2024.



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

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from  
*Feasting on the Word.*

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