

**Festival Volunteers Needed**

Represent PHPC at the Peachtree Corners Festival. Shifts are available on Saturday, September 21 from 10AM-2PM and 2PM-6PM. Volunteers of all ages are also needed for the Duluth Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, September 28. Depart from the church at 8:15AM, decorate the trucks on site, and ride in the parade from 10-11AM. Email Amanda Dannemiller at amanda.dannemiller@gmail.com to RSVP for either/both opportunities.

**Food Drive for the Duluth Co-Op**

We're collecting nonperishable foods every Sunday this month for Duluth Co-op. Please consider bringing in items help our neighbors. The most critical food needs are: Canned Meat (Chicken, Spam, Chili), Canned Fruit, Pasta & Sauce, Peanut Butter & Jelly, and Breakfast Cereal. If you have questions, please contact Ivie Goorsky at ivie.goorsky@gmail.com.

**Women's Bible Study**

Our women's Bible study meets on Thursday from 10:30am-noon to work together through a study called "Cloud of Witnesses" about the book of Hebrews. If you want to pick up a workbook, we have them available in the Narthex for \$10 if you're able to contribute. Read this week's newsletter or contact Pastor Katie for more information at katie@pleasanthillpc.org.

**Youth Fall Retreat - September 13-15**

We will drive up to the North Georgia Mission Lodge for a wonderful weekend in the mountains! Relax, worship, play, and do a few service projects together. Join us for a refreshing few days surrounded by God's creation and friends. Reach out to Grace with any questions via email at youth@pleasanthillpc.org or phone at 678-641-1951!

**Garden Group**

Come help maintain the PHPC Prayer Garden on Saturday, September 14 at 9am. Bring clippers and garden gloves. Contact Julie Smith at julies1959@gmail.com for more information.

**Men's Breakfast**

The next men's breakfast is on Saturday, Sep 21 at 8:30-9:30am in Jerusalem. There will be coffee/tea, conversations, a hearty breakfast, and a devotion. All men of PHPC and friends are welcomed. For more information or questions, email Jeff Milway at jdmilway@gmail.com.

**Blood Drive**

Our next Red Cross blood drive is on Thursday, October 17. Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and search zip code 30096. You can then scroll down to the date (October 17) or search by distance and find PHPC.

**North Georgia Fall Mission Trip**

We'll be in Blue Ridge Oct 23-Oct 26 to work with local non-profits. Skills needed are energy, flexibility, and enjoy being part of a community. Cost is \$150 per person (\$100 donation towards materials for projects). If you want to attend, get more information, or have questions, email Jeff Milway at jdmilway@gmail.com or call at 678.576.2114.

**Save the Date - 40th Anniversary Worship and Lunch**

We're getting ready to celebrate 40 years of faith and fellowship! Our anniversary worship service and lunch will be on May 18, 2025. There will be lots of fun surprises in store, including appearances from previous pastors over the years. Stay tuned for more details!

**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, <i>Church Administrator</i>	Grace Andrade, <i>Director of Youth Ministry</i>
Steve Dean, <i>Director of Music</i>	Andy Kim, <i>AV Technician</i>
Veronica Pennington, <i>Director of Ministry Support</i>	Hema Chudasama, <i>Nursery Caregiver</i>
Talitha Minton, <i>Director of Preschool</i>	Farzana Javid, <i>Nursery Caregiver</i>
Adnan Zukanovic, <i>Facilities Assistant</i>	Renu Kashyap, <i>Play &amp; Praise Leader</i>
Hyoun Joo Song, <i>Organist</i>	

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# Celebration of the Lord's Day

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 8, 2024

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song

*Abridge*  
arr. Philip Moore  
Gathering Around the Word

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

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship** Pam Griffin

One: We gather with the One who watches over us,  
**All: delighting in God's Word.**  
One: We gather to witness the One whom the heavens proclaim,  
**All: listening for ancient wisdom.**  
One: We gather in safety with the One who shelters us,  
**All: seeking your face.**  
One: We gather to praise God with our whole selves.  
**All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn 463**  
*How Firm a Foundation*

**Call to Confession** The Rev. Katie Day

**Prayer of Confession** Katie  
Extravagant God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of life. We confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you. Help us to choose your way again and again, that we might revel in your love and reflect it to all we meet. 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.*

**Prayer for Illumination** Pam

**Scripture Reading** Pam  
Psalm 1

**Anthem** Chancel Choir

*With a Voice of Singing*  
Martin Shaw  
*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*  
*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people,*  
*Alleluia!*  
*O be joyful in God, all ye lands.*  
*O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.*  
*With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

**Scripture Reading** Jennie  
Psalm 1 translated by Pamela Greenberg

**Sermon** Jennie  
The Heart of Worship: Divine Wisdom

Responding to the Word

**\*Psalm 1 (3 stanzas) from Psalter for Christian Worship**

*How blest are they who venture not  
Into the dark and sinful way,  
But find delight in God's own law,  
And contemplate it night and day.*

*As trees beside the stream they grow  
And flourish, wholesome fruit they bear;  
The wicked lot are cast aside  
And lost to their own dark despair.*

*The judgment of the Lord is sure  
And good to those who seek God's face;  
The righteous find themselves redeemed,  
And heirs to God's all-knowing grace.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Katie

*(adapted from the Confession of Belhar)*  
We believe that the unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: that we love one another; that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; that we together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ; that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; that we pray together; and that we together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

**Prayers of the People** Katie  
**Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** Katie  
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: Christian Education** Florence Milway

**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

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
arr. Jason Tonioli

**Prayer of Dedication** Jennie

**\*Sung Response**  
*Our Hallelujahs*  
Amanda Meisenheimer  
*Let the rocks cry out, let the trees clap their hands,  
Let creation move to the rhythm;  
And every little atom from the planets to the seas,  
Come together, to shout and sing!*

*Our hallelujahs sound better in community,  
Our hosannas reach upside down and inside out.  
Our hallelujahs sound better in community,  
Our hosannas reach upside down and inside out.  
Our hallelujahs sound better in community.*

Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction** Jennie

**\*Postlude** Hyoun Joo  
*Hail to the King!*  
David Paxton

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

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.