

Hybrid Book Group - December 3-17 @ 12pm

How might each Gospel writer decorate for Christmas? In *Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes* by Cynthia M. Campbell, with illustrations by architect Kevin Burns, each Gospel is imagined as a home ready to welcome Christ in its own unique way. Through reflection and creative imagery, the book invites us to experience the season of Advent with fresh perspective and wonder. Join us for this three-week hybrid study (in-person or via Zoom) led by Pastor Katie. Feel free to bring your lunch! Please use the link in the newsletter to sign-up.

Senior Friends Party - December 6 @ 6pm

The PHPC Senior Friends group is invited to celebrate in style at the beautiful home of Carol Ann Stough on Saturday, December 6 starting at 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share and plan on having a fun evening highlighted by the merry music of our bestie, Paul Shane who will lead us in song. Please RSVP to either Carol Ann or Erik Mjorud. It is sure to be a night to remember!

Communion and Little Free Pantry Collection - December 7

An offering for our Little Free Pantry will be received in the Narthex on the first Sunday of every month. Next Sunday, bring gifts of canned and nonperishable foods to provide free meals for our neighbors in need. You are also welcome to stock the pantry yourself, located in the parking lot off Pleasant Hill Road. Contact Holli Kyle with any questions or to volunteer with the pantry.

Project Angel - December 7

Join us for Project Angel, a simple, meaningful way to give this Advent. Donate in honor of loved ones and support our mission partners. Browse gift options starting Nov 23 and visit the Project Angel table in the Narthex beginning Dec 7. Pay by cash, check, card, or Realm. More details in the newsletter.

Stephen Ministry - FIVE WISHES Workshop - December 7 @ 11:15am

Join us Sun, Dec 7 at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary for a Five Wishes class led by Rev. Chrystal Brigman. Learn how to complete this simple, compassionate “living will with heart and soul.” Booklets provided, all are welcome. More information available in the newsletter or contact Matt Hoffman.

Women’s Advent Gathering - December 7 @ 6pm

All ladies of PHPC are invited to come together and share a meal at the start of Advent, Sunday, December 7 at 6pm. We’ll gather for a potluck dinner in the Narthex and work on creating some lovely Christmas crafts to get in the holiday spirit. If you have a craft in mind you would like to suggest and lead, or if you’d be willing to be a hostess of a craft table that is set up and ready to go, please reach out to Marianne Anderson to coordinate.

Christmas Choir Concert - December 14 @10am

Save the date! Join us for worship on Sun, Dec 14 with full orchestra and the PHPC Chancel Choir. Afterward, enjoy a potluck brunch. Please bring a ready-to-serve brunch or lunch for 8-10 (no desserts). Fellowship Committee provides drinks, dessert, utensils, and PB&J. All are welcome!

Year End Giving

As you plan year-end giving, consider these options:

Donating Appreciated Stock – You may gain tax advantages by donating appreciated stock. Contact Katie Karel for instructions.

Donating from your RMD – You can direct all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution to PHPC for possible tax benefits. Donations must be received or postmarked by Dec. 31 for 2025 tax credit.

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 with children sitting in the Playground 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 2026
Amanda Dannemiller
Alan Klein
Drew Phillips
John Reineking

Class of 2027
John Cason
Dave Huffman
Sharon McLeod
Linda Murphy

Class of 2028
Rob Keith
Dan Miller
Meg Watkins
Serena Wright

Deacons

Class of 2026
Isaac Assan-Mensah
Nora Badinger
Jan Mueller
Margaret Snyder

Class of 2027
Cindy Heuer
Jon MacLean
Shannon Scott

Class of 2028
Lee Bourgeois
Erik Mjorud
James Park

Church Staff

The Rev. Katie Day, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

The Rev. Jennie Sankey, *Associate Pastor (on Maternity Leave)*

The Rev. Carrie Barnes, *Temporary Pastoral Care Support*

Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Director*
Katie Karel, *Financial Administrator*
Hilary Mize, *Ministry Support Assistant*
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
Hyoun Joo Song, *Organist*
Andy Kim, *AV Technician*
Van Saltysiak, *Livestream Technician*

Talitha Minton, *Director of Preschool*
Grace Andrade, *Director of Youth Ministry*
Kayla Otim, *Director of Children’s Music*
Hema Chudasama, *Nursery Caregiver*
Farzana Javaid, *Nursery Caregiver*
Alina Spring, *Play & Praise Leader*

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Celebration of the Lord’s Day

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Prelude	Hyoun Joo Song
	<i>Come Now, Savior of the Nations</i> J. S. Bach
	<u>Hanging of the Green Service</u>
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day
Brass Introit	
*Call to Worship	Tom Stricker
	One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King? All: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty. One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ? All: With garlands and wreaths of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green. One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, our savior? All: With arrangements of holly and ivy, symbolizing his life, death, and resurrection. One: We gather together in God’s house: prophets and dreamers, singers and poets, to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Christ, All: we who dare to imagine a world renewed, we who dare to dream God’s dream.
*Hymn 105	
	<i>People, Look East (stanza 1)</i>
	<u>The Beginning and the End</u>
Scripture Reading	Shelly Cordsen
	Revelation 22: 12a-13, 16
Changing the Paraments	
*Hymn 105	
	<i>People, Look East (stanza 2)</i>
*Passing of the Hope	Katie
	<u>A Light in the Darkness</u>
Scripture Reading	Sara Woolley
	Isaiah 9:2, 6
The Advent Wreath	
The Advent Wreath Lighting	The Fallaize Family

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Children’s Sermon	Katie
Setting the Nativity Scene	
*Hymn 105	
	<i>People, Look East (stanza 3)</i>
	<u>An Everlasting Promise</u>
Scripture Reading	Erik Cordsen
	Isaiah 41:17-20
Hanging the Wreaths and Garlands and Decorating the Windows	
*Hymn 93	
	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>
	<u>A Righteous Ruler</u>
Scripture Reading	Colleen Moore
	Jeremiah 23:5-6b
Decorating the Tree	
Music	Brass Ensemble
	<i>Once in Royal David’s City</i> arr. Henry Gauntlett
	<u>The Light of the World</u>
Scripture Reading	The Rev. Carrie Barnes
	John 1: 1-5
The Lighting of the Chrismon Tree	
*Hymn 105	
	<i>People, Look East (stanza 4)</i>
Prayers of the People	Carrie
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer	
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.
*Hymn 105	
	<i>People, Look East (stanza 5)</i>
Invitation to Offering	Katie
	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 and create a name tag.



Offertory	Hyoun Joo
	<i>PICARDY</i> arr. John Jordan
Prayer of Dedication	Katie
*Sung Response	
	Hymn 82
	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus(stanza 1)</i>
	<i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee. Israel’s strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.</i>
	<u>Following the Word Into the World</u>
*Charge and Benediction	Katie
*Postlude	Hyoun Joo
	<i>Recessional on HYMN TO JOY</i> arr. Matthew Corl

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
Illustrated Ministry, The United Methodist Church Book of Worship, and *Ashley Danyew.*.

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Large print Bibles and copies of the hymns are
available at the usher desk in the narthex. Please see
an usher if you need one.