



PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

Year-end Giving Statements

Year-end giving statements were sent electronically to the email address on file with Realm, Friday, January 30. If you would prefer a paper copy, please email Katie Karel at finance@pleasanthillpc.org and let her know if you would like to pick it up at church or mailed to you.

Annual Congregational Meeting - TODAY!

All members of PHPC are invited immediately after worship with the following agenda: Elect new Deacons and Elders to be trained and start service summer 2026, elect at-large members of the Nominating Committee 2026, approve the terms of call (salary and benefits) for Pastor Katie and Pastor Jennie, receive the 2026 budget as approved by Session, and hold an annual meeting of our corporation per Georgia state law. No other business will come before the congregation at this time, and all active members have vote and voice in this meeting. Church school will begin at 11:30am to allow for teachers and students to attend the meeting.

Monthly Morning Prayer - February 3 @ 9am

You are warmly invited to participate in a time of guided prayer with your pastor at the Prayer Garden/Prayer Chapel. This gathering occurs monthly on the first Tuesday of each month at 9am. We look forward in coming together through prayer and reflection.

Souper Bowl of Caring - February 8 @ 11:15am

Join us for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 8, at PHPC. Bring canned soup or other canned foods to support donations to the Duluth Co-op and the Little Free Pantry, then gather in Fellowship Hall after worship for a soup extravaganza and fellowship. Come hungry, and if you'd like to contribute a soup, email Doreen Wotocek at dwotocek@cousins.com by February 2 and drop off your (preferably hot) soup in the PHPC kitchen before worship.

MOREating - February 10 @ 5:30pm

MOREating continues on the second Tuesday of each month in an effort to support local Minority Owned Restaurants. February's restaurant will be Opa! Gyros and Kabobs. Please use the RSVP link in the newsletter, and reach out to Anne Gregory or Nancy Varner with questions or suggestions.

P4BG Advocacy Training - February 12 @ 7pm

The Georgia legislative session is underway and Presbyterians for a Better Georgia are moving into advocacy action. Please save two dates on your calendar - **Advocacy Training Thursday, Feb. 12 7:00 PM** via ZOOM and Watch Party at PHPC and **Lobby Day at the Capitol Thursday, March 18**. More details to come. Register for both events at www.p4bg.org.

Blood Drive - February 19 @ 3:30pm

Nothing says "I love you" like a Valentine saving a life! Mark your calendars and join us for our Blood Drive Thursday, February 19 from 3:30-7:30 PM. Sign up at www.redcross.org and help make a difference. Plus, all donors get a delicious home cooked meal! **Can you donate food for the Blood Drive?** The menu is delicious chili & fixings, salad, and cornbread. This food will support both those that donate blood and those working the event from the American Red Cross. This is a great way to volunteer, even if you are unable to donate blood. Meal sign-up in the newsletter, please contact Julie Smith with questions.

Play and Praise Volunteers - ONGOING

We're looking for volunteers to serve. Kayla leads music, and most weeks Alina or Renu are there to lead the class. Can you sign up for one slot to play, help, and connect with our preschool-kindergarten kids? Sign-up link in the newsletter.

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 and subscribe to the Chosen Word email newsletter to receive weekly updates.



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*

Adnan Zukanovic, *Facilities Director*
Katie Karel, *Financial Administrator*
Hilary Mize, *Ministry Support Assistant*
Steve Dean, *Director of Music*
Hyoun Joo Song, *Organist (on Leave)*
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 The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany February 1, 2026		
Prelude	Roy Firestone	
Largo from ‘Serse’ Frideric Handel Gathering Around the Word		
Welcome and Announcements	The Rev. Katie Day	
Introit		
Call to Worship	Shannon Scott	
One: Whoever you are, whatever life has been for you: All: The One who knows us meets us here. One: Whatever your questions, whatever your need: All: The One who gives Living Water meets us here. One: However you heard, wherever you’ve come from: All: The One who is Savior of the world meets us here.		
*Hymn 626		
As the Deer		
Call to Confession	The Rev. Jennie Sankey	
Prayer of Confession	Jennie	
God who loves the world, you invite us to look beyond our divisions, to truly and deeply know one another, and we confess we aren’t sure we want to. Forgive us for staying in our own safe and comfortable boundaries. Forgive us for keeping your good news for ourselves. Forgive us for our assumptions that block our ability to relate. Overcome our surprise and our resistance with your grace that bubbles up like living water and make us ready to listen and to share your word that reaches across even heaven and earth to become flesh. Amen.		
Assurance of Grace	Jennie	
*Passing of the Peace	Jennie	
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.		
Prayer for Illumination	Shannon	
Scripture Reading	Shannon	
Psalm 42:1-3		

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Anthem	Chancel Choir	
The Meditations of My Heart Elaine Hagenberg May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and redeemer.		
Scripture Reading	Katie	
John 4:1-42		
Sermon	Katie	
Becoming the Story: Drink Deep 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	Katie	
Pastoral Prayer	Jennie	
Words of Institution		
The Lord’s Prayer	Jennie	
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	Nora Badinger	
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.		
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.		

Offertory	Roy	
O God, Thou Faithful God Flor Peeters		
Prayer of Dedication	Katie	
*Sung Response		
Spirit, Open My Heart Refrain: 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. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)		
Following the Word Into the World		
*Charge and Benediction	Katie	
*Postlude	Roy	
Allegro J.C.H. Rinck		
Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from BibleWorm and Spill the Beans. Copyright License: 176415 and Stream License: CSPL 129485 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.		

