



PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

Caregiver's Support - February 23 5:30-6:30pm (TONIGHT!)

This group is for people caring for a loved one and provides space to share stories and encouragement with one another. The group meets on the 4th Sunday of every month, and you are welcome to come anytime. Contact Margot Ashley with questions at mradla827@gmail.com.

Mohtly Morning Prayer - March 4 9-9:30am

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

ShrAsh Wednesday - March 5 6pm

You can find the celebration at the PHPC rear parking lot. Bring your own chairs. There will be food, firepits and an authentic Lenten experience provided for you! PHPC's unique Fat Tuesday / Ash Wednesday service! See you there!

Lent Small Group - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please join us for our upcoming Lent Small Groups More information to follow in our Lent specific newsletters.

Bible Study: Interrupting Silence

March 12 - April 16 Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom

Book Group: Meeting Jesus at the Table

March 12 - April 16 Wednesdays at 12pm at PHPC and on Zoom (hybrid)

Embodied Prayer Group

March 13 - April 17 Thursdays at 5:30pm

Faithful Families Group

Once a month-ish 8x on Sunday evenings (March 2, March 30, April 27, May 11, June 22, July 20, August 17, September 28) 4:30-6:30pm

Morning Prayer

March 11 - April 15 Tuesdays at 9am

PHPC 40th Anniversary - Grounded in Faith, Growing in Love

In 2025 we are celebrating Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church's 40th anniversary. There will be special themes, events, and celebrations spread throughout the year.

May 17 - Chastain @ PHPC "The Best of Chastain and Cabaret"

May 18 - Homecoming Celebration Worship and Lunch

September 12-14 - ALL CHURCH retreat at Montreat Conference Center, NC

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 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

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

Adnan Zukanovic, Facilities Director

Kristen Ching, Interim Financial Administrator

Hilary Mize, Ministry Support Assistant

Steve Dean, Director of Music

Hyoun Joo Song, Organist

Andy Kim, AV Technician

Jack Maguire, Interim 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 Javid, Nursery Caregiver

Renu Kashyap, Play & Praise Leader

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Celebration of the Lord's Day

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song

Prologue
André Gagnon

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

***Call to Worship** Sharon McLeod

One: God speaks to the heart,
All: Offering compassion and hope.

One: God enlivens the mind,
All: Inviting curiosity and wonder.

One: God awakens all spirits,
All: Fostering sacred connection.

One: God nurtures our strength,
All: Creating unimagined possibilities.

One: God calls the whole world,
All: Inspiring extravagant love.

***Hymn 317**
In Christ There Is No East or West

Call to Confession The Rev. Katie Day

Prayer of Confession Katie

Unwavering God, we keep asking what it is that you most want us to do with our lives in hope you might tell us something easier. Instead, you offer the same answer every time: Love one another as I have loved you. We confess that our love for others is not always what we hope it would be. We are quick to judge and slow to offer grace. We are swift to anger and resistant to make amends. We are prone to suspicion and resistant to build trust. We hear the greatest commandment, and if we are honest, we are filled with hesitation because it means we must change. Unwavering God, renew our commitment to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Katie

***Passing of the Peace** Katie

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

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 Chancel Choir

Lauda Anima

*Praise, my soul, the king of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, ever more his praises sing.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting king!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;

In his hands, he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold him face to face.

Saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace! Amen

Prayer for Illumination Sharon

Scripture Reading Sharon

Acts 10, selected verses

Sermon Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava

Beginning in Christ: Love

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 301**

Let Us Build A House

***Affirmation of Faith** Katie

From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Prayers of the People Katie
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.

Moment for Ministry: Stephen Ministry Clay Keller

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.

Offertory Hyoun Joo

Gabriel's Oboe
Ennio Morricone

Prayer of Dedication Jennie

***Sung Response**

Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Following the Word Into the World

***Charge and Benediction** Claudia

***Postlude** Hyoun Joo

Praise to God
J.S. Bach

About Our Guest Pastor

Rev. Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava is the director of engagement at More Light Presbyterians. She grew up in Mexico City, with her parents and two siblings. Rev. Aguilar believes words and everyday actions have the power to shape people's lives and the world's future, a belief that led her to author liturgical resources and articles for numerous publications. She has served the church as campus minister, pastor, associate dean of students, and seminary admissions staff. Being bilingual, bicultural, and binational is part of her call to build bridges among different groups of people. She is interested in ecumenical and interfaith efforts to bring justice and peace to every sentient being. When not working, she spends time in her garden with her husband Doug and their dogs, hiking with friends, or cooking.

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from *Worship Ways*.
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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.