



## PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

### Session - Tonight!

We ask that you keep Session, PHPC's governing council, in your prayers as they meet tonight for their monthly meeting. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity as our Elders lead PHPC in our mission and ministry. May God's spirit guide their discussions and decisions, and may they feel supported by the prayers of our congregation.

### P4BG Lobby Day - March 18 @ 8am

Please plan to meet at Central Presbyterians Church around 8 AM. We will have some refreshments as well as plan for our trip across the street to the Capitol. Register for the event and get more details at [p4bg.org](http://p4bg.org). This is an experience not to miss! If you are interested in carpooling, please let Pastor Jennie know.

### A Stitch & A Prayer - March 18 @ 10am

This month we will meet in Emmaus! Our group welcomes both experienced and beginner knitters and crocheters. The primary mission is to create prayer shawls for those who are ill, in crisis, or in need of comfort. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please contact Margot Ashley.

### Men's Breakfast - March 21 @ 8:30am

The Men's Breakfast is held monthly on the third Saturday. There will be lots of 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.

### Caregiver Support - March 22 @ 5:30pm

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 fourth Sunday of every month at 5:30pm in The Bride's Room. All are welcome to come anytime. Contact Margot Ashley with questions.

### Garden Group - March 28 @ 9:30am

We maintain the prayer garden, have fellowship with one another, and participate in a brief devotional time. All ages are welcome to come and trim, dead-head, sweep, and plant-even if gardening is not your favorite thing. Questions? Contact Julie Smith.

### Palm Sunday Potluck and Egg Hunt - March 29 @ 11:15 am

Join us for a delicious spring brunch potluck after the service. Bring a lunch or brunch entrée, side dish, or salad (no desserts, please) to serve 8-10. The Fellowship Committee will provide desserts, drinks, and PB&J fixings. Volunteer sign-up to prep, serve and clean-up can be found in the newsletter. After brunch, kids can hunt for eggs in the courtyard! Please bring your own baskets from home. Adults, please bring candy or a dozen filled eggs per child by March 22. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex.

### Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday - 7 PM April 2  
The Great Vigil of Easter 7 PM April 4  
Sunrise Easter Worship - 7 AM April 5  
Easter Worship Service - 10 AM April 5

### Spring Break Mission Trip - April 6-9

This annual trip is a great way to introduce children and adults to volunteering and service. Arrive Monday afternoon, April 6, at the Mission Lodge near Blue Ridge, GA, for dinner, orientation, and fellowship. Tuesday through Thursday, we'll serve North Georgia neighbors through meaningful volunteer projects for all ages. The cost is \$75 per person (\$225 family max), which includes lodging and meals. Questions? Contact Jeff Milway.

### 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](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 Prayground after the Children's Sermon. Worship Bags and Worship Journals are available. Parents with children sitting in the Prayground must sit in the pews closest to the Prayground.

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

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### March 15, 2026

#### Prelude

Roy Firestone

*Christ, He Is My Life*  
Johann Walther

Gathering Around the Word

#### Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Katie Day

#### Introit

#### \*Call to Worship

David Ashley

One: God loves the field mouse.

**All: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

One: God loves the baby, cooing in the Playground.

**All: God loves the child who rocks, flaps, and claps.**

One: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**All: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

One: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**All: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

One: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**All: There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

One: So let us worship this good-news God!

**All: Amen.**

#### \*Hymn 487

*These Treasured Children*

#### Call to Confession

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

#### Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Grace

Jennie

Includes scripture from Leviticus 19:33, Matthew 5:9, Deuteronomy 24:21, Matthew 19:14, and Isaiah 43:1.

One: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

**All: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

One: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

**All: We confess, we have clung to weapons and war more than we have pursued peace.**

One: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

**All: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and neglected to care for our neighbors.**

One: Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

**All: We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.**

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

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One: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

**All: By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

One: May this good news change our lives!

**All: Amen.**

#### \*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Jennie

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

David

#### Scripture Reading

David

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

#### Anthem

Chancel Choir

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love, O Love that will not let me go,*

*O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;*

*I give thee back the life I owe,*

*that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through the pain, O I cannot close my heart to thee;*  
*I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Love that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;*

*I give thee back the life I owe, and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be, that morn shall tearless be.*

*O Love, that will not let me go.*

#### Scripture Reading

Katie

Matthew 19:13-15

#### Sermon

Katie

The Good News is...Protection and Care for the Vulnerable

Responding to the Word

#### \*Hymn 547

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

Jennie

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### Prayers of the People

Jennie

#### 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: Mission & Outreach

Nancy Varner

#### Invitation to Offering

Katie

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.



An offering for Laundry Love will be received in the Narthex after today's service. Gifts of coins and cash provide free loads of laundry for our neighbors in need.

Those who give online are invited to place an "I joyfully give online" mini pew card in the offering plate. Please sign the red friendship pad and create a name tag.

#### Offertory

Roy

*O for the Wings of a Dove*

Felix Mendelssohn

#### Prayer of Dedication

Katie

#### \*Sung Response

*What Is the World Like*

*These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.*

*Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.*

Following the Word Into the World

#### \*Charge and Benediction

Katie

#### \*Postlude

Roy

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Johann Walther



The white rose on the communion table is in memory of Donnie Stone.

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.

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org).

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