



PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

Caregiver Support - TONIGHT @ 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.

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.

VBS 2026 "Road Trip" - June 15-19, 9am-12pm

We are excited to bring you "Road Trip: On the Go With God" a program where your child will discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. VBS is open to ages 3 (potty trained) through rising 6th grade. Rising 6th graders may choose to serve in a volunteer role. The cost is free with \$5 encouraged donation per child. Middle and high school youth are invited to participate as helpers and can receive a separate volunteer registration link upon request. Sign-up link in our newsletter or online. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Jennie Sankey.

New Permanent Pew Cards

You'll now find brand-new pew cards living in the pews all year-round. These cards make it easier than ever to share what's on your heart. They provide easily scanned QR codes for Prayer Requests, Online Giving and Seasonal Highlights. Pick up your smart phone and give them a try today!

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

Prelude Joanne Brown

Adagio in G Minor
Tomaso Albinoni

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

***Call to Worship** Nikki Turner

One: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

All: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.

One: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

All: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.

One: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

All: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.

One: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

All: This is God's house.

One: You can make yourself at home here.

All: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!

***Hymn 757**

Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples

Call to Confession The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession Jennie

Holy God, we love to live our lives by the rules. We love clear answers. We love right and wrong. We love swift justice. We love to pick up stones, but you show us another way. You welcome shades of gray and nuanced conversation. You prioritize mercy over legality. You prioritize people over tradition. You prioritize love over everything. Forgive us for losing sight of what truly matters. Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to each other or to you. Forgive us. Soften our hearts. Root us in mercy, justice, and love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Jennie

***Passing of the Peace** Jennie

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.

Prayer for Illumination Nikki

Scripture Reading Nikki

Matthew 23:23

Anthem Chancel Choir

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
Claude Bass

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men, from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to thee again.

Thy truth unchanged hath every stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them who seek thee though art good, to them that find thee all in all.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast; glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light.

Scripture Reading Katie

John 8:2-11

Sermon Katie

The Good News is...Rooted in Justice, Mercy, and Faithfulness

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***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: Shepherds Jon MacLean

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.



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 Joanne

Opus 122, Number 9
Johannes Brahms

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** Joanne

Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare)
Benedetto Marcello

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.

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