



## PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

### **New Members Class - March 23 & 30 at 11:15am (TODAY!)**

Calling all visitors and friends of PHPC! Join our spring new member class after church on March 23 and 30. We'll discuss your faith journey, PHPC's offerings, and what membership in a PC(USA) church means. Join us today in Emmaus room. Lunch and childcare will be provided. If you're interested but can't attend both sessions, let us know—we'll work with your schedule. We look forward to welcoming you!

### **Caregivers Support Group - March 23 at 5:30pm (TODAY!)**

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 at 5:30pm in the Bride's Room. All are welcome to come anytime. Contact Margot Ashley at mradla827@gmail.com with questions.

### **Women's Breakfast - March 29 at 9am**

Join us for a special event! Enjoy a delicious hot breakfast and create a beautiful flower arrangement to take home. We'll provide containers, floral foam, and starter flowers—please bring a small bunch to share. If you have questions or want to help with breakfast, contact Marianne Anderson at marianne4001@gmail.com. An invitation has been sent via Realm, and we request an RSVP for an accurate headcount and childcare needs.

### **Spring Brunch and Egg Hunt - April 13 at 11am**

Bring a lunch or brunch entrée, side dish, or salad (no desserts, please) to serve 8-10—homemade, store-bought, or a favorite standby. Drop it off in the kitchen before the service, labeled if you want your dish back. We've got plenty of serving spoons! The Fellowship Committee will provide desserts, drinks, and PB&J fixings. Want to help in the kitchen? Contact Deb LoPresti at dklopresti@aol.com. After brunch, kids can grab a basket and hunt for eggs in the courtyard! Adults, please bring a dozen filled eggs per child on March 30 or April 6. Donations of candy are also welcome—collection boxes will be in the Narthex and Breezeway.

### **Garden Group - April 19 at 9:30am**

PHPC Garden Group will meet on Saturday, April 19 at 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome! Bring your garden gloves, clippers and water bottle as we clean up the Prayer Garden, prepare the kitchen gardens for planting, and add some colorful plants in the playground boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Smith at julies1959@gmail.com.

### **PHPC Summer VBS - June 16 - 20 9am - 12pm**

"ReNew: Grow in Faith, Have Fun, Change the World!" This environmentally focused program will engage kids with all five senses through the Parable of the Sower, as they learn how to care for creation in their everyday lives and all over the globe. VBS at PHPC is for children ages 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. Find the registration link on our webpage under VBS. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact jennie@pleasanthillpc.org. We encourage a \$5 per child donation.

### **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](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 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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# everything [in] between

Meeting God in the midst of extremes

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# Celebration of the Lord's Day

## Third Sunday of Lent

### March 23, 2025

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song  
*Variations on ADORO TE, DEVOTE*  
 arr. Dale Wood

#### Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Katie Day

#### Introit

**\*Call to Worship** David Ashley

One: Worship is a place to rest.

**All: We breathe deeply here.**

One: We still our aching bones.

**All: We sit in the quiet.**

One: We surround ourselves with music.

**All: Worship is a place to rest.**

One: Worship is a place to grow.

**All: We listen for God's word.**

One: We invite it to challenge us.

**All: We lean in with curiosity.**

One: We ask questions.

**All: Worship is a place to grow.**

One: So come into this space.

Come rest and grow here.

**All: For where two or more are gathered,**

**God is always there.**

One: Let us worship our gracious God.

#### **\*Hymn 36**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**Call to Confession** The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Prayer of Confession** Jennie

Holy God, there are days when we fail to rest. We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation. We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest. There are also days when we fail to act. We wait for someone else. We take the easy road. We find excuses and justify our inaction. God, forgive our imbalance. Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly. Show us how to do the same. 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** David

**Scripture Reading** David

Isaiah 55:1-13

**Anthem** Chancel Choir  
 Solo - Ralph Griffin

*Unto Thee, O Lord*  
 Francis Aulbach

*Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O Lord unto thee.  
 O my God, in thee have I trusted, let not thine enemies triumph over me.  
 Show me thy ways, teach me thy paths, thou art the God of my salvation.  
 Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul, O Lord, unto thee*

**Scripture Reading** Katie

Luke 13:6-9

**Sermon** Katie

Everything [in] Between: Rest & Growth

#### Responding to the Word

#### **\*Hymn 250**

*In the Bulb, There Is a Flower*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Jennie

We believe in a God who loves and tends to us like a gardener. We believe that like the trees, some seasons are for growth, and some seasons are for rest. Some days require pruning, and some require planting. Fortunately, we believe that our green-thumbed God sees us and cultivates the sweetest fruit. So may we plant roots, reach for the sky, grow where we can, and rest when we need, for we believe there is holiness in the pruning and in the planting. And we do not grow alone. 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: Stephen Ministry** Kathi Burt

**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.



Please sign the red friendship pad.

**Offertory** Hyoun Joo

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
 arr. Jason Tonioli

**Prayer of Dedication** Katie

#### **\*Sung Response**

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*  
 In the midst of new dimensions,  
 in the face of changing ways,  
 who will lead the pilgrim peoples  
 wandering in their separate ways?  
 God of rainbow, fiery pillar,  
 leading where the eagles soar,  
 we your people, ours the journey  
 now and ever, now and ever,  
 now and evermore.

#### Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction** Katie

**\*Postlude** Hyoun Joo

*Postlude on BEATA NOBIS GAUDIA*  
 Robert Powell

Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from  
*Rev. Sarah A. Speed of A Sanctified Art LLC.*

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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.