



PHPC News to Know

Weekly news and updates right in your bulletin.

Men's Breakfast - May 17 8:30am

The Men's Breakfast for this month will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Jerusalem room and Kitchen. We are hoping this gives men who have to work on Friday morning, the opportunity to participate. 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 at jdmlway@gmail.com.

Chastain @ PHPC 2025 - May 17 7pm

Join us under the stars for a free concert featuring secular music performed by PHPC's Chancel Choir along with special guest musicians. This year's theme is "The Best of Cabaret and Chastain @ PHPC Over the Years"—a nostalgic look back at audience favorites from past performances. Bring your own chairs or blanket and feel free to pack a picnic! Light refreshments will be provided. While admission is free, a love offering will be accepted to support our choir fund for new music and guest artists. All are welcome—come enjoy a relaxed evening of great music and warm community spirit!

PHPC 40th Anniversary Homecoming Lunch - May 18 11:30am

Following our Sunday worship service, we'll gather for a celebratory lunch featuring a delicious menu including pork tenderloin, smoked turkey breast, mac & cheese, and more! Please RSVP with the link in the weekly newsletter or by emailing office@pleasanthillpc.org.

Laundry Love - May 18

An offering for Laundry Love will be received in the Narthex every 3rd Sunday. Bring your gifts of coins and cash to provide free loads of laundry for our neighbors in need. Scented laundry pods and dryer sheets are also welcome donations anytime. Contact Shawn Badinger to find out more at badingerdodd@gmail.com.

Gwinnett Stripers - June 14 6:05pm

PHPC is going to the ballgame to see the Gwinnett Stripers take on the Memphis Redbirds at 6:05 on Saturday, June 14. This fun fellowship event is a summer favorite. Tickets are \$18 per person. Please help us out by expressing your interest and signing up by May 5. Final payment is due by May 25. You can sign up by clicking the link in the newsletter. Payment can be made through the online giving portal with the Stripers pulldown. If you have any questions or prefer to pay by cash or check please email Deb LoPresti at dklopresti@aol.com to make that arrangement.

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

"ReNew: Grow in Faith, Have Fun, Change the World!" Join us for an eco-focused VBS at PHPC, where kids (ages 3 and potty-trained through 5th grade) will explore the Parable of the Sower and learn to care for creation. Registration is full, but please contact Jennie if you would like to be added to the waitlist. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact jennie@pleasanthillpc.org. We're also collecting clean recyclables (cardboard, magazines, 2-liter bottles, egg cartons, plastic bottle caps, etc.) for art projects—drop them in the VBS donation box in the Narthex.

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
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
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song

HYMN
Douglas Wagner

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Introit

*Call to Worship Serena Wright

One: Holy Risen One, we gather this day
All: and we come as we are:
One: seeking understanding,
All: seeking knowledge of you.
One: Accept all we bring before you today.
All: Accept our worship, we pray.

*Hymn 409

God Is Here!

Call to Confession The Rev. Katie Day

Prayer of Confession Katie

Lord, like the traveling Ethiopian, we don’t always understand. We too need to be honest about the parts of our faith where guidance is needed. Lord, help us understand. Forgive us for those times we fail spectacularly. Pick us up from those moments, teach us afresh what it means to live in you and with this community of believers. Pick us up, dust us off, and set us back on the right track. All this we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace Katie

*Passing of the Peace Katie

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

The Word Read and Proclaimed

Children’s Sermon Jennie

The Sacrament of Baptism Katie, Jennie and Kay Strickland

*Fowler Grace Peace
Harper June Peace*

*Parents may walk their children age 3 to Kindergarten
to Room B103 to check-in to Play & Praise.*

* Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer for Illumination Serena

Scripture Reading Serena

Luke 24:44-47

Anthem Chancel Choir

I Will Arise
Parker Shaw

*I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,
in the arms of my dear savior, oh! there are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,
in the arms of my dear savior, oh! there are ten thousand charms.*

Scripture Reading Jennie

Acts 8:26-39

Sermon Jennie

Grounded in Faith: Baptized in Water

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

*Affirmation of Faith Katie

Adapted from the Confession of 1967
New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

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.

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.

Offertory Hyoun Joo

For the Beauty of the Earth
arr. Jason Tonioli

Prayer of Dedication Katie

*Sung Response

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 Jennie

*Postlude Hyoun Joo

Prelude in G Minor
J. S. Bach



The white roses on the communion table are in honor of the baptisms of Fowler and Harper Peace, and in memory of Bernie Preamble.

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from
Spill the Beans, Call to Worship, and Feasting on the Word.
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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.