

Consider the Birds (GAME NIGHT) - July 16 @ 7pm

As part of the summer worship series “Consider the Birds,” your pastors invite you to an evening of board game fun! “Wingspan” is a beautiful and strategic game suitable for players 14 and up. We’ll meet in the Youth Room, and light refreshments will be provided. Please sign-up using the link provided in the newsletter.

Middle School Mission Trip - July 16-20

The middle school youth will head to the North Georgia Mission Lodge from July 16–20. They’ll depart by bus from PHPC at 5 pm on Tuesday, July 16, and return midday on Sunday. During the trip, students will take part in mission projects organized by Jeff and Florence, enjoy time at the lake, and engage in meaningful fellowship. The cost is \$200, and participants are encouraged to bring a friend! Payments can be made online through the giving portal—scroll to the bottom and select Youth Mission Trips. For questions, please contact Grace Andrade.

Women’s Bible Study - July 17- September 25 @ 10:30am

Our Women’s Bible Study will begin soon, meeting on Thursdays in Jerusalem from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm for a 10-week session. The title and discussion topic are still being finalized—stay tuned for more details from Pastor Katie coming soon! Childcare is provided.

Laundry Love Offering - July 20

An offering for Laundry Love will be received in the Narthex every third 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.

Picnic at the Barn - July 25 6pm

Save the date for a relaxing evening at Everett’s Music Barn (4055 Stonecypther Rd, Suwanee) on Friday, July 25 at 6pm. Please bring a dinner item to share. The fellowship committee will provide drinks and dessert. Questions and offers to help can be directed to Deb LoPresti.

Women’s Breakfast - July 26 @ 9am

Join the women of PHPC for breakfast on Saturday, July 26 at 9 am. Childcare will be available, but please let Marianne know by Sunday, July 20 if you will use this option so we can secure the necessary staff. See you there!

All Church Retreat at Montreat - September 12-14

Let the 40th celebrations continue! Join us for a weekend of rest, renewal, and connection at the All-Church Retreat, September 12–14 at Montreat Conference Center in western North Carolina. All ages are welcome! Enjoy worship, fellowship, time in nature, and choose-your-own activities. Cost includes lodging, meals (Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast), and PHPC programming. Housing options range from \$100–\$200 per person, with a \$350 family maximum. Transportation options include church bus, carpool, or self-travel. Please check the newsletter for more informaton and how to register. Questions? Contact Pastor Jennie.

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 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*
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
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13, 2025

Prelude Hyoun Joo Song
Pastorale
Douglas Wagner
Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Katie Day

Introit

Call to Worship Pam Griffin

One: Come, everyone—young and old, joyful and worried. Let’s consider the birds together.

All: They don’t plant seeds or store up food, but God takes care of them!

One: Jesus asks us: Aren’t you worth even more than the birds?

All: Yes. We are loved, held, and cared for.

One: Can any of us, by worrying, add even one more hour to our lives?

All: No. So we come to rest in God’s love.

One: Let the sparrow remind us:

All: No one is insignificant; no one is worthless.

One: Let the birds remind us: God provides. God sees. God loves.

All: Let us worship the God of sky and sparrow, of wonder and wisdom, who gives us everything we need.

***Hymn #22**
God of the Sparrow

Call to Confession The Rev. Jennie Sankey

Prayer of Confession

Hear our cries to you, O Lord: for our lack of compassion, have mercy on us; for our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on Earth, have mercy on us; for our disbelief in your power to make us whole, have mercy on us; for making war, have mercy on us; for distrusting your Word, have mercy on us; for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us. Guide us into ways that lead to peace. 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 Pam

Scripture Reading Pam
Psalm 84

Anthem Ralph and Pam Griffin
Lord, Listen to Your Children

arr. Lloyd Larson
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to you children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Something’s gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray;
A door’s gonna swing open and the walls come a tumbling down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray.
You’re gonna know it, when the Lord stretches out his hand, when the people of the Lord get down to pray;
There’s gonna be a brand new song of victory in this land, when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to you children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Scripture Reading Katie
Matthew 10:29-31

Sermon Katie
Consider the Birds: Sparrow

Responding to the Word

***Hymn #661**
Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

***Affirmation of Faith** Jennie
Adapted from the Confession of 1967
God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God’s dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use God’s creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

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: Christian Education

Responding to the Word
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
Gabriel’s Oboe
Ennio Morricone

Prayer of Dedication Katie

***Sung Response**
All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

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
Worship Well 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.