

**A Stitch and A Prayer - September 17 @ 10am**

This ministry holds regular meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 10am in the Bride's Room. 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. Additionally, members craft warm caps to stock the Little Pantry during cold weather. If you'd like to learn more or get involved, please contact Margot Ashley.

**Men's Breakfast - September 20 @ 8:30am**

The Men's Breakfast for this month will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20 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.

**Seeking Fall Festival Volunteers - September 20 and 27**

Join us as a volunteer at the Peachtree Corners Festival on Saturday, Sept. 20 (choose a shift: 10 AM-2 PM or 2 PM-6 PM) and help represent PHPC at our booth. Or bring your energy and spirit to the Duluth Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, Sept. 27 (8:30-11:00 AM) by riding along on our float! To sign up, check out the newsletter or contact Amanda Dannemiller or Serena Wright.

**Laundry Love Collection - September 21**

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.

**Garden Group - September 27 @ 9:30am**

The Garden Group is back after a hot summer and you are invited to be part of this plant-loving ministry. 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.

**Annual Stewardship BBQ - October 5 @11:25am**

Join us for our annual Stewardship BBQ on Sunday, October 5, at 11:15am at McDaniel Farm Park (Picnic Pavilion near the playground). JR's Log House will cater the meal - please RSVP using the link in this week's newsletter so we can plan for food and dietary needs.

**New Members Meeting - October 12 and 19 @11:15am**

Are you a visitor who is ready to take their next step in faith or an enquirer who wants to learn more about what PHPC and Presbyterianism are all about? If so, the Membership Committee cordially invites you to our fall New Member Class on Oct. 12 and 19. Classes are after church with lunch and childcare provided and alternative options are available if you can't make both dates. Please reach out to Pastor Katie, Pastor Jennie, Amanda Dannemiller, or Serena Wright with any questions or to sign up.

**Adult Fall Mission Trip - November 5-8**

Save the Date! PHPC Adult Service Trip will return to Blue Ridge, Georgia to work with local non-profits in improving the community. More information in the weekly newsletter. Any questions, email 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 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 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

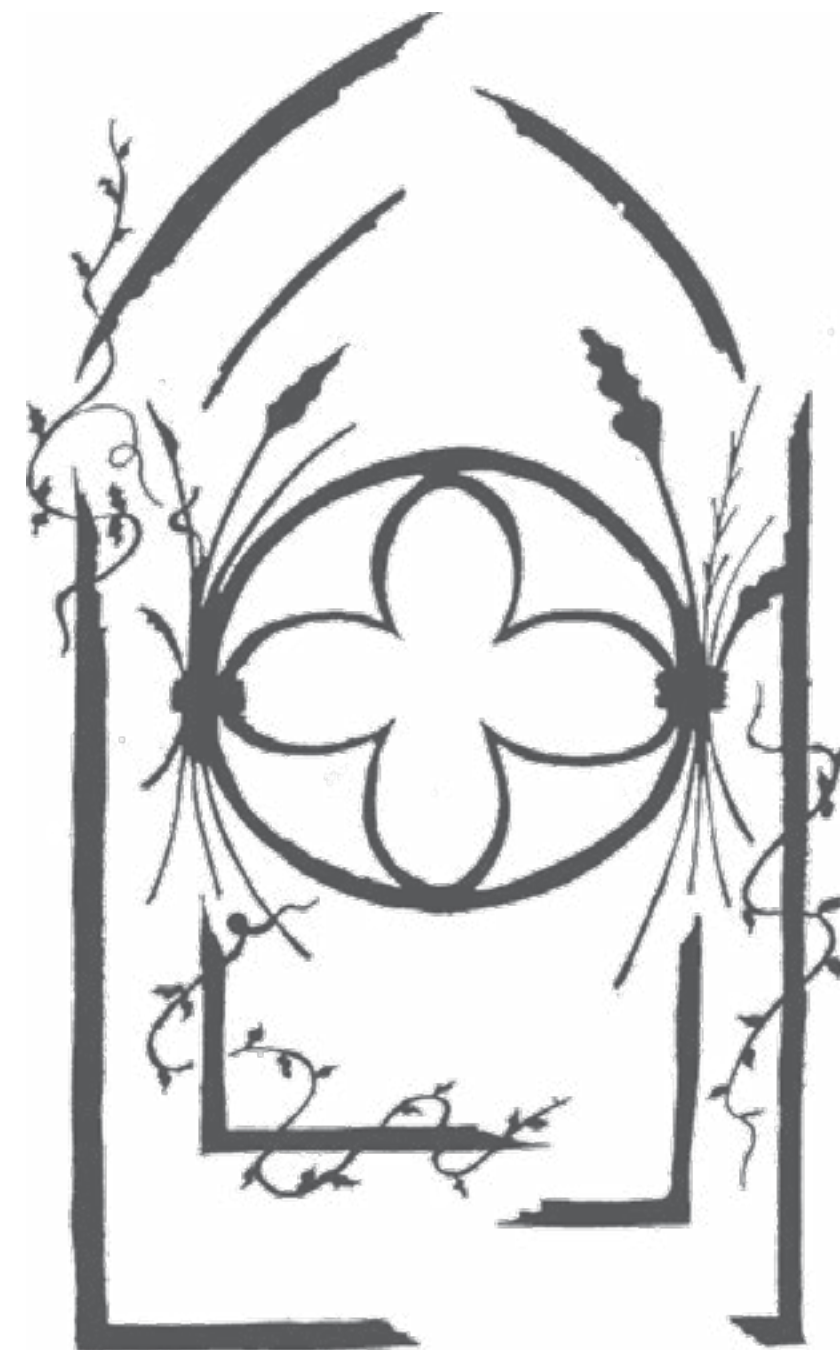
**The Rev. Katie Day**, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

**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*  
**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 Javid**, *Nursery Caregiver*  
**Alina Spring**, *Play & Praise Leader*

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Celebration of the Lord’s Day  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 14, 2025

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song  
*Hymn*  
Douglas Wagner  
Gathering Around the Word

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship** Ralph Griffin  
One: God is calling us by name, trying to get our attention.  
**All: Here we are, turning our full attention to God’s presence.**  
One: God is calling us through the voices of our neighbors.  
**All: Here we are, listening for truth through holy human stories.**  
One: God is calling us to see the world anew.  
**All: Here we are, looking for what God will reveal and provide today.**

**\*Hymn #49**  
*The God of Abraham Praise*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you give yourself to us and call us to bring our full selves to you, too. We confess that we aren’t always fully tuned-in to you, to each other, or even to ourselves. Instead of the complexity of relationship, we swing between assuming our causes will automatically be yours and thinking faith means we must be unthinking and unquestioning no matter what. We run on autopilot pursuing our own passions, or we act without asking if there’s more to the story. Forgive us when we say or think any variation of “I was just following orders.” Forgive us when we use your call to faith as a way to hurt others. Forgive us when we believe the end justifies the means. Call us in to closer connection with you, and make us true covenant partners, invested in abundant life with you. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

**\*Passing of the Peace**  
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**

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

**Prayer for Illumination** Ralph

**Scripture Reading** Ralph  
John 1:29

**Anthem** Chancel Choir

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*  
Gordon Young

*From all that dwell below the skies  
let the Creator’s praise arise;  
let the Redeemer’s name be sung  
through every land, by every tongue.  
Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;  
eternal truth attends thy word;  
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
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let the Creator’s name arise;  
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**Scripture Reading** Jennie and Ralph  
Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

**Sermon**

The Story Begins: Provision  
Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn #435**  
*There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

***Adapted from The Scots Confession (1560)***  
We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust, who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, by whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God’s inscrutable providence.

**Prayers of the People**  
**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: Preschool** Talitha Minton,  
Pleasant Hill Preschool Director

Responding to the Word

**Invitation to Offering**

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  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
arr. Jason Tonioli

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Sung Response**  
O God, who gives us life and breath,  
who shapes us in the womb,  
who guards our lives from birth to death,  
then leads us from the tomb:  
deliver us from fears that kill  
the life we have from you.  
Help us to know your Spirit still  
is making all things new.

Following the Word Into the World

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude** Hyoun Joo  
*Blessed Be The Lord*  
David Paxton

Parts of today’s liturgy have been adapted from  
*Spill the Beans* and *BibleWorm*.  
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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.