Thank you to the following PHPC members who have contributed to today's worship services.

Ushers: (8:30) Roy Daniell, Doug Langdon, Laura Sanders
(11:00) Quintin, Meg, Kate and Quinn Watkins, Shawn Rogers, Kim Parr, Amanda Klosky, Paxton Scherger, Greg and Pat Mann

In silent service counting today's offering: Dave Huffman, Matt Schlosser, Don and Gail Edwards

Fellowship Table Hosts: Kendra Knuth, Tim Sullivan and John Fajfar, Greg and Pat Mann

Acolytes: Eli Hymel and Melanie Rogers

Extended Session: Christina and Brittney Garrett

Bulletin Assembly: Janice Breckenridge, Agnes Kovacs

Visitors Welcome . . .

- We are delighted you are worshiping with us and we invite you to become part of our church family. If you would like to know more about us, or want to inquire about becoming a member, you may indicate so on the register pad or contact the church office. Watch the bulletin announcements for a future **New Member Class**.
- Hearing enhancement devices are available for use during our church services. Please see an usher for assistance.
- If you need to speak to someone, a minister is available after each service. If you have a prayer request, please share it on a Prayer Request form from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. A minister will also be available for prayer in the Prayer Chapel after worship services.

Please consider making a gift to Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church via our secure online giving portal: https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=90273, or by scanning the QR code on the right with your smart phone's QR reader.

For Our Elementary Age Worshipers

Worship Bags are distributed to elementary age children immediately following the Children's Sermon. If you would like to have a bag, please raise your hand or stand and a Bag Buddy will bring a bag to you. If you decide later in the service that you want a bag, extra ones are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the bags to the basket across from the restrooms in the breezeway.

We have illustrated **Spark Story Bibles** for children to read along during worship. They are available on the window sill at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our youngest children are cared for in the following locations:

8:30 Child Care

Infants/Toddlers, Preschoolers: Room A114

9:40 Church School

Infants/Toddlers: Room A114
Preschool: Room B107
Kindergarten-Grade 5: Room B104
Middle School: Room B205
High School: Room B203

11:00 Extended Session

Infants/Toddlers: Room A114
3s - Ks go to Extended Session after Children's Sermon: Room B105

Church Staff

Rev. Joel L. Alvis, Jr., *Interim Pastor*
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Hyoun Joo Song, *Pianist/Organist*
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11:00 AM Worship Service

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 2018

We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning.
As the candles are lit and the baptismal waters are poured, let us recognize God's presence among us.

Prelude — Hyoun Joo Song

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Jody Andrade

Gathering Around the Word

Introit — *"Our Help Is in the Name of God"* — Chancel Choir

Our help is in the name of God the Lord, the One who made the heavens with a word,
creator of the world, each living thing. Come bless the Lord, lift up your hearts and sing:
"Our help is in the name of God the Lord."
When evil seems to have the upper hand, call on God's name: the Lord, the great "I AM."
When troubles rise and all around gives way, remember God stays with us night and day.
Our help is in the name of God the Lord. Praise God the Lord who hears the captives' prayer.
Like birds escaping from the fowler's snare we are set free; our praises now ascend:
"Blessed be the Lord: Creator, Savior, Friend. Our help is in the name of God the Lord."

***Call to Worship** — Rev. Jennie Sankey

***Hymn 35** — *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

Confession — Jennie

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: Gracious God, because you made the world and intended it to be a good place; because, when things seemed at their worst, you came in Christ to bring out the best in us, we gladly say:

All: Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death.

One: Because confusion can reign inside us; because anger, tension, and envy distort our vision; because our minds worry small things out of proportion; because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

All: Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate.

One: Because you have promised us, and are able to change us, and are willing to make our hearts your home, we ask you to confront, guide, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best.

All: Hear our prayer and change our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Response Hymn 750** — *"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil"*

Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.
Oh, victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

Hearing the Word

Children's Sermon — Jody

Distribution of Worship Bags

Anthem — *"The Lord Is My Light"* — Ralph Griffin, soloist
by Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation, Whom, then, shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a Host of men laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though they rose up against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in his tabernacle,
Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.

Act of Illumination

Hymn 458 — *"Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"*

Scripture — James 5: 13-16 *(Pew Bible, p. 1103)* — Bernie Preamble

Scripture — Psalm 124 *(Pew Bible, p. 560)* — Jody

Sermon — "The Enemy Within" — Jody

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 330** — *"Our Help Is in the Name of God"*

***Affirmation of Faith** — Rev. Andy Acton

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of a person's mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners.
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purposes of God's love.

Prayers — Andy

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem — *"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord"* — Chancel Choir
by Claude L. Bass

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee:
He never shall suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.
Lord, thy mercy is great, and far above the heavens,
Thy mercy Lord is great and far above the heavens;
Let none be made ashamed that wait upon thee.
Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.

Offering

Invitation — Andy

Offertory — *"Gabriel's Oboe"* — Hyoun Joo
by Ennio Morricone

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out the Word

***Hymn 275** — *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*
(stanzas one and two)

***Benediction** — Jody

***Sharing of the Peace**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Postlude — *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God "* — Hyoun Joo
arr. Timothy Albrecht

A minister is available in the Prayer Chapel for one-on-one prayer following the worship service.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of weekly scripture readings.

Today's readings also include

Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10;
Esther 9: 20-22
and
Mark 9: 38-50.

How do these texts change or enrich your reading of the scripture used in today's worship service?

What does it mean that *the Lord is on our side*?

According to professor of Theology, Dr. George Stroup:

"Redeemer and Savior means there is no aspect of human experience in which Jesus has not shared. No depression is so deep, no form of illness so great that Jesus has not been part of it."