

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
November 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold print indicates congregational response.

The Prelude to Worship

Sheri Martin

*We acknowledge that our church is on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe.
The Puyallup people have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time,
and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgment is one small step
toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences,
and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.*

Welcome

Don Johnson

Lighting of the First Candle in Advent

*The Stevens Family
and Choir with congregational singing (see insert)*

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Don Johnson

Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the vulnerable in our world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention. We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In his name we pray, Amen.

Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint: We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Song

"Way Maker"

You are here moving in our midst

I worship You, I worship You

You are here working in this place

I worship You, I worship You

Repeat

Chorus: You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are

Repeat

You are here touching ev'ry heart

I worship You I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart

I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around

I worship You I worship You

You are here mending ev'ry heart

I worship You, yeah I worship You

Chorus

(Continued . . .)

**That is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are
x 2**

**Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working
X 3
Chorus**

**That is who You are, that is who You are
That is who You are, that is who You are
Repeat**

Children's Message

Rev. Deanna Gemmer

Children are welcome to remain in the service or follow the leaders to Sunday School.

Scripture

Luke 1: 5-25

Don Johnson

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Gift of Silence"

Rev. Deanna Gemmer

Special Music

"Take Courage"

Praise Team

Offering

Don Johnson

Choral Anthem

**"I Will Bless the Faithful"
(Arr. Benjamin Harlan)**

Shepherd Choir

*** Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Community Life

* Song

**"Everlasting God"
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles
*REPEAT***

* Benediction

Rev. Deanna Gemmer

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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