

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

June 28, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold print indicates congregational response.

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.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Bev Cascio

Come! God is leading us home.

Our wandering is over at last.

Come! God is leading us home.

Home, to a safe and prosperous place.

Come! God is leading us home.

There is no more hunger or thirst.

Come! God is leading us home.

Our lives have meaning and joy.

Come! God is leading us home.

Our souls find rest at last.

* Song

“Everlasting God”

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us, and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honor and glory forever; In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Merciful and loving God, we thank you for never losing hope for us. When we are lost, you are there on the look-out for us, bringing us back to you like the good shepherd that you are. Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around us. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Amen.

Song "In Over My Head" (see screen)

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon "Star Trek and Coming Home to Faith" *Rev. John Asher*

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:5-7; Romans 8:26-30 NIV

Song "Wherever You Lead" (see screen)

Vision for Next Year *Session*

Offering

Doxology

Steven Zopfi

**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

Rev. John Asher

* Song "I'm Trading My Sorrows" (see screen)

* Benediction *Rev. John Asher*

* Postlude

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Burden's Prayer: Adapted from liturgy posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website.
<http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>



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PC(USA) General Assembly

Did you know that every other year the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) holds a national gathering called the General Assembly to worship, discern, and make decisions for the life of the church? The current General Assembly began Monday, with commissioners and advisory delegates from across the country first meeting online before gathering in Milwaukee for plenary sessions.

Here are some of the major proposals under consideration:

A New Confession: The church is considering next steps toward a possible new confession of faith, naming corporate and systemic sins such as the worship of power and money, racism, white supremacy, and colonialism.

Denominational Concerns: Several proposals address the denomination's stewardship, structure, and future mission, including concerns about lower giving, denominational funding, and the elimination of mission co-worker positions last year.

Issues of Justice: Numerous overtures address justice concerns, including how the denomination invests money, gender-affirming health care, Christian nationalism, justice and peace in Israel and Palestine, climate care, immigration, and more.

Monogamy: One highly controversial overture would require Ministers of Word and Sacrament (Pastors), if engaged in a physical relationship, to be in a monogamous one. Several church advisory committees have recommended disapproval, raising concerns about the overture's wording, its potential impact, and whether a broader study of physical intimacy, relationships, and family life would better serve the church.

That only scratches the surface of what is happening these two weeks. The gathered assembly will also worship, pray, serve, share fellowship, and discern together. Please pray for our fellow Presbyterians as they gather, deliberate, discuss, and make decisions that will impact us at Shepherd, our denomination as a whole, and the world.