

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

September 27, 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

Janice Duvall

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
in our daily work, God calls us.**

We respond with our whole heart,
singing God's praise and giving thanks.

**In steadfast love, God fulfills
the divine purposes for our lives.**

* Song

"God So Loved"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish.

It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.

We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.

And it is difficult to love anyone — even You — more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal.

As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us

in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

In his name we pray, Amen.

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do;

In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't;

in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

Forgiven, loved, sent forth: we are not far from God's Kingdom!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song

"Jesus Does"

(see screen)

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"The Cross of Love"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

1 John 4: 9-10 NIV

Hymn # 101

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(see screen)

A Reflection on Service

Steve Fox

Offering

Special Music

"Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?"
(Arr. Sheldon Curry)

Shepherd Choir
Nancy Doty - soloist

* 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

"One Thing Remains"

(see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

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