

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

September 13, 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 (*Inspired by Psalm 118*)**

Liam Chynoweth

Open the gates of victory;

I will enter them and praise the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

The victors shall enter through it.

Blessed our those who praise the Lord.

Let us exult and rejoice in God's presence.

*** Hymn # 461**

"God Is Here!"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

God, You have told us to trust in you with all of our hearts.

You have told us not to lean on our own understanding.

And so we try to trust,

but we get very nervous when we don't understand.

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We don't understand what you mean by,
"This bread is my body." "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."
We don't understand who will betray you
or why or what that will mean for us.
We don't understand how death is victory.
We don't understand post-resurrection life – yours or ours.
We don't understand why you ask us to stay here,
And we're afraid we will somehow miss the power when it comes down from on high.
Jesus is gentle with our doubts. The Spirit offers us peace in the midst of our lack of understanding. The One who created us leads us step by step into deeper trust.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn # 284 "O God, What You Ordain is Right" (see screen)

Children's Message & Blessing

People: **"The Lord be with you!"**

Kids: **"And also with you!"**

Sermon "Christus Victor" *Rev. John Asher*

Scripture Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 2:14-15 NIV

Hymn # 122 "Thine is the Glory" (see screen)

Welcome to the Table *Rev. John Asher*

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

This morning's communion bread was baked by Sally Schneider.

Communion Prayer

Future in Focus Update

Rev. John Asher

Community Life

- * Hymn # 263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (see screen)
 - * Benediction
 - * Postlude
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Call to Worship: Adapted from an unknown author. Accessed on “The Pastor’s Workshop” website for Psalm 118:19,2c.

Burden’s Prayer: written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith.
<https://spaciousfaith.com/2012/11/07/wednesday-worship-piece-being-disciples/>



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- Visit sothpres.com/give to create your account
- Open the church app and click "Give"
- Venmo: @SOTHtreasr

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- Mail checks to: SOTH, PO Box 73426, Puyallup, WA 98373
- Zelle: Name: Shepherd of the Hill - email: sothtreasr@comcast.net
- Bill Pay/Payment Service: Setup with your bank or credit union

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Ken Emly, Financial Secretary, at finance@sothpres.com.