

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

November 9, 2025 – 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**

Paul Cascio

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life –

The life we have been given by God,

The life we share with one another in community,

The life that Jesus gives in abundance.

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

And let us worship God.

*** Song**

"10,000 Reasons"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy God, we admit to remembering the wrong things. We remember worldly lessons like, "Everyone for themselves," "An eye for an eye," and "All is fair in love and war." And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live like the body of Christ. Why is it so hard to remember the right things? Release us from our muscle memory and re-center us in a new place, a fresh place, a space grounded in your love. Help us to receive your word anew, and to consider generosity not with the world's rules, but with your rules. Help us remember. With hope in Christ we pray, Amen.

Friends, remember this good news:
When we forget, God remembers.
God remembers mercy over our mistakes.
God remembers grace over our guilt
God remembers us — and calls us beloved.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live generously. Alleluia, amen!

Song "Jesus Calls Us" (see screen)

Blessing Younger Congregants

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

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

Sermon "The Abundant Way" *Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen*

Scripture Acts 2:42-47 NIV

Hymn # 414 "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" (see screen)

Prayers of the People

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

**meaning the universal Christian church—all believers in Jesus Christ*

Song "I Surrender All" (see screen)

Community Life

* Song "The Benediction" (see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. Gary E. Mathiesen

* Postlude

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THINKING ABOUT GENEROSITY

For Individuals -

1. How was money given/not given (within your family) to the church or a charitable organization?
2. Who taught you to give?
3. How were decisions about money made in the family you grew up in?
4. When have you been the recipient of generosity? Explain the circumstances.
5. Who is the most generous person you know?
6. What practices of generosity do you have in your life?
7. What other ideas do you have for practicing generosity?

For The Congregation -

1. What is one example of Shepherd of the Hill's generosity?
2. What are some ways we might encourage others to join Shepherd of the Hill in our practice of generosity?
3. What are ways we at Shepherd of the Hill might practice being more generous?

Margaret Marcuson
Money and Your Ministry