

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

November 16, 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

Morgen Asher

We look around and see how we have been blessed –

Blessed with community, with beauty, with friendship, with faith.

That goodness washes over us, and we receive these gifts with thanks.

In this time, we thank God for all that we have been given.

So let us worship God.

* Song

“Goodness of God”

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy God, giver of blessings, we thank you for the mercies we know, and ask your forgiveness when fail to acknowledge you as the source of all good.

When we hoard your gifts, when we say, “that’s mine,”

When we ignore the bounty around us, when we are blind to the good,

Forgive us. Help us to share, to see, to live gratefully.

Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, amen.

Song "God With Us" (see screen)

Blessing Younger Congregants

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

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

Sermon "Abundance Secures" *Rev. John Asher*

Scripture Acts 4:32-37 NIV

Song "God of the Fertile Fields" (see screen)

Offering

Special Music "I Will Give Thanks"
(Joseph Martin) *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 "Send Me" (see screen)

* Benediction *Rev. John Asher*

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COVENANT OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

At Shepherd of the Hill, we say:

In our Mission Statement,

Enlarging our circle of Christian community brings others into the love and salvation of God through Jesus Christ. We especially seek outreach that provides for the poor, the homeless, and the oppressed in our community and in our world.

In our Covenant of Peace and Unity,

We will speak the truth with love, expressing ourselves with candor and humility; We will listen, endeavoring to understand each other, especially those whose views seem to differ from our own, maintaining a spirit of openness and vulnerability.

We seek to live our lives in accordance with the words of Micah 6:8:

...And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

We at Shepherd of the Hill stand with our Black, Native American, and other brothers and sisters of color who have endured generations of systemic racism. We realize that too often we as a predominantly white church and as individuals have adhered to an attitude of passivity. We have watched in silence while people of color in our community are subjugated to a racist system that dehumanizes its people and treats them as less-than.

Recognizing that this covenant is a living document, to be reviewed by Session bi-annually, we pledge to assist the church in becoming God's intercultural community. We will work towards reconciliation and accountability in the following ways:

We confess and repent of our sins of silence and for not standing with the Black, Native American and other communities of color.

We will not take part in a continuation of that silence that perpetuates the "status quo" of racial injustice in all its forms.

We will compassionately listen to and care for communities of color who are working to put an end to systemic racism.

We will continue to educate ourselves about systemic racism and not rely on people of color to shoulder the burden of teaching us.

We will practice antiracism through informed actions in worship, Bible study, Christian education, prayer, and our daily lives.

As we live into this statement, we will seek to support all those in communities that have been marginalized.

(Adopted by Session, April 2021)