

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

August 30, 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

Scott Pantaleo

With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:
Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.
With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:
Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.
With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:
Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.

* Hymn # 379

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

We gather in stubborn love, seeking to hold space for those whose hurts are deep and often unseen.

God of hope, comfort your people.

When sorrow becomes all-consuming, and despair threatens to swallow our loved ones whole,

God of recovery, comfort your people.

Protect those whose bodies, spirits, and trust have been broken time and time again.

God of healing, comfort your people.

Be with those who sleep in fear and who seek shelter in the storm.

God of hope, comfort your people.

Strengthen the survivors among us who wrestle with doubt and depression.

God of recovery, comfort your people.

Grief upon grief. Tears upon tears. Pain upon pain.

God of healing, comfort your people. May those who are scarred by struggle be transformed by hope. Amen.

Song

“As the Deer”

(see screen)

Children’s Blessing

People: “**The Lord be with you!**”

Kids: “And also with you!”

Sermon

“Praying Psalms of Lament”

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Psalms 88 NIV

Song

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

(see screen)

Prayers of the People

Lord this is our prayer/praise.

Lord hear our prayer/praise.

Affirmation of Faith

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*

Community Life

- * Song "Be Still and Know" (see screen)
- * Benediction
- * Postlude

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