

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~

September 19, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Masks required for all regardless of vaccination status.

Vaccinated worship leaders may remove masks while actively leading the congregation.

If you brought your own food and drink, you can remove your mask when actively consuming.

In an effort to create a safe environment, you may be reminded about our policies while with us.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Prelude to Worship

Sheri Martin

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.

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Brad Maxa

Come into this sacred space to worship God

whose teaching is perfect;

whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God

whose standards are right;

whose commandment is clear;

whose judgments are true.

Come with holy fear –

to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God.

**Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts
be according to your will, O God. Amen.**

* Praise Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see you, I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory,
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.
repeat

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

Prayer of Confession

Your glory, O God, is declared in the holy silence of the heavens,
and told in the silent succession of day and night.

No speech, or word or voice is heard;

yet they speak to all the world, and their words reach to the ends of the earth.

The sun joyfully leaps across the sky,
from one end of the heavens to the farthest reaches,
and nothing is hidden from its heat or light.

So nothing that we do or say or whisper in our hearts
is hidden from you, Lord God.

Release us from darkness we hide deep within our lives.

Let our lives be radiant with your love;
delighting in your teaching,

receiving insight from your commandments and wisdom from your encouragement.

Enliven our desire for create space for you in our lives,

So we may enjoy the blessings you offer,
that are found in right relationship with those around us
and with you. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn # 339

“Be Thou My Vision”

Children’s Message

Rev. John Asher

For privacy, we do not show the video of the children on our live stream. The audio is broadcast.

Scripture

Judges 4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Making Space”

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Offering

Doxology Hymn #592

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Praise Song

“Awesome God”

**When He rolls up His sleeves, He ain’t puttin’ on the ritz
Our God is an awesome God.
There is lightning in His footsteps and thunder in His fists
Our God is an awesome God
The Lord wasn’t joking when he kicked ‘em out of Eden
It wasn’t for no reason that He shed His blood
His return is very soon so you better be believin’
That our God is an awesome God.**

Chorus:

**Our God is an awesome God,
He reign’s from heaven above.
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God.**

(continued)

And when the sky was starless in the void of the night
Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness and created the light
Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not too quickly forgotten
That our God is an awesome God
chorus

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

Postlude

Sheri Martin

Greet someone you don't know following worship this morning!

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*Call to Worship and Confession adapted from the writings of Jeff Shrowder, posted at
<http://thebillabong.info/>*

News & Notes

GOD'S GANG STARTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30-8PM Calling all kids in grades 2-5 to join God's Gang on Monday evenings for fun, games, and a cool Gospel message. Jay will be your fearless leader. Parents please drop off and pick up kids by the church garage. We will play outside mostly while the nice weather lasts. Restrooms will be available. Kids and Leaders will all wear masks. Jay Kennon, 253-229-1747, jay76kennon@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP STARTS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 7-8:45PM. Hey Teens (grades 6-12)! Jay and Caleb can't wait to see you at Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. We will be doing what Youth Group does best--Fun! Fellowship! Sharing the Good News! We will meet by the church garage. Restrooms will be available. Wear your masks please. Jay Kennon, 253-229-1747, jay76kennon@gmail.com.

UPDATE: SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT EDUCATION Christian Education Committee has decided to postpone the start of Sunday School and the Adult Education Class due to increasing daily Covid numbers. We will monitor the situation, consult with parents, and tentatively plan to start our Sunday education programs in October.

WAYS TO GIVE On our website, go to: <https://www.sothpres.com/give/> to set up your account. On our church app, click on "Give". When you give through the website or app, 2% of your gift goes to the Presbyterian Foundation. There is also a tithing box available on Sunday morning. You can also send checks to: SOTH, PO Box 73426, Puyallup, WA 98373. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or Ken Emly, Financial Secretary, at sohtreasr@comcast.net.

HCC ADVENT DEVOTIONAL Hagar's Community Church, an Olympia Presbytery ministry located within the Washington Corrections Center for Women, has created a new devotional for the Advent season titled Unlikely Prophets. It can be preordered at: <https://cyclicalpublishing.com/unlikely-prophets/>.

NEED A NAMETAG? Please contact the office if you would like a nametag for Sunday mornings.

OFFICE HOURS The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 9am-3pm. Please wear a mask when stopping by.