

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church ^{USA}

September 20, 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

Special Music

"We're Gonna Have Church"
(Pepper Choplin)

Shepherd Choir

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Bev Cascio

Come, all who hunger for mercy.

We come to the God whose grace is freely given.

Come, all who carry guilt, regret, or shame.

We come to Christ, who gave himself for us in love.

At the cross, God meets our sin with forgiveness and our brokenness with grace.

Through Jesus Christ, we are welcomed, restored, and made new.

Let us worship the God of costly and redeeming love.

With gratitude and hope, let us worship God.

* Song

"Jesus Messiah"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy Christ, we come to You knowing that we have fallen away from Your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, turned away from our neighbors in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You gave Your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times. Forgive us for receiving your costly grace while withholding grace from others. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back, to repent, and return to the kingdom of God. In Your precious Name we pray. Amen.

**Christ has laid down his life for us,
so that we might have life.**

**Christ has opened the way of grace,
so that we may live in freedom and truth.**

**Christ has loved us completely,
so that we might love God and our neighbors.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and given new life.

Amen.

Hymn # 261

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

(see screen)

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"The Cross of Sacrifice"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Romans 3:21-26 NIV

Song

"In Christ Alone"

(see screen)

Prayers of the People

Lord this is our prayer/praise.

Lord hear our prayer/praise.

Affirmation of Faith *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09)*

We believe God was reconciling the world in Christ.

Scripture speaks of this mystery in many ways:

as sacrifice and atonement,

as ransom and forgiveness,

as the payment of a debt,

and as victory over the powers of evil.

No single image can contain the whole mystery

of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ.

In the cross we see the gravity of sin,

the cost of grace,

and the sure promise of reconciliation.

In Jesus Christ, God has acted to save,

to reconcile, and to make all things new.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Community Life

* Song "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" (see screen)

* Benediction

* Postlude

We live stream each service. By your presence, you agree the church may publish, transmit, or telecast images that may be taken of you for use in communications related to the church. If you prefer to not sit in a visible area, we recommend the section on the right side of the sanctuary when entering. Please reach out to the office with any questions.

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Attribution Notes: Call to Worship: Written by Pastor John with assistance from artificial intelligence.

Burden's Prayer: Adapted from a prayer written by Rev. Mindi, and posted on Rev-o-lution.
<http://rev-o-lution.org/>



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Please scan the code and fill out the form to receive weekly
email announcements.

HOW TO USE QR CODES See one of these little square codes in our Order of Worship or on screen? It's an easy way to open a website or other information on your phone. To access it:

Open the camera on your smartphone.

Point the camera at the QR code. You do not need to take a picture.

A link should appear on your screen.

Tap the link to open it.

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

Additional giving options are always available:

- Donation box near main entrance doors
- 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.