

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2025 ~ 7:00 p.m.

The Prelude to Worship

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.

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Mathiesen & Engle Family

Today, we conclude our Advent Journey as we light the Christ Candle, welcoming the one promised in Scripture.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We celebrate the hope brought to earth by our Wonderful Counselor.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We rejoice in the strength and power of a Mighty God.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

We sing of peace on earth and good will to all people.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

And we lift our hearts in praise to our Everlasting Father.

He is called Emmanuel: God with us!

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

* Hymn # 41

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Kim Randall

Hymn # 25

“Away in a Manger”

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 8-20

Kim Randall

Hymn # 23

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

A Story of Christmas

"The Tale of Three Trees"
by Angela Elwell Hunt

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 53

"What Child Is This?"

Welcome to the Table

Rev. John Asher

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion Prayer

Lighting of the Candles

Rev. John Asher & Kim Randall

We will light our candles from the Christ candle.

You are invited to stand (if able) and pass the flame on to those next to you,
by keeping the lit candle straight and tipping the receiving candle.

* Hymn # 60

"Silent Night"

* Hymn #40

"Joy to the World"
(verses 1, 2 4)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

Postlude

Please leave your extinguished candle in the basket provided in the narthex.

We livestream 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.