

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
October 24, 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

Bev Cascio

Holy One,
As we gather this morning to worship you,
May we speak truth,
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.
May we pray in faith,
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.
May we sing with joy,
So that our words may give grace to those who hear.
May we listen with open minds and receptive hearts,
So that Your words may give grace to us who hear.
Amen.

* Hymn # 461

"God Is Here!"

Prayer of Confession

Each of us, Lord, has failed to fully observe your beauty.

We fall in love with our own image and are left disappointed and alone.

Please be faithful to us, Jesus, even when we turn from You.

We trust that You will be stalwart, our dedicated Savior, to the end.

Lord, as we seek to embrace our neighbors, no matter the loves of their hearts, help us to see them as You do, with compassion and zeal for their good.

Forgive us, Holy Spirit, for when we have excluded our neighbors from our hearts or our tables, knowing how deeply You cherish them.

Forgive us now, in the name of Jesus and for his glory, and may your face be shown vibrantly where we have failed to show ours. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song

“The Summons”

(see insert)

Children's Message

Rev. John Asher

For privacy, we limit the video of the children on our live stream. The audio is broadcast.

Sermon

“Radical Hospitality”

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Acts 16:11-15, 40

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 492

“Baptized in Water”

Baptism of Jamie Thomas Adams

The Apostles Creed

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.

Special Music

“Oceans”

Erin Calata and Sheri Martin

Prayers of the People

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.

* Hymn # 559

"We Gather Together"

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

Postlude

Sheri Martin

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

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Call to Worship: Posted by Joanna Harader on Spacious Faith. <http://spaciousfaith.com/>

Confession and Assurance: Posted by Charles Teixeira on The Pastor's Workshop.

<https://thepastorsworkshop.com/>

News & Notes

FALL PLANT EXCHANGE -- TODAY! Stop by the area outside of the narthex to exchange/take some plants and seeds.

CANDY CATCH – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 3-5PM This year, we are opening the Catch to the community and bringing back games. This will be a masked event being indoors and out. While we have tubes available, we encourage unique ways of delivering candy to kids. We are looking for donations of small toys and candy. We are also looking for game leaders and candy deliverers. Please contact Brittain Southwell at brittainsouth@gmail.com for more info or to sign up to help.

TUESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY The Tuesday Men's Bible Study is starting a new 12-week study of the book "Isaiah" on **Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 a.m.** via Zoom. All men are invited to join for fellowship time and Bible study. Contact Don Johnson at djohnsonwa@comcast.net for study material and the Zoom link.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Women's Bible Study has begun meeting on Thursdays at 10:00 AM. We are studying Romans using N.T. Wright's "For Everyone Bible Study Guide." All the books have been spoken for, so if you want to join us you can order it on Amazon or from InterVarsity Press or let Bev Cascio know and she can order more. We meet in person and on Zoom. For those wishing to join the study in person, we will be meeting in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Cascio at 253.862.7132 or bev.cascio@gmail.com.

STUDY LEAVE/OFFICE NEWS Please note that Pastor John will be on study leave for the first week in November. The church office will also be closed on Monday November 1 and Tuesday, November 2.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS The November/December edition is now available in the narthex.

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

GOD'S GANG – MONDAYS, 6:30-8PM | YOUTH GROUP – WEDNESDAYS, 7-8:45PM
Contact Jay Kennon, 253-229-1747, jay76kennon@gmail.com for more information!

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 in the narthex. 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 sothtreasr@comcast.net.

THE CHURCH ON FACEBOOK We have several ways for you to connect:

"Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA" is our public page, where content is focused on reaching people in our congregation and community. You do not have to join to view, but please "like" the page to see posts in your feed! <https://www.facebook.com/shepherdpres>

"SOTH Connections" is a private page for members and friends of the congregation to stay connected with current events in the life of the church. To request to join, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shepherdconnections>

"Shepherd of the Hill – Sharing Our Prayers" is a private page for current members or regular attendees. It is a place to share prayer requests and get support in a safe place. To join, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sothsharingourprayers>

"Shepherd of the Hill Virtual Cookbook" is a place to share old and new recipes with others! To join, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sothvirtualcookbook>