

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

~ Service for the Lord's Day ~
November 12, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bold print indicates congregational response.

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.

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Ken Emly

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

God is the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

* Hymn # 276

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Ken Emly

Again we must confess, Giver of the Universe, our struggles to be faithful disciples. Entrusted with all your gifts, we become fearful once again of misusing them, missing the chance to be a blessing to others. Invited to dance in the light of your love, we stand against the wall once again, keeping company with our old friend sin. Called to be emptied for those who struggle in life, we fill ourselves once again, with scorn for the poor choices they make. Gracious God, have mercy on us. Once again, open our eyes to your kingdom in our midst, so we might discover that your day of hope and grace has already come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In his name we pray, Amen.

This is the good news: God intends for us to find life, to embrace hope, to receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ, who was rich and became poor for us. The end of our journey is not rejection and emptiness, but the fullness of grace and hope in our God.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

Hymn # 341

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Children's Message

Ken Emly

Children are welcome to remain in the service or follow the leaders to Sunday School.

Scripture

2 Corinthians 8: 1-15

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Giving Together”

Rev. John Asher

Hymn # 414

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

Welcoming New Members

Offering

* Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Community Life

* Hymn # 422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

* Benediction

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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Covenant Of Peace And Unity

As followers of Jesus Christ we yearn for harmony and sometimes deny when discord is among us. But disagreements and disputes are natural and inevitable in everyday life, at work, at school, in our community and in our church. We don't always know the best way to deal with conflict, yet we are called to participate in God's activity by healing, reconciling, and binding up wounds. Peace and unity require action.

As a community of followers of Jesus Christ at Shepherd of the Hill, we covenant together that when faced with conflict:

We will pray for each other that we may faithfully serve God, follow Jesus Christ, and be guided by the Holy Spirit;

We will seek to be guided by Scripture;

We will acknowledge that the peace and unity we seek is God's gift to us in Christ;

We will speak the truth with love, expressing ourselves with candor and humility;

We will listen, endeavoring to understand each other, especially those whose views seem to differ from our own, maintaining a spirit of openness and vulnerability;

We will respect confidences, show faithfulness in our relationships, and trust each other's motivations and dedication.

(Adopted by Session, April 2002)