

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

January 25, 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

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

*** Call to Worship**

Don Johnson

It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.
And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.
We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven our worship.
Help us by our actions to be faithful followers of Jesus.
For this, we give you thanks and praise.

*** Song**

"Everlasting God"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

God, we have walked along crooked paths strewn with our selfishness and greed, our prejudice, and our apathy. We confess that we have hidden from the light, from the light which exposes everything, the love and the hate, the good deeds and the harmful ones. Today we admit to you our failings, where we have wandered, when we have not listened. We confess to you our sin and the burdens we carry. In the days to come, remind us of your love and grace. Show us your power to transform hearts and minds. Satisfy us with peace in our souls that we will take peace into this war-weary world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, amen.

Special Music

"Praise Canon"
(Michael Sharp)

Shepherd Choir

Blessing Younger Congregants

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"The Rhythm of Reflection"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

James 1:19–25 NIV

Song

"Ancient Words"

(see screen)

Pastoral Prayer

Affirmation: 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.

**meaning the universal Christian church—all believers in Jesus Christ*

Song

"Wherever You Lead"

(see screen)

Community Life

* Song

"What a Beautiful Name"

(see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

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Leadership at Shepherd

ELDERS

2026

Don Bennett
Ron Hale

2027

AJ Guenterberg
Andy McClure, Clerk

2028

Dave Chinchar
Stacy Wadsworth

DEACONS

Susan Starkel
Mary Kay Wilson, Moderator
Jan Zimmerman

Susan Boyles
Liam Chynoweth
Angie Nacorda

Mary Mathiesen
Deborah Ryker
Jill Snider

Team Leads

Fellowship: Ruth Kennon

Property Care: Scott Pantaleo

Social Justice: Merry Pantaleo

Worship: Janice Duvall

Mission: Sheri Martin

Stewardship: Don Bennett

Praise Team: Christine Bozich

Human Resources: Marianne Bastin

Staff

Rev. John Asher, Pastor

Gina Sharp, Operations & Communications Manager

Kathryn Lehmann, Choir Director

Sheri Martin, Pianist

Ken Emly, Financial Secretary

Mattie Jollie, Youth Ministries Coordinator

Liam Chynoweth, Sunday School Lead

Breann Franklin, Nursery Attendant

Caylee Cline, Custodian