

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ First Sunday in Lent ~
March 6, 2022 – 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

Steve Fox

Ashes have been smeared and need has been confessed...

We follow our faithful Lord.

These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

We follow our faithful Lord.

It is God who sustains, not the temptations and distractions of this world...

We follow our faithful Lord.

In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

We follow our faithful Lord.

Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

We follow our faithful Lord.

* Song

"The Heart of Worship"

**When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart**

**I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart**

CHORUS:

**I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus**

**King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath**

**I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart**

CHORUS

Letting Go of Our Burdens

Steve Fox

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Children's Message

Pat Williams

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

Children through 6th grade may be excused to Sunday School in the CE Area,
or remain in worship with their parents.

Sermon

“Letting Go of Distraction”

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Luke 4: 1-13

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

Communion

You are invited during the music to come forward and collect the bread and juice for communion. We will consume these elements together after they have been collected. If you would like someone to bring elements to you where you are seated, you may raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you.

Special Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

Erin Calata

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

“Faith Begins by Letting Go”

**Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.**

(continued)

**Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.**

**Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.**

* Benediction

* Postlude

Sheri Martin

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

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**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 –
and ends with the Saturday of Holy Week, April 16, 2022.**

**Lent begins with the 40 days plus six Sundays before Easter which are set aside for
spiritual repentance and renewal. It is a time of personal reflection and rededication to
Jesus Christ. The 40 days are symbolic of the 40 years of the Old Testament wilderness
wanderings and the 40 days of Jesus' wilderness experience.**

**We are encouraged to use this season of spiritual preparation as we face
the reality of our sin and the meaning of the cross.**