

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church ^{USA}

September 7, 2025 – 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.

The Prelude to Worship

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

* Call to Worship

Angie Nacorda

God is good!

All the time.

All the time.

God is good!

Let that goodness wash over us.

And overflow out into the world.

Let us worship God.

* Song

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

God, it seems we cannot decide.

**We say we will live to serve others,
but end up meeting only our needs.**

**We claim to live in a way that honors Christ,
but we do not take him to work, school, and home.**

We believe that the gospel can transform lives,

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at least, for those who need it, not us.

Forgive us.

Instead of grumblers,

may we be ambassadors of grace.

Instead of continual complaining,

may we carry compassion to the hurting.

Instead of whiners,

may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

In his name we pray, amen.

This is the good news:

there is no ranking in God's kingdom.

God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song

"God With Us"

(see screen)

Sermon

"A Different Kind of Kingdom"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Mark 8:11-18 NIV

Special Music

"Soon and Very Soon"
(spiritual)

Shepherd Choir

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.

Breaking the Bread

Communion Prayer

Mission Trip Stories & Slideshow

Community Life

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| * <u>Hymn</u> # 155 | "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" | (see screen) |
| * <u>Choral Benediction</u> | "May You Run and Not Be Weary" | <i>Shepherd Choir</i> |
| * <u>Postlude</u> | | |
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Call to Worship: Written by Pastor John.

Burden's Prayer: Adapted from writings by Thom Shuman, from Lectionary Liturgies.

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