# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

November 8, 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 *Kim Randall*

The Lord is King! The Lord is King over all people and all creation.
**The foundations of God's throne are justice and equity, and Holiness and Justice are names for the Lord our God.**
The Lord is King! The Lord is King over the nations, and humanity's cultures, traditions and relationships.
**The foundations of God's throne are love and mercy, and Love and Mercy are names for the Lord our God.**
The Lord is King! The Lord is King over all thought, imagination, intuition, and the endless search for knowledge.
**The foundation of God's throne is wisdom, and Wisdom is a name for the Lord our God.**
This is the God who calls us out of darkness, who breaks the chains that hold us, and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.
**Come, let us worship the God who makes all things new!**

* Song "Glorious Day" (see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

**God, we are sorry that we become so engrossed with ourselves and our worldly matters. We do not give time to consider why you made us who we are and placed us where we are. Sometimes we feel that our affairs are too trivial to bring before you. We believe we can manage life by ourselves. Yet we realize that we are part of your kingdom; that you created us and have a purpose for us. Forgive our self-centeredness, and give us a wider vision, so that in you we may find our true selves and the reason for our being. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Hear the good news: God's love is not limited by our attention, and God's grace is greater than our self-reliance. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and invited to live with renewed purpose.

**Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, we are loved, and we do not walk alone. Amen.**

Special Music "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" (Mark A. Miller) *Shepherd Choir*

Children's Blessing

People: **"The Lord be with you!"**

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon "A Better You, Forever" *Rev. John Asher*

Scripture Luke 12:13–21 NIV

Hymn # 272 "God of the Sparrow"

Prayers of the People

Lord, this is our prayer/praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer/praise.**

Song "Jesus Loves Me (Allelu)" (see screen)

Community Life

* Song "Take My Life" (see screen)

* Benediction *Rev. John Asher*

* Postlude

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Burden's Prayer: Adapted from a prayer written by Rev Kenneth Walker, retired of Athelstaneford with Whitekirk and Tyninghame. It was posted on the Church of Scotland's Starters for Sunday website.

We would love to share with you what's happening! Please scan the code and fill out the form to receive weekly email announcements.

## Help Shape the Future of Our Children's & Youth Ministries!

### YOUTH MINISTRY ASSESSMENT - NOVEMBER 8-9

Help shape the future of Shepherd's children and youth ministries! As part of our 2026-2027 Vision of Ministry, we are partnering with Ministry Architects for a two-day assessment on Sunday, November 8, and Monday, November 9, to listen to the experiences, hopes, and ideas of our congregation.

Listening sessions are available for:

Parents of Children & Youth — Sunday, 11:30 AM in the Library (childcare in CE Area)

General Congregation — Sunday, 12:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Middle and High School Youth — Sunday, 6:00 PM, during a special Youth Group event

Church Staff & Team Leads — Monday, 12:00 PM, with a hybrid/Zoom option

Childcare will be provided for PK-5th grade. You only need to attend one session, even if you fit more than one group. Additional sessions are being offered to volunteers and youth staff. Everyone who cares about the future of these ministries is welcome.