

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

November 30, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

## *First Sunday of Advent*

*\* 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*

### Choral/Congregational Introit “Of the Father’s Love”

(Joel Raney)

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Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

*Randall Family*

During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who will bring answers to a world filled with questions.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can heal what has been wounded and mend what has been broken.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

We wait for the one who can renew our weary spirits and ignite our hearts with hope.

**And he will be called Wonderful Counselor.**

Choral/Congregational Response

(see front)

Prayer

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

*Ken Emly*

**God of tenderness and love, breathe your grace into our lives. Forgive our wandering ways, and guide us along your paths of peace. When we lose our way, and forget the reason and purpose of this season, carry us back to you. Lead us up to that high mountain of faith and hope, that we might truly proclaim: "Here is our God!" In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

"Comfort, O comfort my people," says our God.

Your sin no longer needs to hold you back.

For in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Song

"Come, Jesus, Come"

(see screen)

Children's Blessing

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

Kids: **"And also with you!"**

Sermon

"Abundance Prepares"

*Rev. John Asher*

Scripture

Isaiah 40:1-5; Selections from Acts NIV

Hymn # 13

"Prepare the Way"

(see screen)

Mission Report

Hagar's Community Church

*Rev. Deanna Gemmer*

Song

"King of Kings"

(see screen)

Community Life

Song

"Even So Come"

(see screen)

\* Benediction

*Rev. John Asher*

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## *We Welcome All*

We want to care for, appropriately and effectively, anyone who wants Shepherd to be their spiritual home. This Spirit-led desire feels even more poignant when we consider those who have been disenfranchised, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, those born in other places or of a different skin color, those experiencing economic hardship, and others.

To be inclusive means to accept all people as loved by God. We recognize that all who receive Christ belong in the community of faith. We also recognize and honor the rich complexity and diversity of people God calls to our faith community, including people who disagree with this statement. Though not all may agree, we find our unity in Christ who loves each of us and all of us together.

We welcome all people into all parts of the church's life and ministry, including ordained ministry as a Ruling Elder, Teaching Elder, or Deacon. We seek to appreciate the vital worth of each human being, and will intentionally work to provide welcome and inclusion of all people in the life of our congregation.