

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

October 26, 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.

Prelude

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

*** Call to Worship**

Sally Schneider

A love that never ceases,
A creativity that designed the universe,
A hope that cannot be quenched,
A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:
These are the things of God,
Then let us worship God.

*** Song**

"Praise"

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

Special Music with Congregation

(see insert)

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”
(The Sacred Harp (1844) arranged by Highben)

Blessing Younger Congregants

Sermon

“Truth Worth Telling”

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Luke 1:1–4; John 18:36–40; Peter 1:16–19 NIV

Song

“Made for More”

(see screen)

Welcoming New Members:

Jaeda Bozich, Beth Farnum, Larry Farnum, Mona Hall, Ron Hall, Phil Hite, Susan Hite, Carole Smarr, Helmi Temple, Terry Temple, Audrey Wadsworth, Kimmy Wadsworth

The Sacrament of Baptism

Community Life

* Song

“Living Hope”

(see screen)

* Benediction

Rev. John Asher

* Postlude

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