

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

April 12, 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

Brad Maxa

* Call to Worship

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.

Don Johnson

* Hymn # 469

“Morning Has Broken”

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Gracious God,

Increase our doubt:

That wars bring peace

That science is a cure-all

That we are in control.

(continued...)

Deliver us from:

The cowardice that dares not face new truth.

The laziness that is content with half truth.

The arrogance that thinks we know all truth.

Heal us so:

We may counter our temptations.

We may commit to the Gospel.

We may rekindle the great gift of faith.

In Christ's name, Amen.

Friends in Christ, know this:

God guides us back to truth when we are lost

And helps us let go of what has led us astray.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

Song

"In An Age of Twisted Values"

(see screen)

Children's Blessing

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

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

Sermon

"The Power of Repeated Truth"

Christine Bozich

Scripture

Exodus 20:2; Psalm 136: 1-9

Song

"Who You Say I Am"

(see screen)

Prayers of the People

Lord, this is our prayer/praise.

Lord, hear our prayer/praise.

Pat Williams

Affirmation of Faith

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 "In Over My Head" (see screen)

Community Life *Brad Maxa*

* Song "Way Maker" (see screen)

* Benediction *Christine Bozich*

* Postlude

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Call to Worship: By Pastor John

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Future in Focus

Two years ago, Session (our leadership council) determined there was a need for greater clarity for our calling as a church. This led to the Future in Focus process, an annual practice that helps us consider new questions about our mission. It involves a set of three intentional conversations, each guiding Session in setting our focus. The goal is to help our growing community have a shared understanding of our unique role within God's ministry in Puyallup and beyond.

Last year, we stepped into this process for the first time. It supported many new initiatives born of conversations in our ministry teams and prompted them to pursue new endeavors as well. These include new fellowship groups, worship experimentation, our progress flag, a joint youth mission trip, the campout, immigrant support, and increased missional partnerships. Through these efforts, we began to answer the questions God placed on our hearts: Where is God leading us to build community and grow spiritually, and how is the Spirit calling us to partner with others to serve the vulnerable with justice and compassion?

Session looks forward to reporting back these learnings in the future. In the meantime, we would like to invite you to lean in as we begin considering where God is calling us to focus next. After worship on Sunday, April 26, we would love to have you join us for intentional conversations over coffee and treats. We believe the Holy Spirit is at work in every corner of our community, and these discussions directly shaped our ministry efforts this past year.

We look forward to the conversation,

Rev. John Asher
On behalf of the Session