

# Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church (USA)

~ Second Sunday of Advent ~

December 5, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

Masks required for all regardless of vaccination status.

Vaccinated worship leaders may remove masks while actively leading the congregation. If you brought your own food and drink, you can remove your mask when actively consuming. In an effort to create a safe environment, you may be reminded about our policies while with us.

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Prelude to Worship

*Sheri Martin*

*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.*

Greeting and Announcements

*Rev. John Asher*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

*Ed and Fran Miller &  
Choir with congregational singing (see back)*

In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

**Christ is our light and the source of our hope.**

Prayer of Confession

*Susan Boyles*

**Gracious God, as we continue our advent journey, we thank you for the gift of your Son, and for sending hope into a world filled with dread. We confess that at times we embrace negativity. Help us remember that we are your people, and because of your promises we have every reason to be hopeful. Take away our doubt and fear, and remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of hope, Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Hymn #3

“Comfort, Comfort You My People”

Children’s Message

*Susan Boyles*

*For privacy, we limit the video of the children on our live stream. The audio is broadcast.*

Sermon

“A House of Hope”

*Rev. John Asher*

Scripture

Mark 1: 1-11

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 9

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Communion

*You are invited during the music to come forward and collect the bread and juice for communion. We will consume these elements together after they have been collected. If you would like someone to bring elements to you where you are seated, you may raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. For those worshipping at home, please collect juice/water and a plain bread or cracker to serve as elements.*

Special Music

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

The Apostles Creed

**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*

\* Hymn # 8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

\* Benediction

Postlude

*Sheri Martin*

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# Love's Pure Light

## Congregational part

*"Gesù Bambino"*  
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by  
JOEL RANEY



O come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring  
hope to the world, bring peace to the  
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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# Comfort, Comfort You My People

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PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.8.8

Johannes Olearius, 1671

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Genevan Psalter, 1551

1. Com - fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God;  
2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert far and near,  
3. Make you straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Bowed be - neath op - pres - sion's load.  
Bid - ding us to make re - pent - ance ' Since the king - dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, And their war - fare now is o - ver.  
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing And the hills bow down in greet - ing.  
And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Hymn # 9

**O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.**

*Chorus*

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here,  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind,  
Bid envy, strife, and discords cease  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642  
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789  
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the  
2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is  
tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for  
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!  
heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.  
pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.