

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church USA

July 19, 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

Jay Kennon

Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;

Jesus calls us to worship.

Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;

Jesus calls us to love.

Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;

Jesus calls us to justice.

Let us heed the call of Christ.

Let us worship together with joy.

* Song

“Sing a Song”

(see screen)

Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy God, for being so proud, so smart, so able that we forget how to be humble, how to learn, and how to seek help; for being so smug, so anxious, so mean that we forget we are not always right, or in control, or good; for being less than what you created us to be: Forgive us, and make us whole. This we pray in Jesus' strong name. Amen.

My friends, Scripture tells us again and again: God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace.

Hallelujah, Amen!

Hymn # 467

"How Great Thou Art"
(Verses 1, 3, 4)

(see screen)

Children's Blessing

People: "The Lord be with you!"

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"The Bear and Discipline That Frees Us"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Hebrews 12:1-11 NIV

Song

"Simple Gifts"

(see screen)

Prayers of the People

Lord this is our prayer/praise.

Lord hear our prayer/praise.

Affirmation of Faith - 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.

Song

"Way Maker"

(see screen)

Community Life

- * Song "Cornerstone" (see screen)
 - * Benediction *Rev. John Asher*
 - * Postlude
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FUTURE IN FOCUS UPDATE

Each year, we listen for God's call to our church by asking questions that emerge from conversations with our community. We call these our Open Questions (in bold below). Under each one, we name a strategy to help discern God's answer — our Annual Vision of Ministry. For September 2026 through June 2027, we feel called to the following:

1) How can Shepherd lead in expressing radical love for our community with others?

Find 15 new community organizations within 10 miles that we can work with, and identify and achieve two common goals with five of them.

2) How shall Shepherd help us grow in our faith, engaging us in life-changing ministries?

Create a discipleship development program, and have one quarter of the congregation participate in it.

3) How shall Shepherd ensure the continued growth of our youth ministry?

Conduct a youth and young families assessment to expand youth ministries, identify the top three needs, and address them.

This summer, leaders are prayerfully identifying people whose interests, gifts, and availability fit these efforts. In the coming weeks, we'll start to map out the year ahead so that, by next June, each of these callings has moved from vision to reality. Are you interested in this work? If so, please reach out to Pastor John or Gina Sharp, our Operations and Communications Manager.