

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church ^{USA}

October 19, 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

Janice Duvall

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us,
The One who equips us,
The One who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

* Song

“Love of God”

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Sharing Our Burdens Prayer

Holy God, we confess to you our pain:
Pain we inflict on others,
Pain that wakes us in the night,
Pain of brothers and sisters and people unknown,
Pain in this city, this nation, and this world.
The pain of systems unyielding.
Lord Christ,

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Enter into our pain:

Bear the burdens we feel and create.

Redeem what is crushing and wrong.

By your Spirit,

Forgive us and heal us,

Set us free to love and to live.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Siblings in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"Come, Children of Zion"
(Arr. Lloyd Larson)

Shepherd Choir

Blessing Younger Congregants

Leader: "Go in peace to learn and grow in God's love!"

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

Kids: "And also with you!"

Sermon

"Pledging Allegiance to Christ"

Rev. John Asher

Scripture

Romans 13:1-3; Matthew 22:15-22 NIV

Hymn

"In An Age of Twisted Values"

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Prayers of the People

Lord, this is our prayer/praise.

Lord, hear our prayer/praise.

Affirmation of Faith

**We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;
have one God, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name,
are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.**

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Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.

Song

"Do It Again"

(see screen)

Community Life

*** Song**

"Raise a Hallelujah"

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*** Benediction**

Rev. John Asher

*** Postlude**

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