



# Shepherd of the Hills

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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December 1, 2024 9:30am



The mission of Shepherd of the Hills is to join God's work in our neighborhood to share Christ's light and hope and to demonstrate His love and mercy. We follow Christ's example of coming not to be served, but to serve, and in that way, we strive to live out our beliefs.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GATHERING THE GENERATIONS**

*Away In a Manger*

### **ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

### **\*WORSHIP IN SONG**

*Through the Ages (Away in a Manger tune)*

*Hymn of Joy*

### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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## **\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Hymn of Joy (Chorus)*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Sing Joy Arr. Mark Hayes*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Doxology*

## **SERMON**

Pastor Matt Syrdal

### **“There’s Room for Every Story”**

**Matthew 1:1-17**

Our series begins with Matthew’s genealogy. In that long list of names, we remember the trauma and triumph of those who came before; each name holds a story and their story gives way to Christ’s story. When you zoom in, you may not be able to see how each character propels the story forward, but when you zoom out, you can see how each story is woven together into a larger tapestry. The Isaiah passage illustrates a convergence of opposing groups and identities coming together. Instead of the way of the past—of war—they learn a new way by transforming their weapons into gardening tools. What are the old paths that we’ve followed, and where must we diverge into a new way?

## **COMMUNION**

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

## **\*WORSHIP IN SONG**

*#15 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

## **BENEDICTION**

\*Please stand in body or spirit

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

- ◆ **NURSERY CARE** is provided today.
- ◆ **KIDS' CONNECTION/SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Kids will join us for the first part of worship and be dismissed to the library for advent activities.
- ◆ **TOWN HALL** After worship in Charter Hall. Nursery care provided during the meeting.

## UPCOMING

- ◆ **GRIEF GROUP** Tuesday December 3 at 3:30pm in the Library.
- ◆ **CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSAL** Wednesday December 4 at 6:15pm for Bells and 7:15pm for Choir. New members are welcome anytime.
- ◆ **HOLIDAY CONCERT** Thursday December 5 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available in the Narthex.
- ◆ **ADVENT FESTIVAL** Saturday December 7 from 11am-1pm in Charter Hall. Families can enjoy making crafts, listening to stories, and singing carols. Bring your best pot of chili for the Chili Cookoff.
- ◆ **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT** Thursday December 12 at either 10:30am or 7:00pm. Both are on Zoom.
- ◆ **GREEN MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR CONCERT** December 12 and 13 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Admission is \$10 at the door.
- ◆ **BLUE CHRISTMAS** For those who are struggling to find joy this season due to loss or grief, we invite you to our Blue Christmas Service on December 17 at 3:30 PM, a special time of comfort and reflection.
- ◆ **THIS IS CHRISTMAS** Instrumentalists and vocalists will join together on December 22 to present a cantata called *This Is Christmas* during the worship service at 9:30 AM.

# CONGREGATIONAL TOWN HALL MEETING

December 1, 2024

**10:45 am Welcome & Prayer - Pastor Matt**

## **Bright Spots**

Reflection: What are the Bright Spots you see at SOTH?

**11:00 am Congregational Covenant - Anne Nance & Nancy Cummings**

## **The Role of Session**

## **The Process of Session**

## **Shepherd of the Hills PC(USA) Vision and Values Q & A**

**11:15 am Rental Partnerships - Becky Atkinson & Cathy Stamp**

## **Current Partnerships & Renters - Scott Meiklejohn**

1. Nesting & Renting

2. Anchor Partners

## **Vision and Strategy - Becky, Cathy, Scott**

3. Integrating Our Church Space

4. Investment Strategy & Rental Revenue - Barry Stamp

5. Future Possibilities - Scott Meiklejohn

**11:30 am Q & A**

**11:45 am Close in Prayer - Pastor Matt**

## **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Begins Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
following Worship

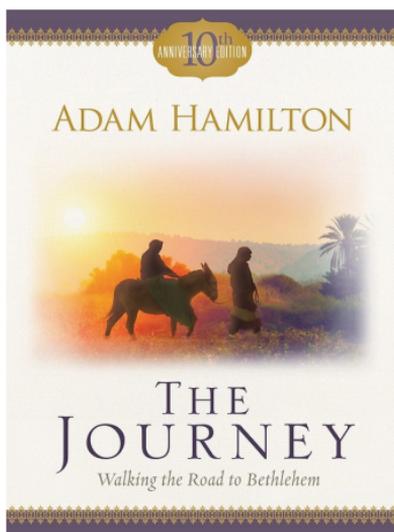
Join us for "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton.

Walk along with Mary and Joseph as they journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem through a DVD presentation and discussion.

December 8 – Mary of Nazareth

December 15 – Joseph of Bethlehem

December 22 – From Nazareth to Bethlehem



# UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024**

*"God Meets Us In Our Fear"*

Luke 1:26-38 | Isaiah 11:1-10

Matt Syrdal, preaching

## OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY, 9AM TO 1PM

CLOSED FRIDAYS

Pastor Matt Syrdal is in the office M 8am-5pm, T-W 8am-1pm,  
F 8am-2pm

Pastor Heather Cameron is in the office M-Th 9:30am-3:30pm

Sandy Safford is in the office T, Th 9:30am-3pm

Holly Meiklejohn is in the office M, T, Th 10am-3pm

Arwen Pond is in the office M, T, Th 8:30am to 12:30pm,  
W 8:30 to 1pm and F 8:30am to 12pm

## GENEROSITY CORNER

Dear Friends, Thank you for your incredible generosity this pledge season!

As stewards of God's good gifts, we track trends in giving to achieve our goals for operations, ministry and mission each year. Our pledge goal for 2025 is \$231,350.

- 2024 we received 62 pledges for a total of \$180,051
- 2025 we have so far received 53 pledges for a total of \$186,333

**Half of our pledgers have INCREASED your gifts by an average of 32%! What a testimony to God's grace in our midst, thank you.**

**Help us reach our goal with \$45,000 to go!** There is still time to submit your pledge, you can pledge online (starting December 15) at: <https://onrealm.org/SOTH/-/form/give/now> or mail it in to the church office by December 31st!

Pastor Matt

*\*\*The Finance office will be sending you a copy of your last statement of the year to complete your 2024 pledge.\*\**

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

### ASSISTING WORSHIP

Arwen Pond

**Graphics Technician**

Eleanor Helker

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**Video Technician**

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### MEET THE STAFF

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