

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Presbyterian Church

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October 11, 2026 9:30am



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WORSHIP IN SONG

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Chorus

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down
From lofty mountain
grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3

And when I think
That God His Son not
sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 4

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

All Creatures of our God and King

Verse 1

All creatures of our
God and King
Lift up your voice
and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with
golden beam
Thou silver moon
with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind
that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail
in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon
in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening
find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Most High, all-powerful, all good Lord. Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing. **Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures.**

Praised be You, my Lord, *for Brother Sun, who brings the day and gives us light.* **He is beautiful and radiant, shining on all creatures.**

Praised be You, my Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars, who brighten the night sky. **They sparkle with Your glory and delight all creatures.**

Praised be You, my Lord, for Brother Wind and the air, for clouds and gentle breezes, and all weather. **Through them, You give life and movement to all creatures.**

Praised be You, my Lord, for Sister Water, so humble, precious, and life-giving. **Through her, all creatures drink and are refreshed.**

Praised be You, my Lord, for Brother Fire, who lights the night and warms the earth. **Through him, we feel Your energy and joy.**

Praised be You, my Lord, for our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains all animals, plants, and human beings. **She brings forth food and shelter, and all creatures dwell safely.**

Praised be You, my Lord, for our brothers and sisters, the animals, for their companionship, playfulness, and faithful presence. **Blessed are they who share their lives with us, for they reveal Your love and creativity.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

HOMILY

Love Holds Everything Together

Matthew 22:34–40

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*WORSHIP IN SONG

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Chorus

Chorus All things bright
and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise
and wonderful
The Lord God made
them all

Verse 1

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing
colors
He made their tiny wings

Verse 3

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them every one

Verse 4

He gave us eyes
to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made
all things well

BLESSING

Sunday Science Lab



October 18 11am-1pm

All ages, bring the whole family! Lunch provided.

*Celebration
of life for*

SHERRY
GERSTENKORN

OCTOBER 24 1PM



TRUNK OR TREAT



OCT 31
5-7 PM



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

- ♦ **NURSERY CARE, KIDS CONNECTION & ADULT STUDY** Are NOT meeting today. All three will resume next Sunday October 18.
- ♦ **CLUB 3/4/5/6** Today from 2-3:30pm in the Community Room. All 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders are invited to join us for this special gathering for tweens.

UPCOMING

- ♦ **CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSAL** Wednesday October 14 at 6:15pm for Bells and 7:15pm for Choir. New members are welcome anytime.
- ♦ **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT** Thursday October 15 at 10:30am on Zoom.
- ♦ **SUNDAY SCIENCE LAB** Sunday October 18 from 11:00am—1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family after Worship for Sunday Science Lab. Come for experiments, discovery and awesome projects as we explore across the generations. Lunch is provided. Please sign up at the church or call the office to let us know how many are coming.
- ♦ **GRIEF GROUP** Tuesday October 20 at 3:30pm in the Community Room.
- ♦ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY** Saturday October 24 at 8:50am
- ♦ **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR SHERRY GERSTENKORN** Saturday October 24 at 1pm in the Sanctuary.
- ♦ **OUTDOOR CONTEMPLATIVE WANDER** Sunday October 25 at 1pm at Staunton State Park. Let Pastor Matt or Becky Atkinson know that you are coming.

More information about upcoming events can be found on our webpage at www.soth.net/events