

# SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Presbyterian Church

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Your Neighborhood Church

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March 23, 2025 9:30am



**REST &  
GROWTH**

**Luke 13:6-9**

*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**

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

*We Adore You, Lord Jesus Christ  
Bless the Lord My Soul  
In God Alone*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

### **\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*O Lord Hear My Prayer*

## **GOD'S STORY—PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE**

## **A QUESTION TO PONDER**

## **LENTEN REFLECTION**

*Psalm 51: Miserere mei, Deus by Wilton*

## **SERMON**

Pastor Matt Syrdal

**"Rest & Growth"**

**Luke 13:6-9**

The gardener in the vineyard knows the fig tree needs rest, nutrients, and time—and it also needs to produce fruit. Both things are true, which is also true for us. If we are always striving for more growth without taking time to rest, we will burn out. But if we are only ever resting, we won't bear fruit or grow. The fig tree also teaches us that the in between time—of nurture before fruit—can be where transformation begins.

## **REFLECTION**

Journal in your bulletin or text Matt (303-319-9464) with your insights to be shared anonymously

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

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine! #341*

## **BENEDICTION**

\*Please stand in body or spirit

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

- ◆ **NURSERY CARE** is provided today downstairs.
- ◆ **KIDS FOR LENT** Kids 5 years old – 6th grade will participate in Worship for the first part before being dismissed for Lent activities in the Library.
- ◆ **LENTEN STUDY FOR ADULTS** “From Wilderness to Glory” – “Jesus Among Friends” meets following Worship in the Library.

## UPCOMING

- ◆ **CHOIR AND BELL REHEARSAL** Wednesday March 26. Bells is at 6:15pm and choir is at 7:15pm. New members always welcome.
- ◆ **CAREGIVERS SUPPORT** Thursday March 27 at either 10:30am or 7:00pm. Both are on Zoom.
- ◆ **PILLOW HUGS SEW DAY** Saturday March 29 at 9am in Sweet Chapel.
- ◆ **GRIEF GROUP** Tuesday April 1 at 3:30pm in the Library.

# EASTER FESTIVAL

CRAFTS STORIES ACTIVITIES EGG HUNT

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11500 W 20TH AVE LAKEWOOD

APRIL 12

10AM - NOON

[WWW.SOTH.NET](http://WWW.SOTH.NET)



What is your relationship with rest? Do you prioritize it, or neglect it? What harmful messages have you internalized about rest?

What did you hear God say to you this morning?

# UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025**

*"Lost & Found"*

Luke 15:1-7

Heather Cameron, preaching

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025**

*"Righteousness & Mercy"*

Luke 19:1-10

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

There will be no formal offertory during the season of Lent.

Please give online at <https://onrealm.org/SOTH/give> or find an offering plate by the door on your way in or out.

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

### ASSISTING WORSHIP

Arwen Pond

**Graphics Technician**

Jason Pond

**Sound Technician**

Jim Vigil

**Video Technician**

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**Liturgist**

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### MEET THE STAFF

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