

SESSION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2025

The Stated Session meeting of Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church, Puyallup, Washington, began at 7:02 p.m. in the church library. A quorum was present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John Asher.

ROLL CALL:

Don Bennett	Present	Andy McClure	Present
Ron Hale	Present	Merry Pantaleo	Excused
Kim Randall	Present		
John Asher	Moderator		

Devotional:

In the poem *The Summer Day*, we pause to notice the smallest details of creation—the bend of a grasshopper’s jaw, the stillness of a summer afternoon, the miracle of simply being alive. It asks us a question that lingers in the heart: “*Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?*” The apostle Paul, in Philippians 4:8–9, gives us a guide for answering that very question. He calls us to set our minds on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy—and to put those things into practice. When we do, he says, “*the God of peace will be with you.*” Marvel at God’s creation, live with gratitude, and don’t waste the days given to us. Fill your thoughts and actions with what reflects the goodness of God. The holy life begins with attentiveness, seeing the wonder of God’s world, giving thanks, and then choosing to live with intention.

CLERK'S REPORT: Minutes were submitted by email on June 19, 2025 and were approved on June 25, 2025

FOR THE RECORD:

- Communion was celebrated on Sunday, July 6, 2025 and August 3, 2025 at two worship services facilitated by Rev. John Asher.

BUDGET (_ June _ 2025)

Budget Data	Budget	Monthly(Actual)	YTD(Actual)
INCOME	\$29625	\$27410	\$177428
EXPENSES	\$30756	\$29403	\$182488

BUDGET (_ July _ 2025)

Budget Data	Budget	Monthly(Actual)	YTD(Actual)
INCOME	\$29525	\$31858	\$209286
EXPENSES	\$30757	\$29480	\$210041

CONSENT ITEMS:

Session voted to approve:

- Approve study leave for Pastor John on September 23-26, 2025
- Approve moving communion from October 5, 2025 to October 12, 2025 in light of the ecumenical worship planned for Faith in Action.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

Other Business:

- From June meeting: Forming a Nominating Committee to fill the vacant Session seat has been tabled until our August meeting, when a Nominating Committee for the year will be created.
UPDATE: The search for members is almost complete. Looking for 1 or 2 more members to join the Nominating Committee and will be ready to call for a Congregational Meeting by e-mail this month.
- New member classes are set for October 12, 19 and 26. Session will meet with them on the 19th.
- There is a need to reschedule our next regularly scheduled Session meeting on September 16, 2025 to September 23 to accommodate Pastor John's Presbytery commitment.

Action: It was moved by Kim Randall to change the date of our next regularly scheduled Session meeting on September 16, 2025 to September 23, 2025. Andy McClure seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The next session meeting will be September 23, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Shepherd of the Hill.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

The Session Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy McClure, Clerk of Session