

GATHERING

Welcome, visitors! To learn more about our community, please place a completed Visitor Card in the offering basket.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Gathering Music

"Ain't That Good News"

Traditional African American Spiritual; Arr. Carol Crocker

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering Silence

Call to Worship

Howard Thurman (1900-1981)

Lord, open unto me

Light for my darkness. Courage for my fear. Hope for my despair.

Open unto me

Peace for my turmoil. Joy for my sorrow.

Open unto me

Strength for my weakness. Wisdom for my confusion.

Open unto me

Forgiveness for my sins. Love for my hates.

Open unto me

Thy Self for my self. Lord, Lord, open unto me.

***Hymn #14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

Prayer for New Beginnings

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*Sung first by the choir, and then by all*)

"Listen to the Word"

Iona Community

Joyfully

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and joyful. The lyrics are: Lis - ten to the word which God has spo - ken; lis - ten to the One who is close at hand; lis - ten to the voice be - hind cre - a - tion; lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

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First Reading 1 John 4: 7-21 (page 991)

Song of Praise "All Night, All Day"

Traditional African American Spiritual; Arr. Carol Crocker

Second Reading John 15: 1-8 (page 878)

Sermon

Nathan Peifer

Musical Meditation "Amazing Grace" John Newton; Arr. Dave Haas

Affirmation of Faith

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnal pg.35

***Offering** "This Is My Father's World"

Maltbie Babcock. Arr. Carol Crocker

***Doxology** (All singing)

Hymn #609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

***Hymn #366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***Benediction**

Response "Peace Like a River" Traditional Spiritual; Arr. Carol Crocker

Sanctuary Listening Devices - Listening devices for the sanctuary are available for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

Recycle Your Bulletin – A collection basket has been placed in the Gathering Space to receive your used bulletins.

We welcome today the Appalachian Strings Dulcimer Ensemble under the leadership of our friend Carol Crocker.



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 28, 2024

10:30 A.M.



Shallowford Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community dedicated to spiritual growth and service to all in the manner of Jesus Christ.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Nathan Peifer – Stated Supply Pastor

Sally Gant – Director of Music

THIS WEEK @ SHALLOWFORD

Sunday, April 28

11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club - Parlor

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Zoom

7:00 pm ~ Shallowford Singers

Thursday, May 2

6:00 pm ~ Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 4

8:00 am ~ Men's Breakfast - Clemmons Kitchen

10:00 am ~ Crop Planting - Shallowford Garden

Sunday, May 5

Communion & Cents-Ability Offering

9:30 am ~ Children's Sunday School Class - Fellowship Hall

9:30 am ~ Lectionary Adult Sunday School Class - Parlor

10:00 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club – Parlor

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Meal Train Ministry: If you would like to provide food to a member in need, please use this QR code to sign up or contact Jackie Rountree. If you or a loved one need a meal, contact the church office at 336.766.3178.

Please hold in prayer: Dottie Heyle ~ Grace & Stewart Ellis ~ Susan Hoopes ~ George Plemmons ~ Juli Doub ~ Pat Myslicki ~ Max Toney ~ Jack Williamson (Grandson of Nancy McKay) ~ Georgia Evvie Denn (Granddaughter of Juli & Joe Doub) ~ Joanne Federchuck

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Susan Hoopes who passed away on April 17th. We would also like to extend our sympathies to the Sockwell family. Janet Sockwell's mother, Lucy Oakley, passed away last Sunday. Also the Hartle Family. Jack's mother passed away last Sunday afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Bag Ministry: The Matthew 25 team has replenished the Blessing Bags, ziploc bags filled with snacks and an encouraging note, in the narthex. Please take a bag or two to share with someone in need - someone who is homeless, hungry, lonely, anxious, or stressed!

Shallowford Garden: There will be another workday on May 4, starting at 10 AM to get in the rest of the crops. We hope you can join us. For more information contact Sue Weber.



MATTHEW 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we commit to dismantling structural racism and systemic poverty through ministries of compassion and reconciliation.

We are More Light Presbyterians striving for the full participation of our LGBTQ+ siblings in the life and work of the church.



MORE LIGHT
PRESBYTERIANS



As an Earth Care Congregation, we work to sustain the gift of Creation by addressing climate change and ecological destruction through practices of gentle stewardship and care.