

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

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering Silence

Call to Worship

Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement

In the rising of the morning sun, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Shine!

In the greening of the Earth and blooming of creation, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Grow!

In the mountains reaching toward the sky, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Stand with strength!

In the darkness of the winter days, the Holy speaks:

You are my children. Trust!

In the presence of the skies that float above us and the assurance of the Earth beneath us and with the calm of the Spirit within us, the Holy speaks: **You are my children. Live!**

*Hymn #239

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

*Prayer for New Beginnings

Almighty God,

in raising Jesus from the tomb

you have given us the sure sign of your power

to deliver us from sin and death

and to renew our whole creation.

We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear.

We continue to cling to selfish ways

and doubt your power to make all things new.

Forgive our lack of faith.

Have mercy on our weakness.

Raise us from the death of sin

that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection,

now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

John 20: 19-31

Anthem: “Through the Walls”

Sally Ann Morris

Through the walls of fear and doubt, come, Jesus, come.

Though we try to keep you out, come, Jesus, come.

Death had claimed you for its own, till God rolled away the stone.

Holy One, we need you now—break through these walls.

Through the walls of deepest night, come, Jesus, come.

Break our shadows by your light; come, Jesus, come.

Breathe upon us with your peace; bid our fears and sorrows cease.

Holy One, we need you now— break through these walls.

Through the walls that separate, come, Jesus, come;

walls we’ve built of greed and hate, come, Jesus, come.

Bring your life into our death; grant us peace with every breath.

Holy One, we need you now— break through these walls.

Through the walls we yet must face, come, Jesus, come.

Hold us in your strong embrace; come, Jesus, come.

Nothing can keep us apart: you have bound us heart to heart.

Holy One, we need you now—break through these walls.

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Second Reading

Revelation 1: 4-8

Sermon

Rev. Steve Pharr

*Hymn #254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

*Affirmation of Faith

From the Barmen Declaration

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnal pg.35

*Offering

*Doxology (All singing)

Easter Hymn

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn #366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Benediction

*Response (All singing) Celtic Alleluia

Hymn #587



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

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.

We are a **Matthew 25, More Light** and **Earth Care** Congregation

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Leigh Wisner – Stated Supply Pastor

Rev. Steve Pharr - Preaching

Sally Gant – Director of Music

Sue Weber - Lector

THIS WEEK @ SHALLOWFORD

Sunday, April 27

11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 30

10:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

7:00 pm ~ Shallowford Singers

Thursday, May 1

6:00 pm ~ Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 3

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

Sunday, May 4

Communion

Cents-Ability Offering

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

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

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club - Fellowship Hall

3:00 pm ~ Shallowford Concert Series

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our 2025 Shallowford Concert Series will close this year with a performance next **Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m.** by the Triad Early Music Society.
- For this Easter season the **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is reading Paul's letter to the Galatians, using as a guide Eugene Peterson's *Traveling Light: Galatians and the Free Life in Christ*. Contact Sally Gant if you are interested in joining this study.
- Join us for a **Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m.** on the church lawn. Please bring pets on a leash or in a carrier and don't forget to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.
- Artist Harmony Noda will be displaying her art on **Shallowford's art wall in May**. Check out her bio in the newsletter!

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

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.

Lara Cummings ~ Gary & Ann Pope ~ Pat Myslicki ~ Grace & Stewart Ellis
George Plemmons ~ Juli Doub ~ Max Toney ~ Jack Williamson (Grandson of Nancy McKay) ~ Georgia Evvie Denn (Granddaughter of Juli & Joe Doub)



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.