

## 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

“The Joy of the Lord is My Strength” Sonny Rollins; Dave Reid

### Greeting and Announcements

### Time of Centering Silence as we welcome the Holy Spirit

### Call to Worship *from “Tell Me something Good” by: Sanctified Art*

If you need good news,

**Settle into this space. We have good news to share.**

If you need a word of hope,

**then trust us when we say,**

**there is hope enough to go around.**

If you need a glimmer of joy,

**then you’re in luck!**

**We have resilient joy abounding.**

If you need to feel God’s presence in your midst,

**then know that this is God’s house.**

This is the good news of the gospel.

**God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move.**

**Let us worship our with-us God!**

**\*Hymn #5** “God, the Sculptor of the Mountains”

### \*Prayer for New Beginnings

**Holy God, with you the impossible is possible. 5,000 can be fed. The blind can see. The hopeless can find hope. With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

### Words of Assurance

Family of faith, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news: **Today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone. What good, good news. Amen!**

**\*Sharing God’s Peace** “Put Your Hand in the Hand”

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Time with God’s Children** Reverend Leigh Wisner

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly. We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your voice. We could still our beating hearts, and still we might miss your voice. So today we pray, open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among us. With you, anything is possible. We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.

**First Reading** Ephesians 3: 20-21

**Anthem:** “Order My Steps” Words and Music: Glenn Burleigh

Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day.  
Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Order my steps in your Word.  
Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will,  
While you are working, help me be still.  
Tho’ Satan is busy, God is real! Order my steps in your Word.  
I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, and I’ll do your blessed will.  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If you order my steps, I’ll praise your name.

**Second Reading**

Mark 6: 32-44

**Sermon**

Reverend Leigh Wisner

**Solo:** Koinonia

V. Michael McKay

Diana Tuffin, vocalist

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*from "Tell me Something Good" by: Sanctified Art*

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal pg.35

### THANKSGIVING

**Offering**

**\*Response:** "Give Thanks"

Hymn #647

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### SENDING

**\*Hymn:** "Jesus, Be With Us"

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Response:** "May the Hope of God Go with Us"

Hymn # 765

**Sending Music**

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

African American Spiritual

"All the Things You Are"

Jerome Kern

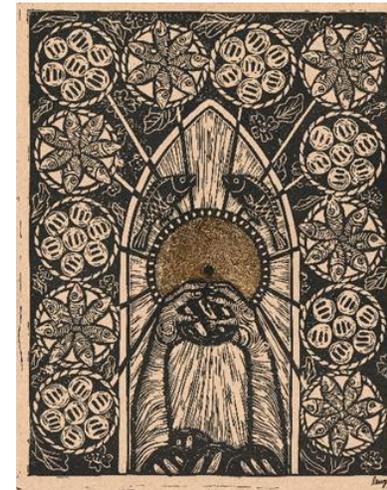
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**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.**

***The good news is: Together, the impossible is possible***



***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, a More Light and an Earth Care Congregation

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor – Leigh Wisner

Director of Music – Sally Gant

Lector – Tony Brett

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **We welcome today our friends** Matt Kendrick, string bass; Federico Pivetta, piano; Larry Carman, drums, and vocalist Diana Tuffin joining our own Dave Reid in leading the music for our Jazz service. We also welcome Karen Yoak Lewis, Debbie Clark, Julianne Angel, Roger Lamb and Jennie Lamb, lending their voices and musical gifts to the Shallowford Singers.
- ❖ Shallowford's first jazz service was on November 19, 2006. Thank you, Dave, and our good musical friends as we celebrate our 20th year of worship through the harmonies, improvisation and inspiration of jazz!

### THIS WEEK @ SHALLOWFORD

#### **Sunday, March 8**

11:30 am ~ Luncheon in honor of Rev. Leigh Wisner

#### **Wednesday, March 11**

10:00 am - Wednesday Morning Bible Study. Via Zoom

6:30 pm ~ Shallowford Singers Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, March 12**

10:00 am ~ Women's Circle

#### **Friday, March 13**

6:00 pm ~ Pizza & Game Night

#### **Saturday, March 14**

9:00 am to 1:30 pm ~ Blood Drive @ Shiloh Lutheran Church

#### **Sunday, March 15**

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

David Gambrell David Gambrell  
Arr. Phillip Morgan

## Jesus, Be With Us

Swing! ♩ = ♩<sup>3</sup>♩



Je - sus, be with us. Help us each day to fol - low the  
gos - pel and live as we pray. Send us your Spir - it and  
show us your way. Je - sus, be with us to - day.

1. Where there is hun - ger and thirst in the land,  
2. Where there is ha - tred be - cause of our skin,  
3. Where there are val - leys of bones, dry as dust,  
scat - ter the sys - tems of greed. Je - sus, be with us; make  
break down the walls of our fear. Je - sus, be with us to  
build up the bo - dy of Christ. Je - sus, be with us and  
use of our hands. Lift up your peo - ple in need.  
save us from sin. In your great love, draw us near.  
help us to trust. Teach us a new way of life.

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