

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 for centering silence as we welcome the Holy Spirit

Call to Worship: Choir/Congregation

“Be Still and Know that I am God” Hymn #414

Today we are here to worship God, the creator of all there is.

Nowhere can we look and not see God’s presence.

**Our eyes have been opened, the Holy Spirit dwells within us,
we have answered your call.**

We have promised to follow you, wherever you might lead us.

You have promised to never leave us alone.

As we worship today, may we feel God’s presence through the Holy Spirit. With our hearts, minds and souls focused on God, let us now enter into worship.

* Hymn #401 “Here in This Place”

*Prayer of Confession

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we have not bound ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse to love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully, or love one another as you command. In your mercy forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us with Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we all grow in grace; for it is in his name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

*Words of Assurance

Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Response: *(Sung first by the choir, then by all)* Hymn # 59

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

*Sharing God’s Peace

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

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

*Hymn #51 “To Abraham and Sarah”

Second Reading: A Narrative Story Matthew 9:9-13

Sermon Sinners Following Jesus Rev. Pat Fletcher

Anthem: “Here is a Trustworthy Saying” Thomas Gieschen

Here is a trustworthy saying:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly along with faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

This man receives sinners

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***Affirmation of Faith** (Lyrics and tune by Marc Nelson, 2003)

I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He paid for us all

And I believe He is here now
Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

Prayers of the People

EUCCHARIST

Offering / Cents-Ability Offering

***Doxology** (All singing)

Hymn #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, 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**

Invitation to the table

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Breaking the Bread

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The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

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, a More Light and an Earth Care Congregation

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching - Reverend Pat Fletcher
Director of Music - Sally Gant
Lector - Sue Weber

Communion of the people
Communion Hymn #515

“I Come With Joy”

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

*Hymn #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”/The Summons

*Benediction

*Response: “Alleluia” (Choir/Congregation) Sally Ann Morris

Choir Congregation Choir Congregation

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Choir Congregation

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On **Saturday, June 13**, we will host a table at **Pride Winston-Salem** from 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Our presence is an opportunity to share with the community that all are welcome at Shallowford and all are worthy of Christ’s love. If you would like to volunteer for either event, please contact Christy Vance Bijkersma.
- Session is delighted to introduce our new Stated Supply Pastor, **The Reverend Sandra Lacey**, who will begin her ministry with us on July 1. Sandy and her husband, Mike, are relocating from Rockledge, Florida, to be closer to family. A graduate of Florida State University and Columbia Theological Seminary, Sandy has served Presbyterian churches in Alabama, Kentucky, and Florida since 2008. She is passionate about preaching, worship, mission, and fostering a spirit of inclusiveness and love of

neighbor. We look forward to welcoming Sandy and Mike to Shallowford and are overjoyed to have her joining us in ministry!



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.



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.

THIS WEEK @ SHALLOWFORD

Wednesday, June 10

10:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Zoom

Friday, June 12

6:00 pm ~ Pizza & Game Night - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 14

Preaching - Reverend Steve Pharr

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

11:30 am ~ Compass Group C - Library

11:30 am ~ D Lights Compass Group - Parlor

