

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 Presto Georg Philipp Telemann
Anja Hartle, recorder

Greeting and Announcements

Time for centering silence as we rest in the presence of God.

Opening Sentences (*Responsive*)

Do not be afraid.

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid.

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid

God is with us, now and always.

***Hymn #49** "The God of Abraham Praise"

*Prayer of Confession

"Do not fear," you tell us,

But we cower before threats to our comfort and security,

Not trusting your promise to care for us nor boldly stepping forward in faith.

"Take up the cross," you tell us.

But we live as though death still holds dominion,

and refuse to take risks for the sake of the gospel;

We fail to challenge powers that diminish and principalities that destroy.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to live with you and for you.

Make us worthy to bear the name of Christ.

(A period of silence for personal confession)

*Words of Assurance

Beloved of God, hear this Good News: The Spirit of Truth is not distant or demanding, but near, gentle, and steadfast.

By the Spirit's grace, we are forgiven, renewed, and never alone.

*Response: (*All singing*)

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

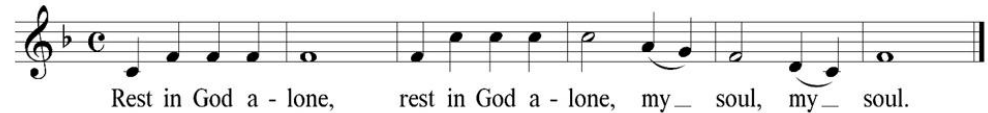
Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17

Refrain (*All singing*)



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Second Reading

Romans 6: 1-11

Sermon

Reverend Steve Pharr

*Hymn #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Affirmation of Faith

"A New Creed," The United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to

seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God
is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Call to Prayer: "Grace Alone" Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson
Roger Yow, baritone Arr. Tom Fettke

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone, which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace is only his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

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THANKSGIVING

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

SENDING

*Hymn #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*Blessing



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 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

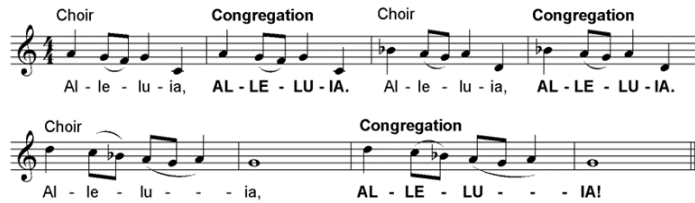
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preaching - Reverend Steve Pharr
Director of Music - Sally Gant
Lector - Lynn Watkins

***Response: "Alleluia" (Choir/Congregation)**

Sally Ann Morris



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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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!
- **Now through July 5th, we will collect items for the next LCAP food distribution.** This time, we will collect oatmeal, Pop-Tarts, ground coffee, tea bags, laundry detergent and paper grocery bags. If you enjoy the shopping, please bring your items to the grocery cart in the narthex. If you'd rather have the Mission Committee shop, please make checks payable to Shallowford with "LCAP" on the memo line. You also can give

online through Breeze and select LCAP in the drop-down menu. If you'd like to volunteer at any upcoming distribution, please contact Lynn Watkins or Christy Vance Bijkersma. Thank you for your generosity to our Lewisville neighbors!

IN PRAYER

Dave Reid ~ James McHone ~ Lara Cummings ~ Pat Myslicki ~ Grace & Stewart Ellis ~ Juli Doub ~ Max Toney ~ Jack Williamson (Grandson of Nancy McKay) ~ Georgia Evvie Denn (Granddaughter of Juli & Joe Doub)

THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Wednesday, June 24

10:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, June 28

Preaching - Reverend Steve Pharr

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service



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.