

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 rest in the presence of God.

Opening Sentences *(Responsive)*

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Your love, O Lord, forever we will sing.

From age to age, we will proclaim your faithfulness.

***Hymn #35** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

*Prayer of Confession

God, we join in one voice to confess our sins to you.

We confess our desire for power and exchange it for your peace.

We confess our pride and exchange it for your perfect will.

We confess our fears and exchange them for faith.

We confess our desire to be right

and exchange it for your righteousness.

Forgive us, we pray.

We are your people, and we submit ourselves to you again.

(A period of silence for personal confession)

*Words of Assurance

People of the triune God, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we have been forgiven. Amen.

*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

Psalm 13

"How Long, O Lord" Psalm 13 Setting: Christopher Norton

How long, O Lord, will you forget an answer to my prayer?

No tokens of your love I see; your face is turned away from me;

I wrestle with despair!

How long, O Lord, will you forsake and leave me in this way?

When will you come to my relief?

My heart is overwhelmed with grief, by evil night and day!

How long, O Lord? But you forgive with mercy from above.

I find that all your ways are just;

I learn to praise you and to trust in your unfailing love!

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Second Reading

Genesis 22: 1-14

Sermon

Reverend Steve Pharr

*Hymn #686

"God of Our Life"

*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In

gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

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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 #816

"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

*Blessing

*Response: "Alleluia" (Choir/Congregation)

Sally Ann Morris

Choir Congregation Choir Congregation

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Choir Congregation

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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.



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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 - Tom Carlton

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! **Come meet and greet Sandy and her husband Mike! Join us in Arnold Hall following worship on July 5th for cookies and punch. Make sure to wear your name tag as she will be learning our names.**
- **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!
- Quite a number of years ago, we held an evening meeting with an estate planning attorney to discuss options concerning planned giving which was well attended by the congregation. The Presbyterian Foundation can provide a speaker for an estate planning and planned giving seminar this fall. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tony Brett at Anthony.Brett@wbd-us.com or 336-721-3620. Scheduling will be based on participant interest and speaker availability.

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, July 1

10:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Zoom

Thursday, July 2

6:00 pm ~ Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Saturday, July 4

Happy 250th Birthday America!

Sunday, July 5

Preaching - Reverend Sandra Lacey

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

11:30 am ~ Welcome Reception for Reverend Sandra Lacey



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.