

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*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.

Call to Worship *(Responsive)*

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

People: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord!

People: Let us come into God's presence with singing!

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and Grace-Giving God, we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Silent confession)

*Words of Assurance *(Responsive)*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Response: *(all singing)*

Hymn # 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end, Amen.

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*Sharing God's Peace

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

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Come, Holy Spirit, and speak to us this day so that we might be refreshed and renewed. Amen.

First Reading

Romans 7:15-25

Anthem: "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" American Traditional, arr. Sally Gant

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten-thousand charms.
Come ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance Every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the Fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.

Second Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sermon

Captivity and Freedom

Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**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!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing
In life or in death can separate us from the love of God
In Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

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 p. 35

Breaking the Bread



The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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

Stated Supply Pastor - Reverend Sandy Lacey
Director of Music - Sally Gant
Lector - Sue Weber

Communion of the People of God

We observe the sacrament via intinction. Please come to the Lord's Table when invited by the ushers. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your pew after partaking.

Communion Hymn: "Come, Let Us Eat" Hymn # 528
Tom Carlton, leader

Prayer after Communion

EMBODYING THE WORD

*Hymn #338 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*Benediction

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

Choir Congregation 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Come meet and greet Sandy and her husband Mike! Join us in Arnold Hall following worship today for cookies and punch. Make sure to wear your name tag as Sandy will be learning our names.**
- 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

Jackie Rountree ~ 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

Sunday, July 5

11:30 am ~ Welcome Reception for Reverend Sandra Lacey

Wednesday, July 8

10:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Zoom

Sunday, July 12

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service



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.



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.