

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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Gathering Music

Greeting and Announcements

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



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Call to Worship (*Responsive*) from Psalm 139

One: God has searched us and known us. God knows when we sit down
and when we rise up.

**All: God discerns our thoughts from far away and is acquainted
with all our ways.**

One: Such knowledge is too vast and wonderful.

All: God knows us deeply and loves us endlessly. Praise be to God!

* Hymn #403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Grace-Giving God, you understand how lost we sometimes feel, for
evil has surrounded and grown in us. We confess that we have acted
in our own interests, without concern for others. We have betrayed
those we love, told lies to protect ourselves, and taken things we had
no right to own. Loving God, forgive our selfishness and deliver us
from evil so that we, once again, may shine in your presence.

(Silent confession)

*Words of Assurance (*Responsive*)

There is good news. God forgives our sin and breathes new life into us!

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.
World without end, without end, Amen.
World without end, without end, Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

*Sharing God's Peace

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

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

**Come, Holy Spirit, and open our eyes, ears, and hearts in the
hearing and interpretation of your word. AMEN.**

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

*Hymn # 740 “Lead Me, Guide Me”

Sung first by the choir, then by all.

Second Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon *Can God be Trusted?* Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from Psalm 139

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I
sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far
away. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from
your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my
bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand
shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

Call to Prayer

"Through Our Fragmentary Prayers" Setting: Carol Doran
Tom Carlton, baritone; The Shallowford Singers

Through our fragmentary prayers And our silent heart-hid sighs
Wordlessly the spirit bears Our profoundest needs and cries.

Deeper than the pulse's beat Is the Spirit's speechless groan,
Making human prayers complete through the prayer that is God's own.

Let our jabberings give way to the hummings in the soul
As we yield our lives this day to the God who makes us whole.

Search and sound our mind and heart, Breath and Flame and Wind and Dove,
Let your prayer in us impart Strength to do the work of love.

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Silent prayer followed by Pastoral Prayer and unison Lord's Prayer)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

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



The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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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EMBODYING THE WORD

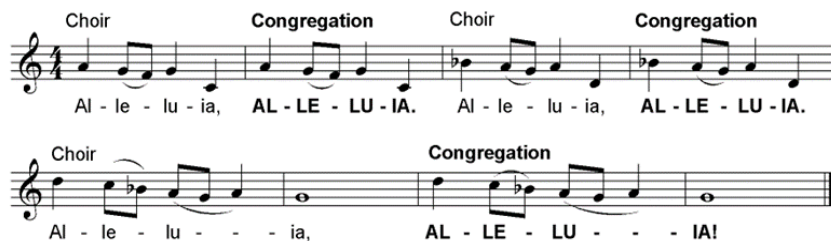
*Hymn #816

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

*Benediction

* Response: “Alleluia” (Choir/Congregation)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- **Sunday, July 19, 2026 • 3:00 p.m. • This afternoon Shallowford** will be the venue for a summer concert presented by **Music Carolina's Summerfest 2026. Jazz Classique** will include original works by pianist John Mochnick blending elements of jazz and classical music with Latin rhythms, blues, and straight-ahead jazz traditions. Joining Dr. Mochnick will be Shallowford friends Matt Kendrick on string bass, Larry Carman on drums and Wiley Porter on guitar. **Admission: \$25 General Admission | \$10 Students & Children.** For more information visit: <https://musiccarolina.org/event/jazz-classique/>

THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Sunday, July 19

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

3:00 pm ~ Jazz Classique presented by Music Carolina

Monday, July 20

6:30 pm ~ Stated Session Meeting - Library

Sunday, July 26

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

IN PRAYER

Bob Federchuck - Linda Graham ~ 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)



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.



MORE LIGHT
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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.