

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.



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Call to Worship (*responsive*)

One: Like a tiny seed or a little leaven.

All: the realm of God grows among us.

One: Like a hidden treasure or precious pearl,

All: the realm of God is all we desire.

*Hymn #5

“God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

*Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy and Grace-Giving God, we confess our sin to you. We devote ourselves to small things while you work for a greater purpose. We distract ourselves with grand designs while you surprise us with hidden wonders. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may know your will, seek your way, and share your work, to the glory of your holy name.

(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: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

*Hymn #59

Sung and read responsively

Second Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sermon

Hidden Treasure

Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Anthem: “The Gift of Love”

Setting: Hal H. Hopson

The Shallowford Singers, Kathy Fox, oboe

Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my gifts are vain,
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

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***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) adapted from Romans 8:38-39
Just like the Apostle Paul, we are “convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to
come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord.” Thanks be to God!

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**

EMBODYING THE WORD

***Hymn #771** “What is the World Like”



The 9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 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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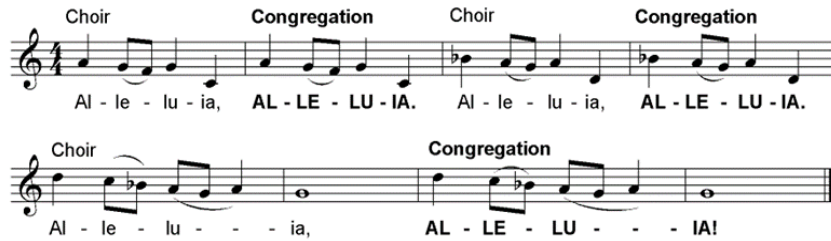
WORSHIP LEADERS

Stated Supply Pastor - Rev. Sandy Lacey
Director of Music - Sally Gant
Lector - Tom Carlton

*Benediction

* Response: "Alleluia" (Choir/Congregation)

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THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Wednesday, July 29

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will be taking a break for the remainder of the summer

Sunday, August 2

Communion

Cents-Ability Offering

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

IN PRAYER

Lexi Moore ~ 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
PRESBYTERIANS



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.