

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*)

One: Come to the waters; come, eat and drink.

All: The Lord gives us food in due season.

One: Come to Christ; come, eat and be filled.

All: By the grace of God, there is plenty for all who struggle and are hungry.

***Hymn #65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

You give them something to eat," Jesus told his disciples as evening crept over the countryside.

Gracious God, we confess that we are those disciples, expecting people to fend for themselves and afraid to take responsibility for others. We forget the blessings we have received at others' hands and resist the common life to which you call us. O God, forgive us for hearing only what we want to hear, for underestimating your claim upon us and your power to change us, for pursuing goals that serve no greater good. Teach us to follow and obey you, that we may receive your gifts and share them gladly.

(silent confession)

*Words of Assurance (*responsive*)

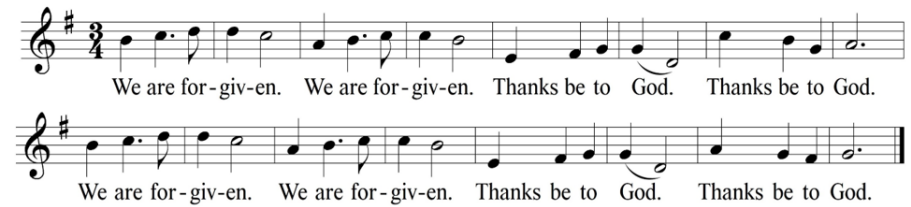
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ, I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new.

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

*Response: "We Are Forgiven"

Hymn # 447

Sung first by the choir, then by congregation



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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 (*unison*)

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

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

***Hymn #42** Psalm 145 "Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure"

Second Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Sermon *Assurance of Pardon* Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Anthem "God of Little Things" Setting: Benjamin Brody

The Shallowford Singers

God of little things__ the seed we barely see
that sprouts up from a tiny shoot to form a mighty tree__
accept our seedling faith, the scarcity we sow;
and God of little things, come help our smallness grow.

God of little things__ a lunch of fish and bread
that, blessed and broken by your child, can keep five thousand fed__
receive our meager faith, the truth we trust the least;
and God of little things, from smallness make a feast.

God of little things__the sparrow in her flight
whose rise and fall, though seen by few, is precious in your sight__
inspire our fledgling faith to open and take wing;
for God of little things, you make our smallness sing.

God of little things who nurtures what seems small
to raise and tend a boundless reign with room enough for all;
expand our bounded faith beyond its narrow scope,
for, God of little things, in smallness blossoms hope.

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***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

from Psalm 145

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

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 - Cents-Ability Offering

***Doxology** (*all singing*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Hymn # 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**



The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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 - Tony Brett

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

Breaking the Bread & Communion of the People

Communion Hymn #498

“Loaves Were Broken”

Prayer after Communion

EMBODYING THE WORD

***Hymn #516**

“For the Bread which You Have Broken”

***Benediction**

***Response** Celtic Alleluia

Hymn # 587



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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

Our flowers today are offered in honor of the spring and summer birthdays of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Claudette and Bill Honeycutt.

THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Thursday, August 6

6:00 pm ~ Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 9

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

11:30 am ~ Compass Group C - Library

11:30 am ~ D Lights Compass Group - Parlor

IN PRAYER

Elizabeth Reid ~ Lexi Moore ~ Bob Federchuck - Linda Graham ~ Jackie Rountree ~ Dave Reid ~ 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)



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.