



The 11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Stated Supply Pastor - Rev. Sandy Lacey
Director of Music - Sally Gant
Lector – Sue Weber

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)*

After the wind, the earthquake, the fire,
Let us hear what the Lord will speak.
Jesus says: Take heart, it is I; do not fear.
Rejoice, the Word of God is near!

* Hymn #169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

*Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Grace-Giving God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We confess that we respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances and lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to clearly hear your voice, even when it is the sound of sheer silence.

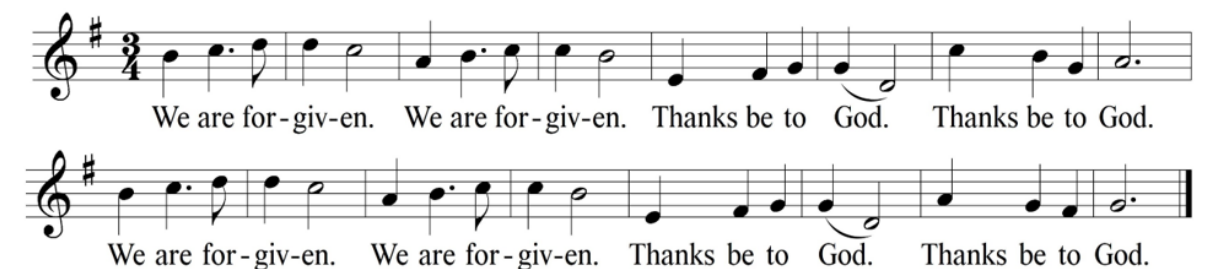
(silent confession)

*Words of Assurance *(responsive)*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*Response: “We Are Forgiven” *(all singing)*

Hymn #447



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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)*

Holy God, send your Spirit so that we might hear your word to us this day.

First Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

*Hymn #449

Psalm 85

“Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love”

Second Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9-18

A New School Year - Blessing of the Children with their Backpacks

Sermon

Doubting Faith

Rev. Sandy Lacey

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Anthem: “I Sought the Lord”

Setting: George W. Chadwick, 1890

I sought the Lord and afterward I knew
He moved my soul to seek him seeking me.
It was not I that found, O Savior true,
No, I was found of Thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold.
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
’Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,
as Thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
of love is but my answer Lord, to Thee,
for Thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
always Thou lovest me.

Words: Jean Ingelow, 1889

*Affirmation of Faith *(responsive)*

The Heidelberg Catechism

What is our only comfort in life and in death?
**That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior,
Jesus Christ. . .**
**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me
wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

*Doxology *(all singing)*

Hymn #607

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

EMBODYING THE WORD

*Hymn #815

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

*Benediction

*Response Celtic Alleluia

Hymn #587



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THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Friday, August 14

6:00 pm ~ Pizza & Game Night - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 16

9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards for School Teachers & Staff: With the start of the school year next week, we have the opportunity to share our love and encouragement with teachers and staff. Last year was an especially difficult year because of staffing cuts, and our school community can use our support. Note cards will be available in the gathering space today. Simply write a note and leave in the basket for the Mission Committee to deliver. If you want to send a card from home, please address to: Teachers and Staff, Southwest Elementary, 1631 Southwest School Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012. Be sure to include Shallowford Presbyterian Church in your signature or note.