



The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 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 - Steve Pharr

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: Aria II

Anja Hartle, recorder

Georg Philipp Telemann

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

One: Come and worship God in joy!

All: The house of the Lord will be a house of prayer for all peoples.

One: How good it is to live in unity.

All: The blessing of God is life and love - now and forever!

*** Hymn #301**

Stanza 1: Choir

Stanzas 2 - 5: All singing

“Let Us Build a House”

***Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

Grace-Giving God, you invite us to live together in unity; instead, we allow drama and differences to drive us apart. You welcome all to the Table of Grace, yet we are quick to guard the Table with our rules. Forgive us, we pray. Restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may welcome all and be one as you are one.

(silent confession)

***Words of Assurance** *(responsive)*

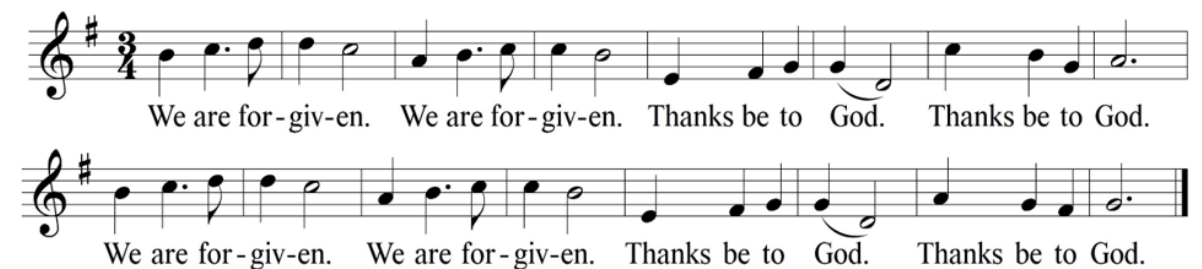
Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness so that you might share that gift with others.

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

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

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Hymn #



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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, by the power of your Spirit give us your words of life that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole. AMEN.

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Psalms 67:

Steve Pharr, cantor

Refrain: John McCann

Refrain: *(sung first by the cantor then by the people)*



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Second Reading: Matthew 15: 21-28

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith: “I Believe”

The Shallowford Singers

Scarlette Bijkersma and Karen Yoak Lewis, sopranos; Jennie Lamb, piano

Mark Miller

I believe in the sun, even when it’s not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don’t feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

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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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

*Doxology *(all singing)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

praise Christ, all people here below;

praise Holy Spirit evermore;

praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Hymn #607

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

EMBODYING THE WORD

*Hymn #765

“May the God of Hope Go With Us”

*Benediction

*Response Celtic Alleluia

Hymn #587



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THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Monday, August 17
6:30 pm ~ Session Meeting

Sunday, August 23
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.
- **Supporting Our Schools: CLASS & LCAP Collection:** Help us support local students, teachers, and school personnel as they head back to school! We’re combining our **CLASS classroom supply drive** with our **LCAP food collection**. Needed items include **Clorox wipes, spray cleaner, facial tissues, hand sanitizer, dry erase markers, pudding cups, pancake mix, and syrup**. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart in the narthex through **August 30**. Monetary gifts through check or Breeze will be split between both drives. Please write **“CLASS/LCAP”** on the memo line.
- The Women's Circle and Men of the Church will host a picnic for the residents of **The Hinkle and Davis Houses Thursday, August 27th at 5:30 pm** in Arnold Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Elizabeth Reid ~ Lexi Moore ~ Bob Federchuck ~ James McHone ~ Linda Graham ~ Jackie Rountree ~ Dave Reid ~ Lara Cummings ~ Gary & Ann Pope ~ Pat Myslicki ~ Grace & Stewart Ellis ~ Juli Doub ~ Max Toney ~ Jack Williamson (Grandson of Nancy McKay) ~ Georgia Evvie Denn (Granddaughter of Juli & Joe Doub)