



The 13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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 – Lynn Watkins

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)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us present ourselves to God.

This is our spiritual worship.

We are many members, with many different gifts.

But in Christ we are one body.

*Hymn #361

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, Gracious God; we have allowed this world to shape us and enslave us. You call us to live as one body and to honor each member’s gifts, yet we confer honor with rank and divide classes one from another. You call us to love and serve you, yet we serve gods of profit and production; they swallow us alive. Transform and renew us, O Lord, so that we may be the people you call us to be.

(silent confession)

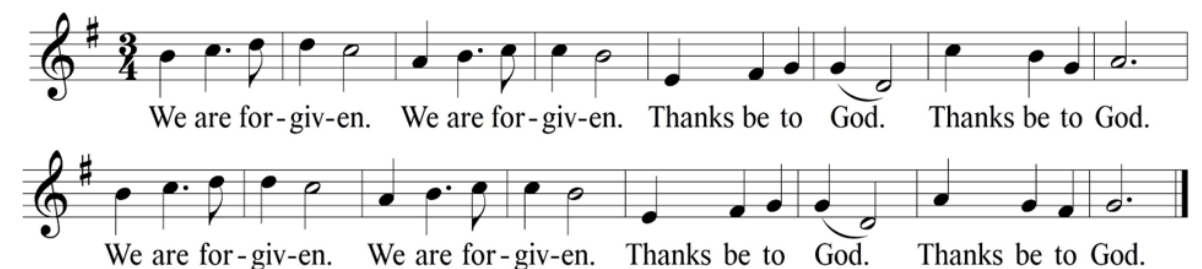
*Words of Assurance (responsive)

Sin does not have the last word. God has promised to forgive us and make us whole.

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. AMEN.

First Reading: Romans 12:1-8

*Hymn #285

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

Second Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon

“Who Do You Say I Am?”

Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Solo “Grace Alone”

Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

Roger Yow, baritone

Arr. Tom Fettke

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith, Every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine, Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone, which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.

Christ in us, our cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach, Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

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***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) (adaptation of *The Message* version of Romans 12:1-2)
So this is what God wants us to do, God helping us; take our everyday, ordinary life - our sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for us is the best thing we can do for God. Let us not become so well-adjusted to our culture that we fit into it without even thinking. Instead, let us fix our attention on God. We'll be changed from the inside out. We'll readily recognize what God wants from us and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around us, always dragging us down to its level of of immaturity, we trust that God brings the best out of us, develops well-formed maturity in us. 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, 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.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

EMBODYING THE WORD

***Hymn #700** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

***Benediction**

***Response** Celtic Alleluia Hymn #587



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THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Thursday, August 27
5:30 pm ~ Hinkle & Davis House Picnic - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 30
9:45 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary
10:30 am ~ Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Shallowford Sunday Morning Book Group** is starting a new book on **September 20th**. Our class meets on Sundays after worship in the fellowship hall. We will begin reading/discussing a new book, *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass on September 20th. On this Sunday we will be discussing the first chapter. Books may be purchased on Amazon for \$11.40. For questions or additional information contact Jackie Rountree.
- The **Children’s Sunday School Class**, which meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m., and the **Adult's Lectionary Class**, which meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor, will resume on **September 20th**.
- **Cards for School Teachers & Staff:** As the school year begins, let’s show our teachers and staff some love and encouragement. Note cards are available in the gathering space today. Write a note and leave it in the basket for the Mission Committee to deliver. You may also mail cards to: **Teachers and Staff, Southwest Elementary, 1631 Southwest School Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012**. Please include Shallowford Presbyterian Church in your note or signature.
- **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

Brian & Zann (Davis House residents) ~ 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)