



The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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 - Pat Fletcher

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: The Lord, the God of ages, calls us.

All: This is holy ground.

One: The Lord, the great I AM, is with us.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Have mercy on us, Lord: you have set your way before us, and we tremble to see it. It is not just suffering we are afraid to bear, but also the weight of your call: your command to excel in love, rejoice in hope, and live peaceably with all, and your appeal to overcome evil with good. Who are we to live in such a way? We do not merit your confidence. Merciful God, forgive our fear and faithlessness. Help us to see what you see, to follow where you go, and to live in awe of your presence. You are our help and encouragement.

(silent confession)

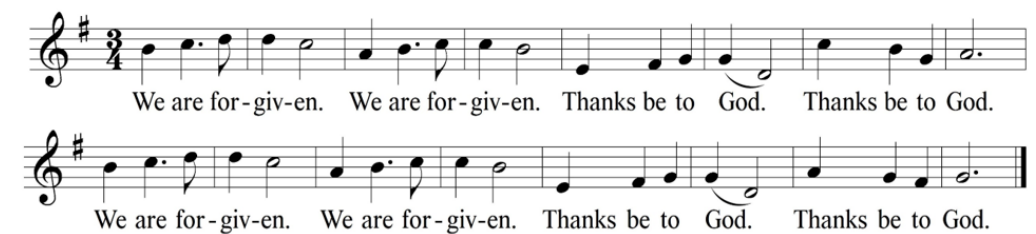
*Words of Assurance *(responsive)*

You are our strength when we are weak and you promise to forgive us when we fall short of what you intend.

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, unstop our ears, open our eyes, and quicken our hearts in the reading and hearing of your word to us this day. AMEN.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem: "O Exult Yourself Above the Heavens"

G. F. Handel. Arr. Mark Mataranglo

O, exult yourself, O God, above the heavens,

and your glory over all the earth.

My heart is firmly fixed, O God.

And I will sing and make melody.

Wake up my soul, awake lute and harp;

I myself will waken the dawn.

Text: From Psalm 57

Second Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Sermon

Character Development

Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn #718

“Take Up Your Cross”

*Affirmation of Faith *(responsive)*

(adaptation from Romans 12:9-18)

One: Followers of Christ, we are we to do?

All: We are to let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. We are to not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. We are to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. We are to contribute to the needs of the saints, extend hospitality to strangers, bless those who persecute us; rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and live in harmony with one another. We are not to be haughty, but associate with the lowly; we are not to claim to be wiser than we are and we are not to repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. With God’s help, we are to live peaceably with all. AMEN.

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 #726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction

*Response Celtic Alleluia

Hymn #587



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THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Monday, August 31

2:00 pm ~ Compass Group A

Thursday, September 3

6:00 pm ~ Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am ~ Men's Breakfast - Clemmons Kitchen

Sunday, September 6

Communion

Cents-Ability Offering

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.
- 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.

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 ~ Max Toney ~ Jack Williamson (Grandson of Nancy McKay) ~ Georgia Evvie Denn (Granddaughter of Juli & Joe Doub)