



World Communion Sunday
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 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 - Tom Carlton

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 Song (all singing)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"/ "Santo, Santo, Santo" (Argentina) Hymn #595

Greeting and Announcements

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

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: Today we gather with Christians near and far to sit together at God's table.

Many: Together we will eat the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation.

One: God prepares the table with room enough for everyone.

All: We give praise to God, who invites us all to feast. Let us worship God!

*Hymn #378 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill. You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch over us by night and day. But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expect or desire. We confess that we are overgrown with sin, greed, violence, and injustice. Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your grace, so that we may be the people you created us to be, through Jesus our Lord. (silent confession) AMEN.

*Words of Assurance (responsive)

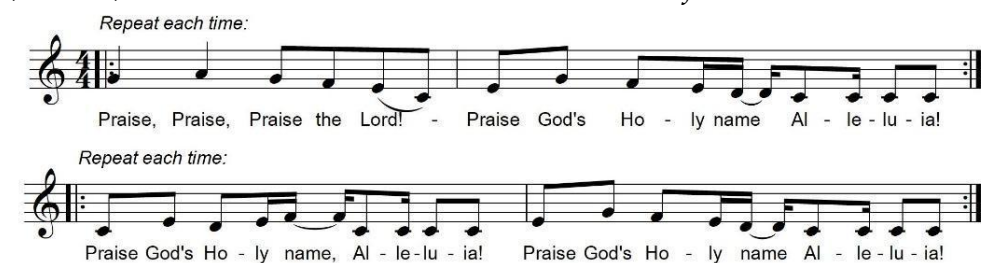
One: The cleansing water of baptism, the sound of love poured out for you and me. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Sisters and brothers, in the name of Christ, I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new.

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

*Response (all singing)

Hymn #390

"Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" (Processional from Cameroon)



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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)

Grace-Giving God, open our eyes, unstop our ears, and soften our hearts in the reading and hearing of your word to us this day. AMEN.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

*Hymn/Anthem

Second Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Kingdom Building Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn #769 (New Zealand) "For Everyone Born"

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God

the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

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*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

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 Anthem: “When Jesus Sets the Table”

Setting: Sally Ann Morris

When Jesus sets the table, all people find a place.
That table is a promise of blessing and of grace.
So set the table fully. Invite the whole world in.
If we would share love’s welcome, in feasting we begin.
Whoever we find troubling and seek to keep outside,
That is the very neighbor who must not be denied.
No race, no creed, no nation, no love of heart and vow,
no gender is rejected. The table’s waiting now.

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Prayer after Communion

EMBODYING THE WORD

*Hymn #765 (Argentina)

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”

*Benediction

*Response: “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (all singing)

Hymn # 591

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From the poet of this morning’s communion anthem: “Two reflections inspired me to write this text: first, recalling the joyful experience when I first took communion at a fully inclusive congregation, and, second, pondering my own judgementalism and my need for a reminder that all have been welcomed as I have been welcomed. The mix of delight and demand seemed to call for a new communion hymn text.” Amanda Udis-Kessler

THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Sunday, October 4

7:30 pm ~ Taizé Prayers for World Peace

Monday, October 5

2:00 pm ~ Compass Group A
6:30 pm ~ Called Session Meeting

Thursday, October 8

10:00 am ~ Women’s Circle

Friday, October 9

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

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am ~ Children’s Sunday School Class - Fellowship Hall
9:30 am ~ Lectionary Bible Study - Parlor
9:30 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary
10:30 am ~ Worship Service
11:30 am ~ Compass Group C - Library
11:30 am ~ D Lights Compass Group - Parlor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us for **Shallowford’s annual Taizé Prayer service tonight at 7:30 p.m.** a sacred time of candlelight, beautiful sung prayers, Scripture, and silent meditation. Several guest musicians will join us for this special service of prayer and reflection. Our outdoor Labyrinth will be open for walking before the service. A brief introduction to the sung prayers will begin at 7:25 p.m. Come pray for peace and reconciliation—and invite a friend!