



The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 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

Preaching - Nathan Peifer
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*)

We come to this place to search for God,
but God is already searching for us.
We come to this place to speak to God,
but God is already speaking to us.
Let us worship and listen for God,
who calls us together and leads us home.

***Hymn #22**

"God of the Sparrow"

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

O God, you created us in your image, full of love and promise, and yet we fall short - in what we have said and what we have done, in what we have failed to do. You know us better than we know ourselves, and yet we have failed to trust in your loving-kindness. Reveal to us our fears and insecurities, our greed and selfishness, our judgments and pride, so that we may ask your forgiveness and turn away from all that does not flow from your spirit. Forgive us and renew our hearts to serve you, O Lord God, our strength and redeemer.

(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 #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me.
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

World without end, without end, Amen.

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World without end, without end, Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

***Sharing God's Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Lord, open our hearts, minds and souls by the power of your Holy Spirit that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 1-9

***Hymn #801**

Psalm 23

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Second Reading: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

Sermon

"That Damn Worm!"

Nathan Peifer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Anthem: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Setting: Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make God’s love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify that strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head.
If our love were but more simple, we would gladly trust God’s word,
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Text: F. W. Faber (1814-1863)

Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1991
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, of every nation and people, to live as one community. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 #609
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

EMBODYING THE WORD

***Hymn #450** “Be Thou My Vision”
***Benediction**
***Response** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” Hymn #591

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THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Sunday, October 11
11:30 am ~ Compass Group C - Library
11:30 am ~ D Lights Compass Group - Parlor

Monday, October 12
1:00 pm ~ Compass Group A

Wednesday, October 14
10:00 am ~ Morning Zoom Bible Study

Sunday, October 18
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 ~ Sunday Book Club - Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm ~ Forsyth County CROP Walk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join the **Shallowford Team** for the Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m.**, beginning at Corpening Plaza in downtown Winston-Salem and walking through Old Salem. CROP Walk raises funds to fight hunger, provide disaster relief, and support communities locally and around the world. Shallowford has been a longtime supporter, and we hope you'll join us again this year! **You can participate by walking or making a donation** to support the Shallowford Team. For questions, please contact Gordon Watkins. Checks should be made payable to **CWS/CROP**. Together, we can make a difference!
- Shallowford will host a **Repair Café on Saturday, November 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** This FREE event brings experienced volunteers together to help repair common household items, including furniture, electrical appliances, toys, jewelry, electronics, clothing, tools, lamps, clocks, and more! Rather than throwing something away, bring it to the Repair Café and discover how much fun fixing can be! It's a wonderful opportunity to learn, share, and give your household items a second life. **Advance registration is encouraged.** Fix, Learn, Share Together!