



The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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)*

One: Sing to the Lord and bless God's holy name.

Many: Let us tell of God's saving power from day to day.

One: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Many: Let us tremble before God, all the earth. Let us worship God!

* Hymn #307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to culture, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us your image; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent confession) AMEN

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

One: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration!

Many: In 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.

World without end, without end, Amen.

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)*

Holy God, send your Spirit so that we might hear your word to us this day.

First Reading: Psalm 96:1-9

Refrain: *(all singing)*



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Second Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

"Title Search"

Rev. Sandy Lacey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn #716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith*
In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

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
A Crop-Walking Song: “My Faith’s Got Shoes” Words and Music: Mark Burrows
Scarlette Bijkersma and the Shallowford Singers
I’m on the move with God, my faith’s got shoes!
I’m in the groove with God, my faith’s got shoes!
My faith is more than the words I say, it’s how I walk in love each day.
I’m living out God’s good news! My faith’s got shoes!
I’m reaching out with God, My faith’s got shoes,
I’ll sing and shout for God, my faith’s got shoes.
I will speak up for a friend, I will help the planet mend,
I will stand for what is right, I will be a guiding light.
I will be the first to share. I will offer love and care.
I will lend a helping hand. I will follow God’s command.

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***Benediction**
***Response** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” Hymn # 591

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THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD

Sunday, October 18
11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club - Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm ~ Forsyth County CROP Walk

Monday, October 19
6:30 pm ~ Stated Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 20
2:30 pm ~ Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 21
10:00 am ~ Morning Zoom Bible Study

Sunday, October 25
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join the **Shallowford Team** for the Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk **today 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!
- We are collecting donations for the Lewisville Community Assistance Program (LCAP) through November 1!** Items needed include cream of chicken soup, saltine crackers, mustard, and laundry detergent. Donations can also be made through Breeze or placed in the offering basket. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support those in our community!
- 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!