



The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday  
October 25, 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

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**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: Through all generations, God has been our dwelling place.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,**

One: Before the earth and the world were created,

**All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is. Let us worship God!**

**\* Hymn #275**

*“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*(silent confession)* AMEN.

**\*Words of Assurance** *(unison)*

God’s grace and mercy abounds! 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.

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

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 5:1-21

**Hymn #687**

Psalm 90

“Our God, Our Help in Past”

**Second Reading:** Matthew 22:34-46

**Sermon**

*Holy Filter*

Rev. Sandy Lacey

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Anthem:** “Love! All Holy”

Sally Ann Morris

Love! All holy – God’s own name and breath.

Love! Enduring – Word that answers death

Love! So fragile – fleeting like the light.

Love! So brilliant – colorful, and bright.

Love! Peacemaker – reconciling wrong.

Love! Most patient –humble, kind, and strong.

Love! The center – drawing all things in.  
Love! Restoring – breaking chains of sin.  
Love! Incarnate – full of truth and grace.  
Love! God’s image – found in every face.

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**\*Affirmation of Faith** *(responsive)* *(Matt 22:37-40 Message Translation)*  
Which command in God’s Law is the most important?  
“Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as your love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

**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**

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| <b>*Doxology</b> <i>(all singing)</i>                           | 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**

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| <b>*Hymn #316</b>           | “Where Charity and Love Prevail” |
| <b>*Benediction</b>         |                                  |
| <b>*Response</b>            | Hymn # 591                       |
| “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” |                                  |

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**THIS WEEK AT SHALLOWFORD**

**Sunday, October 25**

11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club/Creative Activity - Fellowship Hall  
11:45 am ~ Stated Session Meeting

**Wednesday, October 28**

Morning Zoom Bible Study - On a break until November 18

**Saturday, October 31**

9:00 am ~ Spruce Up the Grounds - Outdoors at Shallowford

**Sunday, November 1**

Communion  
Cents-Ability Offering  
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**

- As we prepare for our upcoming Generosity Season and Commitment Sunday, we invite you to reflect on what it means to be “rooted and grounded in God’s love” (Ephesians 3:16–17). **Join us today after the service for a creative activity in Fellowship Hall!** Share how you are growing in faith through prayer, worship, generosity, service, fellowship, or other spiritual practices. Use the provided art supplies to draw, write, or share a picture that expresses your journey. We’ll display your contributions as a celebration of the many ways God’s love takes root in our lives and in our church community. There are no right or wrong answers—come share your heart and be creative!
- **Join us on Saturday, October 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** (weather permitting) for our annual **Spruce Up the Grounds Day!** We’ll be tackling a variety of outdoor tasks to help keep our grounds looking their best. Please wear old clothes and bring any yard tools you have. We’ll wrap up in time for everyone to get into costume and enjoy Halloween! Everyone is welcome to come lend a hand and join in the fun. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Building & Grounds Committee. We hope to see you there!
- **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!