

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday in Easter

May 17, 2026 – 11:00 am



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Please stand in body or in spirit*

(**Bold** = unison; **Bold Italics** = sung)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Glorious”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Tims, Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

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(Psalms 47)

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise

For God reigns over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout!

Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

*** HYMN #245**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Mendes

(Luke 24: 46-53; Eph 1:15-23)

We come before God, not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us together humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Mendes

Almighty God, who raised Jesus from death to life; you have declared this same Jesus both Lord and Christ. Yet we have denied his rule in our lives, following instead the ways of the world; we have failed to glorify him for all that he is, and for all that he has done for us. In mercy, forgive us. By your spirit lift us out of our sin, that we may be faithful to our calling, obeying the loving commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose message and work you have vindicated by exalting him to your right hand,

where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Mendes

(Acts 1:1-11; Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53)

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness, God's power to pardon is immeasurable. Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth: through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mendes

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Mendes

2026 RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Barbara Henry

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Nancy Tims, Liturgist

(Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53)

Come Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, to whom we give all glory. **Amen.**

**HYMN #267*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

GOSPEL READING
Acts 1: 1-14

Nancy Tims, Liturgist
Holy Bible, NT p. 118

SERMON “Be Prepared for Pentecost” Rev. Mendes

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Hymnal* p.35
Apostle’s Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & Rev. Mendes
THE 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THANKS

CALL TO THE OFFERING Nancy Tims, Liturgist
(Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:15-23)

God has given us the gift of Christ, risen and ascended for the life of the world. Therefore, let us offer our gifts in return, that others may know this glorious news.



To make an offering online, scan this code or visit www.deercreekpreschchurch.org. Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY “Near to the Heart of God”

*DOXOLOGY **HYMN #606**
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;*

*praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Nancy Tims, Liturgist
O God of all glory and majesty, we give you thanks for the gift of your Son, and his power at work in our lives and our gifts. Bless these gifts for the benefits they afford in bringing life to others in your name. Bless our lives that we may be your witnesses to the end of the earth as we love and serve you, O God most high.
Amen.

LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN #269 *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Mendes

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #765
May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME REV. PAULO MENDES— Rev. Mendes has served most of his ministry abroad and spent two decades caring for the Portuguese-speaking immigrant community in the United States through the Greater Atlanta and Cherokee Presbyteries. Though retired after 40 years of pastoral ministry, he continues in a validated ministry through *CARE & SHARE – Shepherding Those on Mission*, supporting workers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and a degree in Psychology from UNESP, São Paulo, Brazil.

SERMON NOTES FROM REV. MENDES

Three important elements for today's message:

The early church anchored themselves on a **tripod of spiritual disciplines** that positioned them to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost).

1. **The Word of God**
2. **Prayer**
3. **Holy Spirit**

Just as a tripod collapses if one leg is missing, our **spiritual readiness collapses** without these three elements. If we want Pentecost renewal, power, boldness, unity, and mission, we must prepare the same way the early church did.

IN MINISTRY TODAY – May 17, 2026

Liturgist: Nancy Tims

Greeters: Vikki & Ken Terry

Counters: Nancy Tims & Linda Oliveira

Fellowship: Waymond & Barbara Henry

Flowers: The Savage Family in celebration of their 33rd Anniversary

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, May 24, 2026

Pentecost - 11:00am

Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante

“Jesus Cannot Be Stopped”

IN MINISTRY – May 24, 2026

Liturgist: Ken Terry

Greeters: Nancy & Jim Wilson

Counters: Linda Jackson & JoAnn Mulrey

Fellowship: OPEN

Flowers: Jim & Nancy Wilson

If you would like to assist in any of the above capacities, please contact the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Last Sunday, May 10

In Attendance: 58 Collection: \$1475.00

THE SESSION

Charlotte Dewberry (2026) Jerry Scarborough (2026)
Ron Studd (2027) Linda Jackson (2027)
Barbara Henry (2028) Linda Oliveira (2028)
Nancy Tims, Clerk

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PRAYER

(Please review the prayer list and notify the office of updates.)

Leslie Etherton, George Marks, Loretta Marks, Chantel Druivenga, Sudie LaPlue, Don and Betty Shuman, Jerry and Linda Snowden, Reverend Sid Gunter, Isaac Bucks, Jim Wilson, Bobbye Wright, The family of Jim Byrd, Glenn Simpson, Jackson Jebcoat and his parents, Chip Jabaley, Milly Whatley, Brenda Gossett, Sharon Gossett, Penny & Don Irwin, The family of Sally Witherington.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – SUNDAYS at 10am – Grace Cox Room. Led by Ken Terry. We are currently studying the books of the Bible starting with the Old Testament. Come join us for interesting discussion and learning. All are welcome.

MASTER CALENDAR COORDINATION - To ensure smooth coordination of all church events and activities, we kindly ask that all members run their planned activities through the office

administrator, Keith Tims. (office@deercreekpreschurch.org) This allows us to maintain a comprehensive master calendar and avoid scheduling conflicts. Please contact Keith with the details of your event prior to making any arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us stay organized and connected!

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES ARE COMING! – Those interested in joining our church are invited to attend New Members Classes on June 7th and 14th for one hour after service in the Grace Cox room. Contact Rev. Nikki at nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org for more information.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – Giving flowers is a lovely way to beautify the sanctuary and remember someone or commemorate a special occasion. You may sign up to give flowers on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

PRAYER REQUESTS & OTHER NEEDS - Please send all prayer requests to office@deercreekpreschurch.org. If you have any need or concern, please do not hesitate to contact any Elder or the church office.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH? - Reach out to Rev. Nikki at nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org. We'd love to hear from you!

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.
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