

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 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

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Passante

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

(Ps. 119: 105, 111)

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path

Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

* **HYMN #13**

The Mighty God with Power Speaks

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

(Gen. 25:19-34)

The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites. God’s word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve a world that is wasting. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Spirit of God dwells in you. In the name of Jesus, we 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. Passante

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. Passante

ANTHEM

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Open our hearts with your living Word, we pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

**HYMN #475*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

SCRIPTURE READING

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

Romans 8: 1-11

Holy Bible, NT p. 157

SERMON

“Life in the Holy Spirit”

Rev. Passante

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith, 1, 4)

In life and in death we belong to God.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Passante

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

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

We bring our gifts, yielding our lives to God's abundant harvest.



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Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY

*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

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

Giver of life, receive these gifts as tokens of our lives. Send your Spirit to work among us, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who came out of love for the world. **Amen.**

LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #772**

Live into Hope

(verses 2, 3 & 4)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Passante

POSTLUDE

“Take the Name of Jesus With You”

IN MINISTRY TODAY – July 12, 2026

Liturgist: Hugh Walton

Ushers: Gail & Mel Smith

Counters: Barbara Henry & Mel Smith

Fellowship: JoAnn Mulrey & Brenda Gossett

Flowers: OPEN

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost - 11:00am

Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante

Scripture: Romans 8:12-25(27)

“God the Heart-Searcher”

IN MINISTRY – July 19, 2026

Liturgist: Evie Studd

Ushers: Vikki & Ken Terry

Counters: Nancy Tims & Linda Oliveira

Fellowship: OPEN

Flowers: OPEN

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, July 5

In Attendance: 36 Collection: \$2,910.00

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, Lorretta 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, Linda Hughes Hardy, Sharon Gossett,

Penny & Don Irwin, The family of Sally Witherington, Tina Chastain.

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE - We are supporting the children at Shady Grove RV Park and our Preschool with back-to-school supplies and need your help. We'll be making ornaments for the Giving Tree **during fellowship after Worship today** so please plan to stay and help. Each ornament will have a need for back to school supplies. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS: Join the Finance Conversation! - Money matters, but how we steward it matters more. If you want a first-hand look at how our church plans for the future, come pull up a chair with the Finance Committee.

What's on the agenda?

- Finalizing the new budget
- Reviewing our current financial landscape
- Strategic planning for upcoming projects

No financial degree required—just a heart for our community and a desire to learn! Meet us in the **Grace Cox room on July 19th**, right after the worship service. Have questions or want to learn more beforehand? Connect with Ron Studd at rstudd@mac.com.

TREAT THE TROOPS – Wednesday July 22nd - Please join us at the **VFW Post at 1045 Dahlonga Highway** to pack for Treat the Troops. Plan to arrive around **6:40 pm** so that you are ready to start packing at 7:00 pm. The event usually lasts about an hour and we ask that you wear your Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church name tag. **If you would like to contribute homemade cookies, please bring those to the church on July 19th.** Store bought cookies are not acceptable. Homemade cookies should be packaged in a fold top

plastic bag, six cookies per bag, and closed with a twist tie or yarn. If using a zip lock bag, do not zip the top but do close it with a twist tie or yarn. Other snack items needed are microwave popcorn, lunch size bags of chips, powdered drink mix for a single bottle of water, Slim Jims, small bags of trail mix, Lance crackers, and small cans of Pringles. Donations should be placed in the Treat the Troops box in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, July 19th. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com or Nancy Tims at teachtims@gmail.com.

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 or other needs to office@deercreekpreschurch.org or reach out to a church Elder.

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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