

# Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

**January 18, 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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS  
CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Dr. Short

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart, #688, v.2*

***I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.***

\*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER

Diane Bandow, Liturgist

The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**and we have seen his glory.**

To all who received him,

**he gave power to become children of God.**

Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

\*HYMN #649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Short

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Short

**Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Short

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Short

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.**

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Diane Bandow, Liturgist

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## FIRST GOSPEL READING

Diane Bandow, Liturgist

John 1: 29-42

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. <sup>33</sup> And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” <sup>35</sup> The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Short

*\*HYMN #721*

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

## SECOND GOSPEL READING

Rev. Dr. Short

John 1: 43-51

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

<sup>46</sup> “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” <sup>48</sup> “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” <sup>51</sup> He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

## SERMON

*“The Magnificent Invitation”*

Rev. Dr. Short

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Short

## 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 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.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Short



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### ANTHEM

*Panis Angelicus (O Lord Most Holy)*, Cesar Frank  
Organ & Piano

### \*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

Diane Bandow, Liturgist

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promise to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his people, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us. Send

to us your Holy Spirit that, being made one with Christ, we may be one with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory. We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*HYMN 726**

## *Will You Come and Follow Me*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Short

## \*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

**IN MINISTRY TODAY – January 18, 2026**

*Liturgist:* Diane Bandow

*Greeters:* Vikki & Ken Terry

*Counters:* Nancy Tims & Linda Oliveira

*Fellowship:* OPEN

*Flowers:* OPEN

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, January 25, 2026**

### Third Sunday After Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Richard Short

Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-4; Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon: “Discipleship Ingredients”

## **IN MINISTRY – January 25, 2025**

*Liturgist:* Nancy Tims

*Greeters:* Nancy & Jim Wilson

*Counters:* Linda Jackson & JoAnn Mulrey

*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.

## **THE SESSION**

Diane Badow (2025)

Don Wagner (2025)

Charlotte Dewberry (2026)

Jerry Scarborough (2026)

Ron Studd (2027)

Linda Jackson (2027)

Nancy Tims, Clerk

Elders-Elect: Barbara Henry, Linda Oliveira

## **OUR CHURCH STAFF**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **IN PRAYER**

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

Leslie Etherton, George Marks, Loretta Marks, Harriette Cady, Chantel Druivenga, Sudie LaPlue, Linda Oliveira, Wright Family, Don and Betty Shuman, Jerry and Linda Snowden, Reverend Sid Gunter, Isaac Bucks, Jim Wilson, Bobbye Wright, The family of



Jim Byrd, Glenn Simpson, Maribell Rosario, Jackson Jebcoat, The Thambi Family, The Family of Tony Pritchett, Chip Jabaley

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS** — Karen Sicner (2<sup>nd</sup>), Michael Wacho (5<sup>th</sup>), Judy Smith (18<sup>th</sup>), Adrianna Oliveira (22<sup>nd</sup>), Mel Smith (23<sup>rd</sup>), Olga Glymph (28<sup>th</sup>), Ken Terry (29<sup>th</sup>), Marcelino Oliveira (30<sup>th</sup>)

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES** – Waymond & Barbara Henry (8<sup>th</sup>), Jerry & Linda Snowden (24<sup>th</sup>)

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** – Flowers beautify the Sanctuary of our church and are a gift to God and those who attend our worship service. Giving flowers is a lovely way to remember someone or commemorate a special occasion. If you would like to sign up for a date to place flowers in the sanctuary during our service, please see the registration book in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your contribution toward enriching our worship services.

– The Worship Committee

**PRAYER REQUESTS**—Please send all prayer requests to the church office at [office@deercreekpreschurch.org](mailto:office@deercreekpreschurch.org).

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.  
[office@deercreekshorespreschurch.org](mailto:office@deercreekshorespreschurch.org)  
(770)-887-6801

**OTHER NEEDS**—If you have any need or concern, please do not hesitate to contact any Elder or the church office ([office@deercreekpreschurch.org](mailto:office@deercreekpreschurch.org)).

**THIS WEEK AT DEER CREEK SHORES**

**Sunday, January 18**

10:00am – Adult Sunday School – Grace Cox Room

**Wednesday, January 21**

7:00pm – Choir

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 19 – PRESCHOOL CLOSED** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

**SESSION MEETING – January 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm via Zoom.**

**February 13 – PRESCHOOL PARENTS' NIGHT OUT – 6:00pm- 8:45** - Drop off the kids for a night of pizza, Valentine's crafts, and a movie while you enjoy a little time to yourselves with that special someone! Space is limited so register soon! (770) 888-5101 or DeerCreekPreschool@gmail.com.

### **Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church – Priorities for 2026**

1. Increase membership and participation through connecting with and serving those who reside in our community through enhanced community outreach. To include Youth and Preschool.
2. Revitalize the Congregational Care Ministry within our church and congregation.
3. Increase regular opportunities for the congregation to gather outside of worship for fellowship.
4. Create policies including Child Protection, Sexual Harassment, Anti-Racism, as required by the Book of Order.
5. Improve and develop leadership and communication skills for this church.

These five priorities for the life of the congregation in 2025 were identified by the Session at its recent Leadership Retreat. Look out for the important action steps that are being identified towards expressing these priorities. Pray that these priorities and the action steps identified will help lead the congregation forward in its life and witness. Be considering ways you can participate in expressing these priorities.

Join us **LIVE** on Facebook Sunday @ 11AM

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### **Membership at Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church**

*If you are reading this information in our Worship Bulletin, you already belong here at Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church. Here, all are welcome, and membership in the congregation is not required to participate in any of our activities and ministries. By becoming a member, you will have voice and vote in congregational meetings and can better express your commitment to Jesus Christ through this church. Welcoming people as members helps us to get to know them better and to support you more fully – letting all of us stay engaged and grow in faith together. Individuals may join the church by Profession of Faith and Baptism (for those who have never been baptized), by Reaffirmation of Faith (for those who are not currently active members of another Christian church), or by Transfer of Church Letter (for those on the active role of another church.) Contact the office to find out more.*



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***Welcome to Deer Creek Shores!***

***We would love to connect with you! Consider signing the Friendship Pad found in the Pews, or checking in digitally this morning so we can follow up with you!***