

# **Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church**

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
The Lord's Supper**

**February 1, 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. Ellis

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Will Tims

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER**

Evie Studd, Liturgist

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**And we have beheld his Glory. Alleluia!**

Almighty and Eternal God, you are the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt. May those of us who have not seen nonetheless have faith, even in the hardest and darkest of times. May we receive from Christ the fullness of his blessing, for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN #409**

***God Is Here***

### **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Ellis

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Ellis

**Almighty God, we confess that at times we allow fear to lead us rather than hope; doubt to drive us rather than trust. We make mistakes, and instead of confessing our mistakes and working to right our wrongs, we double-down. We refuse to**

**acknowledge our wrongdoings because we are afraid. We have allowed fear to rule us instead of love, though we know Your love casts out fear. We ask for Your help to overcome the fear and uncertainty. We ask courage to walk ahead with faith in the name of Christ, who faced the fear of death on the cross, and who now lives in us, Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Ellis

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 you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

#### SHARING THE PEACE

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

Evie Studd, Liturgist

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Evie Studd, Liturgist

Micah 6: 6-8

<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? <sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Ellis

ANTHEM

*Oh! How I Love Jesus!*, Frederick Whitfield  
Performed by Alexis Hine

*\*HYMN #175*

*Seek Ye First*

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Ellis

I Corinthians 1: 26-31

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Walking with the God of Peace*

Rev. Ellis

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.*

**CALL TO THE OFFERING**

Rev. Ellis

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**



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visit [www.deercreekpreschurch.org](http://www.deercreekpreschurch.org).  
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**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**\*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**

Evie Stuff, Liturgist

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**THE EUCHARIST**

(Eucharist means “Thanksgiving”)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE**

Rev. Ellis

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Rev. Ellis

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...  
... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Ellis

SENDING

**\*HYMN 503      *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation***

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Ellis

**\*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

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*Liturgist:* Evie Studd

*Greeters:* Linda Hardie and Nancy Tims

*Counters:* Linda Hardie and Rich Wilks

*Fellowship:* OPEN

*Flowers:* OPEN

*Bread, Organ Side:* Linda Jackson

*Cup, Organ Side:* Ron Studd

*Bread, Pulpit Side:* Ken Terry

*Cup, Pulpit Side:* Linda Hardie

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, February 8, 2026**

## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Rev. Dr. Richard Short

**IN MINISTRY – January 11, 2025**

***Liturgist:* OPEN**

*Greeters:* Mel and Gail Smith

*Counters:* Barbara Henry and Mel Smith

*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 Bandow (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**

Bridge Pastor: Rev. Dr. Richard Short  
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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, Jackson Jebcoat, The Family of Tony Pritchett, Chip Jabaley, Milly Whatley

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS** — Nancy Tims (2<sup>nd</sup>), Leslie Etherton (5<sup>th</sup>), Jerry Scarborough (8<sup>th</sup>), Linda Hardie (22<sup>nd</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.



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

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.  
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**THIS WEEK AT DEER CREEK SHORES**

**Sunday, February 1**

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

**Wednesday, February 4**

7:00pm – Choir

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SHADY GROVE RV PARK** - Thank you for your monthly contributions! **Items especially needed for February are peanut butter, hamburger or tuna helper, canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef stew, or chili), toilet paper and paper towels.** Additional items needed are canned vegetables, small packages of instant coffee, cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, Pine Sol, Palmolive, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, tall trash bags; personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, band aids, Neosporin and Bactine spray. Please leave your donation in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, February 8th. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at [linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com](mailto:linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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.



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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!***

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

**FACEBOOK**

**Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church - Home**

Connect and Catch up with us @ any time

**Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church - YouTube**

### **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.*



HELLO DEER CREEK FAMILIES,

JANUARY WAS CERTAINLY A CHILLY ONE! WITH ICY WEATHER AND A FEW SCHOOL CLOSURES MIXED IN, WE TRULY APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S FLEXIBILITY AND UNDERSTANDING AS WE NAVIGATED THOSE DAYS TOGETHER, EVEN WITH THE COLD, OUR CLASSROOMS STAYED WARM WITH LEARNING, LAUGHTER, AND GROWING MINDS.

FEBRUARY IS SHAPING UP TO BE A FUN-FILLED AND LOVE-PACKED MONTH AT DEER CREEK SHORES PRESCHOOL! AS WE LOOK AHEAD, WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR OUR FAMILIES AND THE JOY OUR CHILDREN BRING INTO OUR CLASSROOMS EACH DAY.

WE ARE ALSO EXCITED TO SHARE THAT WE RECENTLY LAUNCHED AN AFTER-SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB, AND THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY LOVING IT! FROM HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTS TO CURIOUS CONVERSATIONS, IT HAS BEEN SUCH A JOY TO WATCH THEIR EXCITEMENT AND LOVE FOR DISCOVERY GROW.

### FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

FEBRUARY 9-11 I LOVE BUG BOOGIE SPIRIT WEEK

OUR CLASSROOMS WILL BE BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT AS WE CELEBRATE LOVE BUG BOOGIE SPIRIT WEEK!

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – BEE MY VALENTINE - WEAR YELLOW AND BLACK OR ANYTHING BEE-THEMED
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – BOWS & BOWTIES DAY - SHOW OFF YOUR FAVORITE HAIR BOWS OR BOWTIES
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – SNUGGLE BUG DAY - PAJAMA DAY FOR ALL OUR COZY LITTLE LOVES
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - PARENT'S NIGHT OUT – "LOVE BUG BOOGIE"

WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR OUR FEBRUARY PARENT'S NIGHT OUT! THIS SPECIAL EVENING WILL INCLUDE DINNER, A SNACK, AND FUN LOVE BUG BOOGIE-THEMED ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 1-10. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO ENROLL, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR EMAIL US AT [DEERCREEKPRESCHOOL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DEERCREEKPRESCHOOL@GMAIL.COM). WE CAN'T WAIT FOR A NIGHT FULL OF FUN WHILE PARENTS ENJOY A WELL-DESERVED EVENING OUT!

- FEBRUARY 16-17 NO SCHOOL
- FEBRUARY 25 - OUR FIRST EVER - LETTER SOUND HOEDOWN

YEEHAW! OUR CHILDREN WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A LETTER SOUND HOEDOWN, WHERE LEARNING MEETS FUN AS WE REINFORCE LETTER SOUNDS IN AN ENGAGING, AGE-APPROPRIATE WAY.

### ENROLLMENT UPDATE

COMING SOON: WE WILL SOON BEGIN ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR THE 2026-2027 PRESCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD IF YOU KNOW A FAMILY LOOKING FOR A LOVING, FAITH-BASED PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY.



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT SIGN UP

THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR PRESCHOOL FAMILY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP AS WE GUIDE OUR CHILDREN IN LEARNING, GROWTH, AND FAITH.

DEER CREEK SHORES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL