

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 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

“For Spacious Skies”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Passante

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ken Terry, Liturgist

O sing to the Lord a new song;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Declare God’s glory among the nations;

Tell all the people of God’s marvelous works.

Say among the nations: The Lord is sovereign!

God will judge the peoples with equity.

Let us worship God.

* **HYMN #338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

Let us open our lives to God’s healing presence, seeking peace with God and reconciliation with our neighbors. Let us be mindful not only of personal evil but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

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. Live in peace, and know that 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

“God Bless America” by Irving Berlin
Bubba McDonald

“God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above;
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home, sweet home.
God bless America, my home, sweet home.”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ken Terry, Liturgist

Eternal and Gracious God, on this Independence Day weekend, we thank you for the gifts of truth, liberty, and grace. As we open your Word, we ask that the light of your Holy Spirit illuminate our minds and hearts. Remove any shadows of prejudice, division, or misunderstanding. As fireworks light up the night sky, let your eternal truth light our path and guide our steps. Amen.

**HYMN #337*

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

EPISTLE READING

Ken Terry, Liturgist

Romans 7:15-25a

Holy Bible, NT p. 157

SERMON

“The Divided Self”

Rev. Passante

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.

Jesus’ human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

Jesus’ service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

Jesus’ suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

Jesus’ crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church’s own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of human life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

GIVING THANKS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ken Terry, Liturgist

(Matt. 10:40-42)

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, those who offer a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple will not lose their reward.' Beloved, let us offer to God the gifts of our lives and labor.



To make an offering online, scan this code or visit www.deercreekpreschurch.org.

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

Ken Terry, Liturgist

Faithful God, we give you thanks that you have entrusted us with the gift of hospitality and generosity, and that you have set us free to be generous givers of the gifts you so freely give to us. May our offerings this day draw us closer to you as we share them with others for righteousness' sake. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

(Eucharist means "Thanksgiving")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Passante

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Passante

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. Passante

LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #339**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Passante

***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

“God of Our Fathers”

IN MINISTRY TODAY – July 5, 2026

Liturgist: Ken Terry

Ushers: Julie Schalla

Counters: Linda Hardie & Rich Wilks

Fellowship: OPEN

Flowers: OPEN

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, July 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost - 11:00am

Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante

Scripture: Romans 8: 1-11

“Life in the Holy Spirit”

IN MINISTRY – July 12, 2026

Liturgist: Hugh Walton

Ushers: Gail & Mel Smith

Counters: Barbara Henry & Mel Smith

Fellowship: JoAnn Mulray & Brenda Gossett

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, June 28

In Attendance: 44 Collection: \$7,665.00

June Online Donations: \$3,164.39

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Our annual dinner out will be held on Thursday, July 9, at Barbara Henry's home. All women of the church are invited. Dinner and dessert will be provided. Social hour starts at 5:30PM, with dinner at 6PM. Carpooling is suggested, as parking can be a challenge. Your response is requested by Sunday,

June 28, by text or email to Barbara at
barbarastevenshenry@yahoo.com or (404)771-3357.

SHADY GROVE RV PARK - Thank you for your monthly contributions! Items especially needed for July are:
instant coffee (individual packets), **hamburger helper**, **canned meat** (chicken, beef stew, or chili), **canned spaghetti**, **dishwashing liquid and toothpaste**. Additional items needed are canned vegetables, cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, 409, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, tall kitchen trash bags, Pine Sol, Palmolive, disinfectant wipes; personal care items such as toothbrushes, deodorant, band aids, Neosporin and Bactine spray. Please leave your donation in the Fellowship Hall by *Sunday, July 5th*. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

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 on July 12th** 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM - The Session has decided our church needs to evolve the Shepherds Program into a *Congregational Care Team* to help us care for our church family in a more intentional way. If caring for others is one of your gifts and you'd like to be involved, we'd love to have you on the team. The Congregational Care Team will be empowered to determine their activities. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Rev. Nikki.

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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