Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 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 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Perrine

*ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING & CALL TO WORSHIP
Ashley Smith

CHOIR: "What Child Is This", Hymn #145

*OPENING PRAYER Nancy Tims, Liturgist
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***HYMN# 88** **"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

CALL TO CONFESSION Nancy Tims, Liturgist
(Ps. 85:9)
Let us confess our sins for God's salvation is at hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Nancy Tims, Liturgist
(Mark 13:26-37)
Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules; we rush about. Captivated by technology, seduced by the lure of consumer goods, we do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, in the world. Make us better doorkeepers of

our lives, watching for you attentively. Awaken us to your surprising power and glory and peace, so we do not miss how near you are to our very own gates. Be gracious towards us, we pray, until we are gathered, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, into your embrace. We pray I the name of Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Perrine
(1 Cor. 1:4, 8-9)
The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again. Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Perrine
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

FIRST READING: *The Evergreens and Wreaths*
Isaiah 2:1-5 Ken Terry
"This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: [2] In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.
[3] Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. [4] He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. [5] Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord." **Thanks be to God**.

(Please help us place the evergreens and wreaths during the singing of this next hymn.)

HYMN# 105 ***"People, Look East"***
(verses 1, 4, 5)

(Children are invited to come forward to place the Nativity.)

SECOND READING: *Nativity*
Luke 2: 1-7 Ashley Smith
"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Perrine

HYMN# 115 ***"Away in a Manger"***

THIRD READING: *The Tree and Chrismons*
Psalm 96:11-13 Ron Studd
"Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD; for the Lord is coming, for the Lord is coming to judge the earth. God will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with the truth." **Thanks be to God.**

(Please help us add the Chrismons to the tree during the singing of next hymns.)

CHRISTMAS MEDLY

Please sing along one verse of each hymn while we decorate the church.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" *Hymn #113*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

O Come, All Ye Faithful *Hymn #133*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

O Little Town of Bethlehem *Hymn #121*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Silent Night, Holy Night *Hymn #122*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright 'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear *Hymn #123*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King": the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

HYMN 137** **He Came Down

FOURTH READING: *The Candles, Poinsettias, Windows & Lights*

Isaiah 9:2 Bailey Smith

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined."

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN 110** **Love Has Come**

FIFTH READING: *The Lord's Coming*
Mark 13: 24-37 Rev. Perrine
"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.[26] Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27] Then he will send out the angels and gather the[a] elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
[28] "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[b] is near, at the very gates. [30] Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. [32] But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. [33] Beware, keep alert,[c] for you do not know when the time will come. [34] It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35] Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, [36] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37] And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "The Watchmen" Rev. Perrine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Hymnal p. 35
Apostles' Creed

GIVING THANKS

CALL TO THE OFFERING Nancy Tims, Liturgist
(1 Cor. 5,9)
God has enriched us in every way --- in speech, knowledge, and spiritual gifts. From the fellowship of Jesus Christ, we are sent out to share with thanksgiving what we have received.



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OFFERTORY "Love Has Come Again"

*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

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory. Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 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.

LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #97** **"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Perrine

POSTLUDE "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

IN MINISTRY TODAY – November 29, 2026

Liturgist: Nancy Tims
Ushers: OPEN
Counters: Ron Studd & Brenda Gosset
Fellowship: OPEN

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, December 6, 2026

Second Sunday in Advent - 11:00am
Rev. Nikki Perrine
Scripture: Mark 1:1-8
"Into the Wild"

IN MINISTRY – December 6, 2026

Liturgist: Barbara Henry
Ushers: Linda Hardie & JoAnn Mulrey
Counters: Linda Hardie & Rich Wilks
Fellowship: 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, November 22
In Attendance: 42 Collection: $1,700.00

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

Interim Pastor:	Rev. Nikki Perrine nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH
Please pray for these individuals throughout the week. If you would like to add a prayer request, email *office@deercreekpreschurch.org*. When making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. Names will remain on the list for a month unless an extension is asked for.

Pray For	**Requested by**
Anya Weiss & Nick Wright (bereavement)	Bailey M. (11/8)
Jackson Jebcoat & Family (illness)	Barbara H. (11/1)
George & Loretta Marks (illness)	Nancy T. (11/1)
Sudie LaPlue (illness)	Rev. Nikki (11/1)

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.

MISSION COMMITTEE - The Mission Committee will meet **Monday, November 30th at 7pm** via Google Meet at http://meet.google.com/xry-aazs-mcx. All are welcome to attend. We'll be discussing our plans for 2027. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

SHADY GROVE RV PARK - Thank you for your monthly contributions! **Items especially needed for December are instant coffee (individual packets), tall kitchen trash bags, canned spaghetti, canned corn, canned meat (chicken, beef stew, tuna, or chili), small jars of mayonnaise, and Hamburger Helper.** Additional items needed are cleaning supplies such as dishwashing liquid, 409, multi-surface cleaner, Spic and Span, sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, fabric

softener, dishwashing liquid, Pine Sol, disinfectant wipes; personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, band aids, Neosporin and Bactine spray. Please leave your donation in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, December 6th.** Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

ANGEL GIVING TREE - Our Giving Tree for the RV Park has been a holiday tradition for many years. If you would like to participate, please take a tag off the tree in the Fellowship Hall and return the item in a gift bag to the Fellowship Hall by **December 6th**. There are currently no children under 12 living in the RV Park. If you would like to contribute, but do not want to shop please place your donation in the collection plate by November 29th and on the memo line of the check write RV PARK GIVING TREE and we will shop for you. Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

DOLLARS FOR DOORS – The church's front doors are the first welcome a visitor receives! We recently upgraded them to boost curb appeal and make our building more accessible to everyone. A huge thank-you to those who have already contributed toward this upgrade. If you haven't given yet and would like to pitch in, just write **"Dollars For Doors"** on your check's memo line. Thank you for helping us keep our doors open and welcoming!

CHURCH BUILDING AND GROUNDS - We are looking for **Buildings and Grounds committee members**! Interested? Please see Jerry Scarborough or Rev. Nikki.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – Giving flowers is a lovely way to beautify the sanctuary, remember someone, or commemorate a special occasion. You may sign up to give flowers on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Tanna Savage with any questions at tannasavage@bellsouth.net.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 6th 2nd Sunday in Advent
Dec. 13th 3rd Sunday in Advent
Dec. 20th 4th Sunday in Advent
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service, 5:00pm
Dec. 27th Lessons and Carols, 11:00am

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Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.
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Poinsettia Dedication

The poinsettias in church today are given in memory of

Randy Bandow by Diane Bandow
Jack & Jackie Collins by Samuel & Adrianna Olivera, Will Tims
Lamar & Nell Duke by Vikki & Ken Terry
Eben Hardie by Linda Hardie
John & Edria Hughes by Linda Hardie
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Scarborough by Jerry & Barbara Scarborough
Bill Schalla by Julie Schalla
Griffen Segars by Jerry & Barbara Scarborough
Ken & Clair Terry by Vikki & Ken Terry
Bill & Sandy Tims by Keith & Nancy Tims
Mr. & Mrs. James Welch by Jerry & Barbara Scarborough

or are given in thanksgiving for

Our Families by George & Loretta Marks
Nancy Tims by Samuel & Adrianna Oliveira

