

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 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

Rev. Passante

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

(Gen. 37:28)

God lifts us from death to life

And preserves us for God's purposes.

With thanksgiving, Praise the Lord!

** HYMN #462*

I Love to Tell the Story

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

(Rom. 10:12)

Let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

(Matt 14; Gen. 37)

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Rom. 8:31-39)

Rev. Passante

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all, restores all. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. In Jesus Christ, 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 – George Frideric Handel

“Sonatina”
“Joy to the World”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

God of our present trouble and promised triumph,

Open our eyes to see you in the midst of our struggles.

Open our ears to hear your words of invitation and assurance.

Open our minds to recall your wonderful works and miracles.

Open our hearts to glory in your name & seek strength in your Word;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*HYMN #819

Be Still, My Soul

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-4 12-28

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

Holy Bible, OT p. 34

SERMON

“In That Pit”

Rev. Passante

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I Believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, The Living, the Promise. I Believe in the God of Jesus of Nazareth; the deceased, the tortured, the crucified, then, now, all over the world, again and again. I Believe in a God who raises the oppressed and brings the exiles home. I Believe in Jesus who gave himself for all mankind to gather all the scattered children of God together is one house. He is the hope of the world. I Believe in the God of Jesus, the risen one, the happy one, the perfect one. I believe that we will become like Him. I Believe in the all embracing Love, in the Spirit of peace and unity who makes us speak the same language who will fulfill what was promised to us. He is the Spirit of the promises.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Passante

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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

Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him.



*To make an offering online, scan this code or
visit www.deercreekpreschurch.org.
Thank you for your support.*

OFFERTORY

“Jesus Calls Us”

***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

Living Lord, Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray, **Amen.**

LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #829**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

(verses 1-3)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Passante

POSTLUDE

“Living for Jesus”

Special Note on Anthem Music for August: Early composers wrote music for the church and played their compositions in church services. Many of these musical themes became our modern hymns. The Anthems during the month of August will feature a composer's work and a hymn he wrote. Listen for your favorite! All played for the glory of God.

IN MINISTRY TODAY – August 9, 2026

Liturgist: Hugh Walton

Ushers: Gail & Mel Smith

Counters: Barbara Henry & Mel Smith

Fellowship: Wagner & Schalla Families

Flowers: OPEN

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost - 11:00am

Guest Preachers: Suzanne and Fabiano Vicente

IN MINISTRY – August 16, 2026

Liturgist: Barbara Henry

Ushers: Vikki & Ken Terry

Counters: 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, Aug 2

In Attendance:40 Collection: \$2,250.00

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 Passante
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Audiovisual Tech: Roy Hinds

Custodian: Suzanne Vicente

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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, contact Rev. Nikki or the church office (office@deercreekpreschurch.org). When making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer.

Pray For

The family of Waymond Henry (bereavement)
Sudie LaPlue (illness)
Don Shuman (bereavement)
George & Loretta Marks (illness)
Roger Easley (illness)
Jackson Jebcoat & Family (illness)
Sharon Gossett (illness)
The family of Suzanne Vicente (bereavement)
Jennifer Pennington (illness)
Wanda Hernandez (illness)
Ashton Broeker (illness)
Morgan Bailey (illness)

Requested by

Linda O.
Rev. Nikki
Rev. Nikki
Nancy T.
Linda J.
Barbara H.
Brenda G.
Linda O.
Nancy T.
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Barbara H.

Please continue to pray for: **Rev. Sid Gunter, Chip Jabaley, Milly Whatley, Penny & Don Irwin, 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Exciting Things Are Ahead—And Your Voice Matters! Big ideas are brewing for the future of Deer Creek Shores, and we want you to be a part of the conversation! The Finance Committee has been working on some fresh, energizing possibilities for our church family. Before anything moves forward, we want to hear your thoughts, answer your questions, and dream together about where God is leading us next. Grab a cup of coffee

after service, bring your curiosity, and join us for a quick, engaging gathering on **August 16th in the Grace Cox Room** right after worship! Whether you've been here for decades or are brand new, your perspective is so valuable. Reach out to Ron Studd (rstudd@mac.com) if you have any questions.

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.

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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