

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday in Easter

May 3, 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

Barbara Henry, Liturgist

(1 Pet. 2:4)

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*** HYMN #1**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

(1 Pet. 2:8, Ps. 31:1)

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

(1 Pet. 2:1-2, 7)

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

(1 Pet. 2:10)

Sisters and brothers: once we were no people.

Now we are God's people.

Once we had not received mercy.

But now we have received mercy.

In the name of 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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Barbara Henry, Liturgist

(1 Pet. 2:9)

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

PSALM READING

Barbara Henry, Liturgist

Psalm 31: 1-5

Holy Bible, OT p. 505

**HYMN #321*

The Church's One Foundation

(verses 1, 4 & 5)

GOSPEL READING
1 Peter 2:2-10

Rev. Passante
Holy Bible, NT p. 233

SERMON

“A Home of Living Stones”

Rev. Passante

*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.

GIVING THANKS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Barbara Henry, Liturgist

As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God’s work in the world.



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** Barbara Henry, Liturgist
Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your
astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in
union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever.
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 #462

I Love to Tell the Story

*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

IN MINISTRY TODAY – May 3, 2026

Liturgist: Barbara Henry

Greeters: Nancy Tims & Linda Hardie

Counters: Linda Hardie & Rich Wilks

Fellowship: Emily Bouffard & Bailey McKenzie

Flowers: Emily Bouffard & Bailey McKenzie

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 11:00am

Rev. Therese Howell

IN MINISTRY – May 10, 2026

Liturgist: Evie Studd

Greeters: Gail & Mel Smith

Counters: Barbara Henry & Mel Smith

Fellowship: The Wilsons

Flowers: The Worship Committee
for Mothers and Mother Figures

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, April 27
In Attendance: 37 Collection: \$925.00

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PRAYER

(Please review the prayer list and notify the office of updates.)
Leslie Etherton, George Marks, Loretta 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, Chip Jabaley,
Milly Whatley, Brenda Gossett, Sharon Gossett, Penny & Don Irwin

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.

SHADY GROVE RV PARK - Thank you for your monthly contributions! *Items especially needed for May are instant coffee (individual packets), hamburger or tuna helper, canned meat*

(chicken, beef stew, or chili), small jars of mayonnaise, laundry detergent, and tall kitchen trash bags. Additional items needed are cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, paper towels, Pine Sol, Palmolive, disinfectant wipes; personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, band aids, Neosporin and Bactine spray. Please leave your donation in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, May 3rd**. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE will be meeting **May 13th at 8pm** on Zoom. Please join us if you are interested in helping to determine the direction for missions for the rest of the year. Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

GUEST PREACHERS - Rev. Nikki will be out of the country from May 7th-May 22nd, and will return to worship on May 24th, Pentecost Sunday. Your guest preachers for those Sundays are:
May 10th: Therese Howell - Stated Clerk for Cherokee Presbytery
May 17th: Paulo Mendez - Lead Pastor for Care and Share Ministries, supporting missionaries and children's homes in India, North East Brazil, Cuba, and South Africa. The message for that morning: "Be Prepared for Pentecost"
Please join us on these special Sundays!

MASTER CALENDAR COORDINATION - To ensure smooth coordination of all church events and activities, we kindly ask that all members run their planned activities through the office administrator, Keith Tims. (office@deercreekpreschurch.org) This allows us to maintain a comprehensive master calendar and avoid scheduling conflicts. Please contact Keith with the details of your event prior to making any arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us stay organized and connected!

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES ARE COMING! – Those interested in joining our church are invited to attend New Members Classes on June 7th and 14th for one hour after service in the Grace Cox room.

Contact Rev. Nikki at nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org for more information.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS — Mary Lou Turner (3rd), Diane Badow (9th), Paul Price (17th), Kenlee Huss (28th), Waymond Henry (29th), Elaine Ross (31st)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES – Mel & Judy Smith (4th), Robert & Mary Bouffard (14th), Doug & Tanna Savage (22nd), Lauren & Shelly McDonald (24th).

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 & OTHER NEEDS - Please send all prayer requests to office@deercreekpreschurch.org. If you have any need or concern, please do not hesitate to contact any Elder or the church office.

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.
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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. *Completed.* 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 four 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 at 11am.

Connect and catch up with us at any time on
Facebook and YouTube!

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youtube.com/@deercreekpreschurch**

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!

