

# Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

**Pentecost**

**May 24, 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

“Come, O Spirit”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Passante

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ken Terry, Liturgist

From out of our silent depths into visible corporate acts,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Gathering the fragments of our church into a living icon of the  
redeeming, reconciling, prophetic Christ,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Bonding together the dissenter, the affirmer and the questor,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Radiating the power and the light of our rainbow-hued people,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Revealing your presence in and among each perceived or self-  
defined minority, wounded, lonely, or angry,

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Gathering the fragments of our church into dynamic communities of  
faith engaged in prophetic, redemptive and reconciling ministries of  
love,

**Come Holy Spirit, come!**

\* **HYMN #246**

*Christ is Alive!*

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

(Acts 2:21)

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our  
sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

**Almighty God, we have seen your power and glory in the face of your Son, whom you raised from the dead and received unto yourself. By sending us your Spirit, you have shared that same power with us; yet we have turned it aside, trying rather to live by our own strength, on our own terms. We confess that we have not lived and witnessed according to your call. Forgive our stubborn resistance and fill us with the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead; so that we may rise from the ashes of our weakness, to the strength which you freely give us by your gracious and mighty hand.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life. 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

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

A MESSAGE FROM THE GIDEONS

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ken Terry, Liturgist

(Acts 2:11)

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.

*\*HYMN #280*

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

GOSPEL READING

Ken Terry, Liturgist

John 20: 19-23

*Holy Bible, NT p. 115*

SERMON

“Jesus Cannot Be Stopped”

Rev. Passante

*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

*Hymnal p.35*

Apostle’s Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Passante

Spirit of God, we have gathered together in this place, to pray, and to make ourselves ready for your coming. Give us faith,

**That when you come like the wind, though we do not see you, yet we may hear what you are saying to us and discern your movement.**

Give us courage, that we may not fear the tongues of flame:

**Let all that is unworthy, impure, and sinful be burned from our lives. May we know that it is love that burns so brightly and love that strips away our sin.**

Give us an open mind, Lord, that the truth you bring may make its home with us:

**Truth to set us free, Truth to guide us and inform us, Truth to lead us in the way of your will.**

Give us an open heart, Lord,

**That we may seek all people for your realm, and set no limits to the proclaiming of your word.**

Holy Spirit, with the whole church we wait for you in every place and in every generation.

**Come, wind. Come, fire. Come, truth. Come, love.  
In Jesus' name...**

**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.**

**GIVING THANKS**

**CALL TO THE OFFERING**

**Ken Terry, Liturgist**

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.



*To make an offering online, scan this code or  
visit [www.deercreekpreschurch.org](http://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**

Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with the dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LEAVE TO SERVE

\***HYMN #289**  
(verses 1, 3 & 4)

*On Pentecost They Gathered*

\*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

“Standing on the Promises”

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**IN MINISTRY TODAY – May 24, 2026**

*Liturgist:* Ken Terry

*Greeters:* Nancy & Jim Wilson

*Counters:* Linda Jackson & JoAnn Mulrey

*Fellowship:* OPEN

*Flowers:* Jim & Nancy Wilson

in memory of our dear mothers.

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, May 31, 2026**

**Trinity Sunday - 11:00am**

**Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante**

“You Are Christ’s Body”

**IN MINISTRY – May 31, 2026**

*Liturgist:* Diane Bandow

*Greeters:* Mel & Gail Smith

*Counters:* Nancy Tims & 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, May 17

In Attendance: 47    Collection: \$3,380.00

**THE SESSION**

Charlotte Dewberry (2026)    Jerry Scarborough (2026)  
Ron Studd (2027)    Linda Jackson (2027)  
Barbara Henry (2028)    Linda Oliveira (2028)  
Ken Terry, 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 and his parents, Chip Jabaley, Milly Whatley, Brenda Gossett, Sharon Gossett, Penny & Don Irwin, The family of Sally Witherington.

**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 MEETING – May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm**

The Finance Committee will be meeting via Google Meet to plan and review objectives to improve process, reporting, budgeting, and investment. If you're interested, please feel free to attend and contact Ron Studd (rstudd@mac.com) with questions. Hope to see you there!  
<https://meet.google.com/pcs-hgff-csa>

**SHADY GROVE RV PARK** - Thank you for your monthly contributions! *Items especially needed for June 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.* Also needed are cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, toilet paper, 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, June 7th*. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at [linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com](mailto:linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for one hour after service in the Grace Cox room. Contact Rev. Nikki at [nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org](mailto:nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org) for more information.

**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 to [office@deercreekpreschurch.org](mailto:office@deercreekpreschurch.org). If you have any need or concern, please do not hesitate to contact any Elder or the church office.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH?** - Reach out to Rev. Nikki at [nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org](mailto:nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org). We'd love to hear from you!

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.  
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