

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

**Second Sunday of Lent
The Lord's Supper**

March 1, 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
CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Passante

*CALL TO WORSHIP
(Ps. 40:3, 5)

Ken Terry, Liturgist

Sing a new song,
A song of thanks and praise,
For God has done wondrous deeds,
And is great beyond compare!

**HYMN #12*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

God of sure and steadfast covenant: we gratefully acknowledge that you have called us to be your people; you have sustained us during our journey, and you have been true to your promise never to leave us. Yet we have not remained faithful to you, but have turned to our own way. We have been forgiven, but have not forgiven one another. We have been unconditionally loved, but have placed conditions on our own love. Forgive our failures, and empower us by your Holy Spirit to forgive and love even as you have forgiven and loved us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

(Ps. 40:2,4,8; John 1:29)

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin.

Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING THE PEACE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ken Terry, Liturgist

(1 Cor. 1:6, 7; Ps. 40:6,9)

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed.

Amen.

ANTHEM

“Here I Am, Lord”

Tanna Savage

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Passante

***HYMN #503**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

GOSPEL READING

Rev. Passante

John 1: 29-42

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did

not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ).⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Come and See”

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.

*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.*

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Passante

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

*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

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God forever.

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

SENDING

***HYMN 848**

Trust In God

***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 – March 1, 2026

Liturgist: Ken Terry

Greeters: JoAnn Mulrey

Counters: JoAnn Mulrey & Rich Wilks

Fellowship: Linda Jackson & Ron Studd

Flowers: DCS Presbyterian Women

Bread, Organ Side: Linda Jackson

Cup, Organ Side: Gail Smith

Bread, Pulpit Side: Ken Terry

Cup, Pulpit Side: Jerry Scarborough

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Nikki Passante

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11

Sermon: “Stories of Grace”

IN MINISTRY – March 8, 2026

Liturgist: Nancy Tims

Greeters: Mel and Gail Smith

Counters: Barbara Henry and Mel Smith

Fellowship: Jim & Nancy Wilson

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.

THE SESSION

Diane Bandow (2025) Don Wagner (2025)

Charlotte Dewberry (2026) Jerry Scarborough (2026)

Ron Studd (2027) Linda Jackson (2027)

Nancy Tims, Clerk

Elders-Elect: Barbara Henry, Linda Oliveira

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor: Rev. Nikki Passante
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PRAYER

(Please review prayer list and notify the office of updates.)

Leslie Etherton, George Marks, Loretta Marks, Harriette Cady, Chantel Druivenga, Sudie LaPlue, Linda Oliveira, Wright Family, 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, The Family of Tony Pritchett, Chip Jabaley, Milly Whatley

MARCH BIRTHDAYS — Sudie LaPlue (6th), Don Wagner (25th), Ana Price (29th)

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—Please send all prayer requests to the church office at office@deercreekpreschurch.org.

OTHER NEEDS—If you have any need or concern, please do not hesitate to contact any Elder or the church office (office@deercreekpreschurch.org).

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.
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THIS WEEK AT DEER CREEK SHORES

Sunday, March 8

10:00am – Adult Sunday School – Grace Cox Room

DATES TO REMEMBER

SHADY GROVE RV PARK - Thank you for your monthly contributions! *Items especially needed for March are instant coffee (individual packets), peanut butter, hamburger or tuna helper, canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef stew, or chili), toilet paper and paper towels.* Additional items needed are canned vegetables, small packages of instant coffee, cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, Pine Sol, Palmolive, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, tall trash bags; personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, razors, band aids, Neosporin and Bactine spray. Please leave your donation in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, March 8th. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

TREAT THE TROOPS – Wednesday, March 11th - Please join us at the VFW Post at 1045 Dahlonega Highway to pack for Treat the Troops. Plan to arrive around 6:40 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 March 8th. 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, March 8th. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com or Nancy Tims at teachtims@gmail.com.

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. 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 five 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.

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Facebook and YouTube!

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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!



Hello Deer Creek Families,

February was full of love, laughter, and the sweetest celebrations! From buzzing around in our "Bee My Valentine" outfits to spotting the cutest little gentlemen in bow ties (because truly, what is cuter than a toddler in a bow tie?), our classrooms were filled with joy.

March Happenings

It's time for everyone to look their very best. We can't wait to capture those sweet smiles on picture day!

Staff Birthdays:

We are celebrating a couple special ladies this month:

- Mrs. Katelynn – March 14
- Mrs. Robin – March 18

Be sure to help us wish them a very happy birthday!

Teacher Appreciation Week | March 23–26

We are so thankful for our amazing teachers who pour into our children every single day. If you would like to drop off a small treat or note of encouragement during that week, we know it would mean so much to our lovely crew of ladies.

Parent's Night Out | March 27

Our Parent's Night Out events continue to grow and have been such a big success! We are excited for another fun evening for the children while parents enjoy a little time to themselves.

Easter Celebrations

- March 30 – Egg hunt for our 1s and 2s classes
- April 1 – Easter celebrations for our 3s and 4s

If you would like to donate filled eggs, we kindly ask that they contain small goodies or non-chocolate candy (as chocolate tends to melt outdoors).

Enrollment Update

We have officially begun accepting registration for the 2026–2027 preschool year. Please help spread the word if you know a family looking for a loving, faith-based preschool community.

Share the Love

If Deer Creek Shores Preschool has been a blessing to your family, we would be so grateful if you would consider leaving us a Google review. You can simply scan the QR code below to share your experience. Your kind words help other families in our community find us.

Thank you for being such a special part of our preschool family. We are looking forward to a beautiful spring season filled with learning, growth, and joy!

