

# Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 19, 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

“God of Grace and Glory”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Passante

CALL TO WORSHIP

Evie Studd, Liturgist

(Ps. 65:1-13)

God’s creation delights and astonishes.

**Let the people pause and wonder!**

God the Creator, has made it all.

**Let all creation shout and sing! Alleluia!**

**\* HYMN #366**

***Love Divine All Loves Excelling***

(v. 1, 2 & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

(Rom. 8:1)

In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin. Let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

**O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. Search me, o God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me the way everlasting.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Be at peace, for we have been freed to serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God.

**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

“O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Evie Studd, Liturgist

**Holy One, we cannot predict your coming or going. Move now in our hearts. Meet us here. Shape us for service in your world, and breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, and the burdens we carry. In Christ’s name, Amen.**

*\*HYMN #288*

*Spirit of the Living God*

(sung twice)

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:12-25(27)

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*Holy Bible, NT p. 158*

SERMON

“God the Heart-Searcher”

Rev. Passante

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
Apostle's Creed

*Hymnal p.35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Passante

**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

Evie Studd, Liturgist

God blesses us that we might carry that blessing into the world. Let us give with grateful hearts.



*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

Evie Studd, Liturgist

In gratitude we offer what we carry in our hearts and our pockets.  
We pray that you would use us. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

LEAVE TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #802**

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

***The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Passante

**POSTLUDE**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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**IN MINISTRY TODAY – July 19, 2026**

*Liturgist:* Evie Studd

*Ushers:* Vikki & Ken Terry

*Counters:* Nancy Tims & Linda Oliveira

*Fellowship:* OPEN

*Flowers:* OPEN

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, July 26, 2026**

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost - 11:00am**

**Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante**

*Scripture:* Genesis 29:15-28

“Hard and Holy Things”

**IN MINISTRY – July 26, 2026**

*Liturgist:* Linda Hardie

*Ushers:* Nancy & Jim Wilson

*Counters:* Linda Jackson & JoAnn Mulrey

*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, July 12

In Attendance: 32      Collection: \$1,360.00

## **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**

### **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.*

Leslie Etherton, George Marks, Lorretta Marks, Chantel Druivenga, Sudie LaPlue, Don 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, Linda Hughes Hardy, Sharon Gossett, Penny & Don Irwin, The family of Sally Witherington, Tina Chastain, Roger Easley

**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.

## **BEYOND THE NUMBERS: Join the Finance Conversation! -**

Money matters, but how we steward it matters more. If you want a first-hand look at how our church plans for the future, come pull up a chair with the Finance Committee.

What's on the agenda?

- Finalizing the new budget
- Reviewing our current financial landscape
- Strategic planning for upcoming projects

No financial degree required—just a heart for our community and a desire to learn! Meet us in the **Grace Cox room on July 19th**, right after the worship service. Have questions or want to learn more beforehand? Connect with Ron Studd at [rstudd@mac.com](mailto:rstudd@mac.com).

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL GIVING TREE** - Please support our mission to help 3 young girls at the RV Park and our Preschool with Back-to-School supplies. **Items needed are listed on the Giving Tree ornaments in the Sanctuary.** Please return your unwrapped donation to the church by **August 2nd** and place it in the tub in the Fellowship Hall corresponding to the class or RV Park **with the ornament tag taped to the item.** If you'd like to contribute but do not want to shop for school supplies, you may place a check in the offering plate made out to DCSPC indicating *Missions - Back to School* in the memo line and we'll shop for you. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at [linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com](mailto:linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com).

**SHADY GROVE RV PARK** - Thank you for your monthly contributions! **Items especially needed for August are canned corn, canned spaghetti, canned meat (chicken, beef stew, or chili), 409, hamburger helper, dishwashing liquid and toothpaste.** Additional items needed are cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, instant coffee (individual packets), tall kitchen trash bags, Pine Sol, Palmolive, disinfectant wipes; personal care items such as toothbrushes, deodorant, band aids, Neosporin and Bactine spray. Please leave your donation in the Fellowship Hall by **Sunday, August 2nd.** Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at [linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com](mailto:linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com).

**TREAT THE TROOPS – Wednesday July 22nd** - Please join us at the **VFW Post at 1045 Dahlonga Highway** to pack for Treat the Troops. Plan to arrive around **6:40 pm** 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 July 19th.** 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, July 19th. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at [linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com](mailto:linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com) or Nancy Tims at [teachtims@gmail.com](mailto:teachtims@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org). We'd love to hear from you!



Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.  
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