

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2025 – 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
& PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Dr. Short

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT Glory to God, pg. 82 v 1
*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find out rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Hardie, Liturgist
**The Lord is a great God who says: I am the Alpha and Omega,
the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Let us
Worship God.**

*OPENING PRAYER Linda Hardie, Liturgist
God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life,
resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to
rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.
Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

****HYMN 268*** ***Crown Him with Many Crowns***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Short

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Dr. Short
**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to
acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this
world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your**

mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Short

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

SHARING THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Short

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 OF ILLUMINATION

Linda Hardie, Liturgist

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Linda Hardie, Liturgist

Psalm 46: 1-7

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM The congregation is invited to sing with the choir.

HYMN 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

HYMN 123

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

HYMN 275**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*****GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 23: 33-43

Rev. Dr. Short

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Thanks be to God.**SERMON****“The Mystery of
the Reign of Christ”**

Rev. Dr. Short

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) Linda Hardie, Liturgist*We believe in giving what we have.****We believe actions of generosity change us.****We dare to believe the small acts can change the world.****We believe in a God, who is a miracle maker.****We believe in a God of good news.****We believe this good news is so good we cannot help but sing.****We believe there will be forces that try to silence what is just good, hopeful and generous.****We do not believe these voices will have the last word.****We believe at the end of the day, love will find a way.****We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Short

THE THANKSGIVING

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Short



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OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
Sudie LaPlue & Charlotte Dewberry

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*OFFERTORY SONG

Hymn 606, Doxology

***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

Linda Hardie, Liturgist

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, great God, for you are ruler of the universe, and have sent your Son to be King of kings. We rejoice that he has triumphed over all the powers of this world and governs the nations in justice and righteousness. We celebrate his victory in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension to honor and might at your side. By your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, establish Christ's rule in every land and in every heart. Accept our homage as we offer our lives in the service of Christ's kingdom. He is Lord forever and ever. **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.

SENDING

***HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Short

POSTLUDE

Sudie LaPlue

IN MINISTRY TODAY – November 23, 2025

Liturgist: Linda Hardie

Greeters: Jim and Nancy Wilson

Counters: Linda Jackson and JoAnn Mulrey

Fellowship: Lauren and Shelley McDonald

Flowers: **OPEN**

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, November 30, 2025

First Sunday in Advent

Sermon: The Bible and the Newspaper

Rev. Dr. Richard Short

IN MINISTRY – November 30

Liturgist: **Evie Studd**

Greeters:

Counters: Nancy Tims and 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.

THE SESSION

Diane Badow (2025) Don Wagner (2025)
Charlotte Dewberry (2026) Jerry Scarborough (2026)
Ron Studd (2027) Linda Jackson (2027)
Nancy Tims, Clerk of Session
Elders-Elect: Barbara Henry, Linda Oliveira

OUR CHURCH STAFF

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN PRAYER - *Please review prayer list and notify the office of updates.* Mitch Hughes, Leslie Etherton, George Marks, Loretta Marks, Harriette Cady, Sudie LaPlue, Linda Oliveira, Wright family, Don and Betty Shuman, Jerry and Linda Snowden, Jim Wilson, Jim Byrd's family, Issac Bucks and family, Bobbie Wright, Chantel Druivenga

POINSETTIAS—We are now accepting orders for poinsettias for dedication during the upcoming holiday season.

SHADY GROVE RV PARK - Thank you for your monthly contributions! Items especially needed for December are toilet paper, peanut butter and jelly, hamburger or tuna helper, canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef stew, or chili), and canned vegetables. Additional items needed are cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, Pine Sol, Palmolive, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes, tall trash bags, paper towels; and personal care items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, disposable razors, band aids, Neosporin and Bactine spray. Please leave your donation in the Fellowship Hall by December 7th. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS — Julie Schalla (4th), Laurel Hine (13th), Mary Bouffard (23rd), Linda Jackson (23rd), Lydia Hine (26th), Lorretta Marks (28th), Jodi Wacho (30th)

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

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm
If no one is present during these hours, phone
and email are monitored remotely.

THIS WEEK AT DEER CREEK SHORES

Sunday, November 23

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

Wednesday, November 26

7:00pm – Choir

DATES TO REMEMBER

PRESCHOOL - November 24-28 – Thanksgiving Break

LIFELINE SCREENING – Thursday, Dec. 11 - Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church will host Lifeline and will be offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family, and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up.

Three ways to register:

- **Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001**
- **Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)**
- **Text: the word circle to 216-279-1607**



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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!

Join us **LIVE** on Facebook Sunday @ 11AM

FACEBOOK

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church - Home

Connect and Catch up with us any time

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church - YouTube

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.

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church – Priorities for 2025

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.

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.



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.