

# Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

**Sixth Sunday in Easter**

**May 10, 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

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evie Studd, Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Evie Studd, Liturgist

Blessed is God, who truly listens.

**He heeds the words of our prayers.**

Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

**\* HYMN #366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Therese Howell

We come before God, not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us together humbly confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elder Howell

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; Through Jesus Christ your Son.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Howell

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*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

Elder Howell

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

Elder Howell

ANTHEM

*Happy Our Home When God Is There*

THE WORD

\**HYMN #318*

*In Christ There Is No East and West*

(verses 1, 3 & 4)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Howell

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

Elder Howell

*Holy Bible, NT p. 109*

SERMON

“The Spirit of Truth”

Elder Howell

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle’s Creed

*Hymnal p.35*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE &  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Elder Howell

(prayer response: Holy God, **hear our 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

Evie Studd, 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.deercreekpreschchurch.org](http://www.deercreekpreschchurch.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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world

with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

LEAVE TO SERVE

\*HYMN #465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Elder Howell

\*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

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**IN MINISTRY TODAY – 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

**SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, May 17, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - 11:00am**

**Rev. Paulo Mendes**

**IN MINISTRY – May 17, 2026**

*Liturgist:* Nancy Tims

*Greeters:* Vikki & Ken Terry

*Counters:* Nancy Tims & Linda Oliveira

*Fellowship:* Waymond & Barbara Henry

*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 3

In Attendance: 41    Collection: \$2410.00

**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**

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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.

**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](mailto:linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link.

**GUEST PREACHERS** – We are welcoming **Ruling Elder Therese Howell**, Stated Clerk for the Cherokee Presbytery, as guest preacher this week while Rev. Nikki is out of the country. Next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, we are honored to have **Rev. Paulo Mendes** in the pulpit. Rev. Mendes has served most of his ministry abroad and spent two decades caring for the Portuguese-speaking immigrant community in the United States through the Greater Atlanta and Cherokee Presbyteries. Though retired after 40 years of pastoral ministry, he continues in a validated ministry through *CARE & SHARE – Shepherding Those on Mission*, supporting workers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. He holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary and a degree in Psychology from UNESP, São Paulo, Brazil. Please join us! Rev. Nikki will return to preach on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** have concluded the Bible study for this season and will not meet in May. The next gathering planned is the annual summer dinner out tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 9th. Time and place to be determined. Please contact Linda Hardie with questions.

**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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