

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 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, Christians, Join to Sing”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Perrine

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mary Bouffard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Diane Bandow, Liturgist

(Phil. 3:7-8; Matt 21:42)

Whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

As the Scriptures promise: the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes.

*** HYMN #509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Perrine

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Perrine

Giver of good and holy law, we thank you for sending us your Son, the Prince of peace, who has brought to us your precious gift of eternal life. Yet just as we rejected your prophets, so we have rejected him. We have sinned against you most grievously and cast ourselves upon your sure and faithful mercy. Forgive us for rejecting you by spurning your gifts of love. Help us by your Spirit to embrace your holiness, that we may live in a manner worthy of our calling, to the honor of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Perrine

Hear the Good News: God is rich in mercy and generous in grace. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, our fear is released, and our lives are made new.

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. Perrine

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. Perrine

ANTHEM

“In Remembrance”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Diane Bandow, Liturgist

(Phil 2:3)

**O God fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we
can hear your Word. Amen.**

*HYMN #340

This Is My Song

(Verses 1, 3 & 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Diane Bandow, Liturgist

John 6:56-69

Holy Bible, NT p. 98

SERMON

“The Blessing in the Breaking”

Rev. Perrine

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Hymnal p. 35

Apostles’ Creed

GIVING THANKS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Diane Badow, Liturgist

With grateful hearts, let us offer our gifts, trusting in God's goodness.



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visit 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

Diane Badow, Liturgist

All honor and majesty, strength and beauty are yours, Almighty God, maker of heaven and earth. Let these simple offerings we bring be a sign of the great glory that is due to your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

(Eucharist means "Thanksgiving")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Perrine

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Perrine

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up 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...

...Into our brokenness came the memory of wholeness.

Into our sickness came the medicine of grace.

Into our fear came the revelation of love.

Christ born among us

One of us,

Child of heaven

Son of womankind,

Bearer of forgiveness,

Healer of our nature,

Restorer of wisdom,

Liberator of the oppressed,

Rejected by the religious,

Scorned by the state,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Heart of humanity,

Soul of creation,

Lamb of God.....

... 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. Perrine

LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #314**

(verses 1, 2 & 5)

Christ Be Our Light

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Perrine

POSTLUDE

“Living for Jesus”

IN MINISTRY TODAY – October 4, 2026

Liturgist: Diane Bandow

Ushers: Linda Hardie & Nancy Tims

Counters: Linda Hardie & Rich Wilks

Fellowship: OPEN

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost - 11:00am

Rev. Nikki Perrine

Scripture: Philippians 4:1-9

“Rejoice! And Again, I Say Rejoice!”

IN MINISTRY – October 11, 2026

Liturgist: Hugh Walton

Ushers: Gail & Mel Smith

Counters: Barbara Henry & Mel Smith

Fellowship: October Birthday Celebration

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, September 27

In Attendance: 33 Collection: \$645.00

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
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Church Administrator: Keith Tims
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Custodian: Suzanne Vicente

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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. Names will remain on the list for a month unless an extension is asked for.

Pray For

The family of Samantha Kessler (bereavement)
Michelle Bolden (recovery)
Jackson Jebcoat & Family (illness)
George & Loretta Marks (illness)
Sudie LaPlue (illness)
Tom Walton (illness)
Martin Walton (illness)
Brenda Gossett (illness)

Requested by

Mary B. (10/4)
Bailey M. (10/4)
Barbara H. (9/27)
Nancy T. (9/27)
Rev. Nikki (9/27)
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Brenda G. (9/20)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – Originally called World Wide Communion Sunday, this service is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA in 1933, where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world, that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

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.

BLESSING BAGS - Please plan to stay after the Worship Service on **October 11th** and help pack Blessing Bags for the homeless during coffee fellowship. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

SLEEPERS IN SEPTEMBER - During the month of September, **Newborns in Need**, a non-profit organization, will be collecting new sleepers or gowns for millions of babies across our country. Each year they receive requests from pregnancy centers, hospitals, and battered women's shelters for baby sleepers. These babies are in crisis with the approach of winter. To support the local chapter, **Deer Creek Shores will be collecting sleepers/sleep sacs and we will have a donation box in the Fellowship Hall.** While you're out

shopping this month, think of the babies and bring in a sleeper or two in on Sunday! If you would like to make a donation which will go to the purchasing of sleepers, you can do so at <https://www.newbornsinneed.org/> and specify the local chapter "Sugar Hill Chapter – Sleepers."

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – Presbyterian Women will meet on **Thursday, October 8, at 10:30am** in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. All women of the church are encouraged to attend as we read and discuss "Connected in Christ" the second lesson in our study guide. (Please let Linda Hardie know if you need a study guide). Bring a sandwich to share for a light lunch together. We will be discussing the upcoming Christmas sale, which is scheduled for November 14th. The coordinating team will meet at 9:45.

COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE UNHOUSED – The Missions Committee is sponsoring a coat and blanket drive for the homeless. Please bring donations of gently used and clean coats, blankets, throws, sweatpants, sweatshirts or sweaters to the church by **Sunday, October 11th**. A box for donations is in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com with questions.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – The next monthly birthday/anniversary celebration will be held on **Sunday, October 11**, during coffee fellowship hour. Plan to stay for cake and ice cream!

FALL POTLUCK – The fall potluck luncheon will be held immediately following worship service on **Sunday, October 25**, in Celebration Hall. A sign-up sheet is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board. Sign-ups are due by *Sunday, October 18*. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Food should be delivered to Celebration Hall between 10 and 11 AM that morning. We're looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up. For further information, contact Elder Barbara Henry at BarbaraStevensHenry@yahoo.com

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE – *Save the date!* The Presbyterian Women will hold their annual Christmas sale on **Saturday, November 14, from 9am-2pm** and on **Sunday, November 15, from Noon-2pm** in Celebration Hall. Proceeds go to local charities. Donations of items for sale are invited. Drop off and pick up can be coordinated with sale co-chairs Mary Bouffard and Brenda Gossett. Volunteers are needed to receive donations, price and display them, work the sale hours, and help clean out leftovers. Contact either co-Chair for additional information.

REKEYING THE CHURCH DOORS - To improve the security of our church facilities, we will be rekeying the exterior doors. The new keys will become available on Thursday, October 8 and we will be working to ensure anyone who needs a new key can get one in a timely manner. Please contact office@deercreekpreschurch.org with any questions.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – Giving flowers is a lovely way to beautify the sanctuary, remember someone, or commemorate a special occasion. You may sign up to give flowers on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall or contact Tanna Savage with any questions at tannasavage@bellsouth.net.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH? - Reach out to Rev. Nikki at nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org. We'd love to hear from you!

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.
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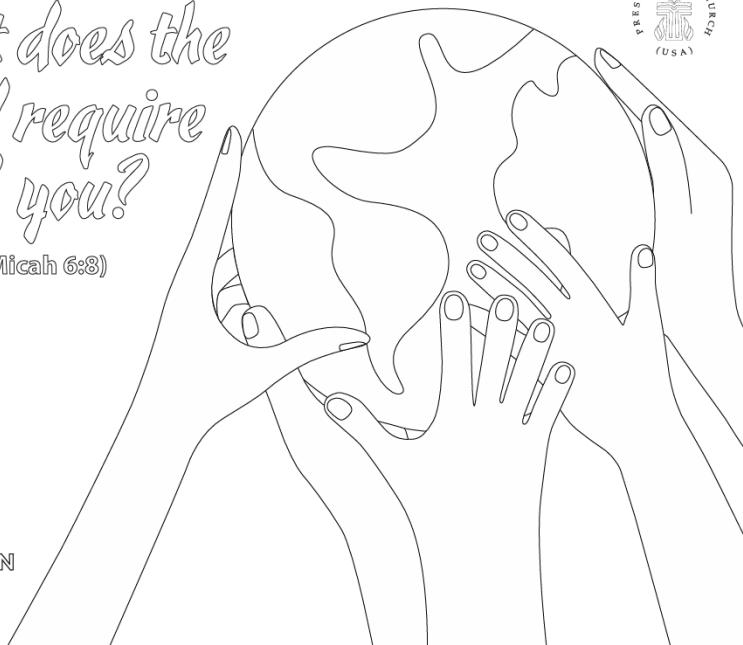
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*What does the
Lord require
of you?*

(Micah 6:8)



**WORLD
COMMUNION
OFFERING**





October at Deer Creek Preschool

October is here, and that means pumpkins, costumes, and lots of spook-tacular fun at preschool! Our classrooms are full of giggles, learning, and excitement as we enjoy this festive fall season together. We have lots happening this month, and we love being able to share a little glimpse of preschool life with our Deer Creek church family!

KidsCreate Art & Science

We are excited to have partnered again this year with KidsCreate Studio to offer two after-school enrichment programs for our 3s and 4s: Art and Science! The children have been loving these hands-on learning experiences and getting the chance to create, explore, experiment, and have fun together.

Teacher Boo Baskets

Help us "BOO" our amazing preschool teachers! We are collecting small treats, gift cards, classroom supplies, snacks, and other goodies to fill special Boo Baskets for our teachers. Church members are welcome to join in the fun, too! If you would like to contribute, donations can be dropped off at the preschool by October 21st.

Chapel with Rev. Nikki Perrine

Our 3s and 4s have been enjoying their special chapel time in the sanctuary with Rev. Nikki Perrine. Through Bible stories, songs, movement, and prayer, the children are learning more about God's love and how they can share that love with others. We are so thankful for this special opportunity to connect our preschool children with the church and help plant those little seeds of faith!

Trunk or Treat • Friday, October 23rd at 5:00 PM

We are looking forward to a fun evening of costumes, candy, and community at Deer Creek! We would love for our church family to join us. If you or someone you know would like to decorate a trunk and hand out candy, please email the preschool. The more trunks, the more fun!

October 26-29 • Pumpkin Patch Week & Scholastic Book Fair

One of our favorite weeks of the fall! Our preschoolers will enjoy a week filled with pumpkin-themed fun, and families will also have the opportunity to shop our Scholastic Book Fair.

October 30th • Parent's Night Out: Glow-in-the-Dark Spooktacular

We'll finish the month with a glowing good time for our preschool kiddos while parents enjoy a little night out!

We are so thankful for the continued love, prayers, and support of our Deer Creek church family. It means so much to know that our preschool children are surrounded by a church community that loves them, prays for them, and helps us show them the love of Jesus each and every day.

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