

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 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 "God of Our Fathers"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Passante

CALL TO WORSHIP Hugh Walton, Liturgist
(Ps. 121)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life

The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

* HYMN #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Passante
Sin destroys our lives, our relationships, our hope. But through faith in the saving death of Jesus Christ, our lives, our relationships, and our future are no longer enslaved. Let us trust the love of God and confess our sin, that we might receive grace and find true freedom.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Passante
God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send us your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman

cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

God who loves us, does not abandon or forsake us. Our Savior hears and answers when we cry out from the wastelands. Death cannot bind us, for the risen Christ sets us free. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Numbers 6: 24-26

Dedicated to the glory of God, our heavenly Father, and in thankfulness for all earthly fathers.

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious;
The Lord be gracious unto you,
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen!”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

O God, you have the power to make a desert a place of renewal and a cross a sign of redemption. Send your Holy Spirit so that we can hear you and entrust ourselves completely to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

Genesis 21:8-21

Holy Bible, OT p. 17

SERMON

“The God Who Sees”

Rev. Passante

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I Believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, The Living, the Promise. I Believe in the God of Jesus of Nazareth; the deceased, the tortured, the crucified, then, now, all over the world, again and again. I Believe in a God who raises the oppressed and brings the exiles home. I Believe in Jesus who gave himself for all mankind to gather all the scattered children of God together is one house. He is the hope of the world. I Believe in the God of Jesus, the risen one, the happy one, the perfect one. I believe that we will become like Him. I Believe in the all-embracing Love, in the Spirit of peace and unity who makes us speak the same language who will fulfill what was promised to us. He is the Spirit of the promises.

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

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

Because we need not fear tomorrow we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions to the work of the church. Do not be afraid for your well-being. Give generously in the name of the One who gave everything for us.



To make an offering online, scan this code or visit www.deercreekpreschurch.org.

Thank you for your support.

OFFERTORY

“Faith of Our Fathers”

*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

Hugh Walton, Liturgist

O God who gathers more, and still more to your table – a table that is not contained by our one church, but extends across varied worship spaces, across diverse cultures and communities – bless the gifts that each of us brings today. May they strengthen bodies and nourish spirits, and be used for your glory. **Amen.**

LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN #762

When the Poor Ones (Cuando el pobre)

(verses 1, 2 & 4)

*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

“How Firm a Foundation”

IN MINISTRY TODAY – June 21, 2026

Liturgist: Hugh Walton

Greeters: Vikki & Ken Terry

Counters: Nancy Tims & Linda Oliveira

Fellowship: Charlotte Dewberry & Linda Hardie

Flowers: OPEN

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost - 11:00am

Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

“The Workhorse”

IN MINISTRY – June 28, 2026

Liturgist: Nancy Tims

Greeters: Jim & Nancy Wilson

Counters: Linda Jackson & JoAnn Mulrey

Fellowship: Potluck Lunch in the Kelso Room

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, June 14

In Attendance: 35 Collection: \$1,700.00

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 and his parents, Chip Jabaley, Milly Whatley, Linda Hughes Hardy, Sharon Gossett, Penny & Don Irwin, The family of Sally Witherington Tina Chastain.

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.

POTLUCK LUNCH - We're gathering for food and fellowship on **Sunday, June 28, in the Kelso Room in Celebration Hall!** All

members of the congregation and visitors are invited, and we will offer a very special welcome that day to new and prospective church members. If you plan to attend, **please sign up** on the *I'll Be There* list on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Barbara S. Henry at (404) 771-3357 or barbarastevenshenry@yahoo.com. We hope to see YOU there!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Our annual dinner out will be held on Thursday, July 9, at Barbara Henry's home. All women of the church are invited. Dinner and dessert will be provided. Social hour starts at 5:30PM, with dinner at 6PM. Carpooling is suggested, as parking can be a challenge. Your response is requested by Sunday, June 28, by text or email to Barbara at barbarastevenshenry@yahoo.com or (404)771-3357.

SHADY GROVE RV PARK - Thank you for your monthly contributions! Items especially needed for July are: **instant coffee** (individual packets), **hamburger helper**, **canned meat** (chicken, beef stew, or chili), **canned spaghetti**, **dishwashing liquid and toothpaste**. Additional items needed are canned vegetables, cleaning supplies such as Spic & Span, 409, multi-surface cleaner, sponges, toilet paper, paper towels, 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, July 5th*. Questions? Contact Linda Jackson at linda.s.jackson25@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM - The Session has decided our church needs to evolve the Shepherds Program into a *Congregational Care Team* to help us care for our church family in a more intentional way. If caring for others is one of your gifts and you'd like to be involved, we'd love to have you on the team. The Congregational Care Team will be empowered to determine their activities. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Rev. Nikki.

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 or other needs to office@deercreekpreschurch.org or reach out to a church Elder.

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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