

Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 2, 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Passante

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ken Terry, Liturgist

God meets us in our greatest need

And satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

*** HYMN #409**

God Is Here!

(Verses 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Passante

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Passante

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

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 – J.S. Bach

“Minuet”

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ken Terry, Liturgist

All-Knowing God, let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

**HYMN #724*

O Jesus, I have Promised

SCRIPTURE READING

Ken Terry, Liturgist

Genesis 32: 22-31

Holy Bible, OT p. 28

SERMON

“The Blessing in the Wrestling”

Rev. Passante

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission.

Jesus’ human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

Jesus’ service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

Jesus' suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

Jesus' crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

GIVING THANKS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Ken Terry, Liturgist

(Matt. 14)

In the hands of Christ, little is multiplied to feed many. Let us offer our loaves and fishes to the All-sufficient One who said, 'Bring them here to me.'



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OFFERTORY

"Feed Us, Lord"

***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**

Ken Terry, Liturgist

(Matt. 14)

Thank you our Father that you've empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son. Receive now these gifts you provided us out of your abundance, that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARIST

(Eucharist means "Thanksgiving")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Passante

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Passante

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them 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...

... 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. Passante

LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN #265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Passante

POSTLUDE

“God of Our Fathers”

Special Note on Anthem Music for August: Early composers wrote music for the church and played their compositions in church services. Many of these musical themes became our modern hymns. The Anthems during the month of August will feature a composer's work and a hymn he wrote. Listen for your favorite! All played for the glory of God.

IN MINISTRY TODAY – August 2, 2026

Liturgist: Ken Terry

Ushers: Linda Hardie & Nancy Tims

Counters: Linda Hardie & Rich Wilks

Fellowship: OPEN

Flowers: OPEN

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, August 9, 2026

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost - 11:00am

Rev. Nikki Perrine Passante

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4 12-28

“Set Back and Stuck in a Pit?”

IN MINISTRY – August 9, 2026

Liturgist: Hugh Walton

Ushers: Gail & Mel Smith

Counters: Barbara Henry & Mel Smith

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 26

In Attendance: 37 Collection: \$6,210.00

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 nikki@deercreekpreschurch.org
Church Administrator:	Keith Tims office@deercreekpreschurch.org
Audiovisual Tech:	Roy Hinds
Custodian:	Suzanne Vicente

For information about our Preschool:

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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.

Pray For

Sudie LaPlue (illness)
Don Shuman (bereavement)
George & Loretta Marks (illness)
Roger Easley (illness)
Jackson Jebcoat & Family (illness)

Requested by

Rev. Nikki
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Nancy T.
Linda J.
Barbara H.

Sharon Gossett (illness)
The family of Suzanne Vicente (bereavement)
Jennifer Pennington (illness)
Wanda Hernandez (illness)
Ashton Broeker (illness)
Morgan Bailey (illness)

Brenda G.
Linda O.
Nancy T.
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Barbara H.

Please continue to pray for: **Rev. Sid Gunter, Chip Jabaley, Milly Whatley, Penny & Don Irwin, 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.

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.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Exciting Things Are Ahead—And Your Voice Matters! Big ideas are brewing for the future of Deer Creek Shores, and we want you to be a part of the conversation! The Finance Committee has been working on some fresh, energizing possibilities for our church family. Before anything moves forward, we want to hear your thoughts, answer your questions, and dream together about where God is leading us next. Grab a cup of coffee after service, bring your curiosity, and join us for a quick, engaging gathering on **August 16th in the Grace Cox Room** right after worship! Whether you've been here for decades or are brand new, your perspective is so valuable. Reach out to Ron Studd (rstudd@mac.com) if you have any questions.

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. We'd love to hear from you!

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Wednesday.
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