



*"We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God  
has given to those who obey him." – Acts 5:32*

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

*(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"Trio"

Francois Couperen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)*

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from 1 Peter 2:19-25)*

To this you have been called,

because Christ also suffered for you,

leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

When he was abused, he did not return abuse;

when he suffered, he did not threaten;

but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,

so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

by his wounds you have been healed.

**For you were going astray like sheep,**

**but now you have returned to the shepherd**

**and guardian of your souls.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**How many times, Lord, have we listened to voice of others, assuming you to be the stranger? Rather than you, we follow the values of a broken world – desires of selfishness that stem from our fear and insecurity. Rather than you, we seek other shepherds: wealth, power, comfort, and privilege, who always abandon us in difficult times. Forgive us, Lord. Show us the way. Lead us to good pastures that we may know true peace under your watchful eye.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SILENT PRAYER

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #251 (v.5) “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

*Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.*

*Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.*

*Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:1-10

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“He Keeps Me Singing”

Mary McDonald

*There's within my heart a melody, Jesus whispers sweet and low,*

*“Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,” in all of life's ebb and flow.*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know; Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go.*

*I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me.*

*On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free.*

*Sing O sing of my Redeemer with His blood He purchased me,  
with His own blood He purchased me.*

*Upon the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

*I will sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,*

*Upon the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free.*

*Soon He's coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky.*

*I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown, I shall reign with Him on high.  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know; Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go.*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:42-47**

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**“A Tough Sell”**

Rev. George W. Chapman III

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *from The Second Helvetic Confession, Chapter XVII [5.125-5.126]*

What is the Church?

**The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; a communion of all saints, namely, of those who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers of all benefits which are freely offered through Christ.**

**And since there is always but one God, and there is one mediator between God and humankind, Jesus the Messiah, and one Shepherd of the whole flock, one Head of this body, and, to conclude, one Spirit, one salvation, one faith, one Testament or covenant, it necessarily follows that there is only one Church. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

*\*Response: #240 (v.2) “Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

**\*HYMN #803**

**“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”**

RESIGNATION

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Mac McCall & Leslie Claiborne

Greeter: Tom Tart

Welcome Table: Mac Warner

Liturgist: Mindy Cardwell

Acolyte: Mary Grace Carter

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Eric & Susan Lehmann in gratitude and celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

**As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins.**

## SPC CHURCH OFFICERS

### Elders

**Class of 2026:** John Cardwell, Kim Smithwick, Steve Wingfield, Lynne Young

**Class of 2027:** Patsy Calhoun, Mike Clawson, Eric Lehmann, Mac Warner

**Class of 2028:** Sandy Lacy, Mac McCall, Jeanne McLeod, Laura Thompson  
Jenny Meekins – Clerk of Session

### Deacons

**Class of 2026:** Lurae Albert, Leslie Claiborne, Tobin Henry, Susan Lehmann

**Class of 2027:** Linda Black, Sarah Braddock, Sarah Cook, Bart Norwood

**Class of 2028:** Paul Marlow, Tim Owens, Joanne Prettyman, Tom Tart  
Tobin Henry - Moderator



### Shallotte Presbyterian Church

Rev. George W. Chapman III, Pastor

Paul Freeman, Director of Music

Tetyana Allston, Organist

Christina Watts, Church Administrator

Linda Rowell, Financial Secretary

Bonnie Bruce, Custodian

5070 MH Rourk Drive, Shallotte, NC, 28470

(910) 754-6929

[www.shallottechurch.org](http://www.shallottechurch.org)

Welcoming others as God has welcomed us.

