



*"Those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen
that their deeds have been done in God." – John 3:21*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2026 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

"Ayre"

George Friderick Handel
arr. S. D. Wolff

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)

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(Isaiah 2:3-5)*

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

**O house of Jacob, come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!**

*HYMN #65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of life, you have told us that all who follow you will never walk in darkness, but we confess the ways that we avoid the light. We prefer to remain hidden in the shadows of our pride, rather than admit when we are wrong. We ignore the guidance and counsel of people who know better than we. When directed to change, we dig in our heels; when instructed to listen, we shout even louder; when told to see, we turn away. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to the truth. May we seek your favor and obey your commands so that, through our testimony, we may show others that you truly are the light of the world.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #581 “Glory Be to the Father”**

*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.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 4:10-23

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

*HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:12-20

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“It’s All Relative”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed*

What do we believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

**Response: Hymn #606, "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"*

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 Dedication*

*HYMN #435

"There's a Wideness to God's Mercy"

IN BABILONE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Patsy Calhoun & Laura Thompson
Greeter: Ron & Nancy Fenstermacher
Liturgist: Scott Taylor
Acolyte: Seamus Smithwick

*The flowers are dedicated by Patsy Calhoun & Beth Lorey in
loving memory of Bob , Leslie & Robert.*

The Session of Shallotte Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 20, following the 11:00am worship service to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and elect a new slate of church officers for the Class of 2029. Those nominees are:

FOR ELDER: Erskine Blount, Molly Frederick, Ken Krause and Gail Thomas

FOR DEACON: George Comstock, Debbie McCall, Barbara McManus, and Helen Odum.

Please note that there will only be ONE service that morning at 11:00am.

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, Rosalee Rockafellow

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

Shallotte Presbyterian Church

Rev. George W. Chapman III, Pastor
Tetyana Allston, Organist
Christina Watts, Church Administrator
Linda Rowell, Financial Secretary
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