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We Joined Shallowford One Year Ago.

Here are 5 Things that We Learned

Rachel Robb tells her family's experience in joining Shallowford

One year ago, my family was looking for a new church home and Shallowford Presbyterian was recommended to us by a friend. We were looking for a church that had opportunities for everyone in our family to engage. Our preteen children were the right age for confirmation class, youth group, and choir. And my husband and I were looking for a church that would allow us to grow spiritually, serve, and connect with others.

Our timing was perfect because the “Discovering Shallowford” classes were just starting. We met for two Sundays before church with Pastor Anna and the other clergy and learned about all the different ways to connect at Shallowford.

In the “Discovering Shallowford” classes, we learned about Shallowford’s mission and vision. We also learned about all of the ways that our family could engage and serve including Sunday School classes, small groups, men’s groups, youth group meetings, choir and handbells, and opportunities for service. It was the perfect opportunity to ask questions and make sure that Shallowford was the right fit for our family.

We joined the church after our second Discovering Shallowford class and we haven’t looked back. Here’s what we have learned during our first year at Shallowford:

1. **There are many different ways to engage at Shallowford.** Whatever your interests or talents, Shallowford has a place for you. Even one year after we joined, we are still finding new ways to participate and serve.
2. **Shallowford prioritizes their children and youth and involves them in all aspects of the church.** In

the past year, my children have participated in the worship service, volunteered at Bible school, packed donated food into boxes, sung in the choir to raise money for Ukraine, rung bells, and welcomed other children into the youth group.

3. **Music is a big deal at Shallowford.** We are fortunate to have incredibly talented musicians and teachers at this church. Every week we are blessed with incredible singing and musicianship, from our youngest members, to our youth and adult choir, our handbells, and talented instrumentalists. You will be inspired musically at Shallowford.
4. **Shallowford members know how to eat.** When we gather for meals, the food is always delicious, plentiful, and a great way for us to socialize and get to know each other better. The annual Pigs on Fire event is amazing and we never run out of donuts.
5. **The best part of Shallowford is the people.** We feel so fortunate for the friends we have made already. And we meet new people all the time. Shallowford is a welcoming place.

If you are interested in learning more about Shallowford Presbyterian Church, “Discovering Shallowford” classes are a great place to start. They are held three times per year and provide an opportunity to learn about Shallowford’s mission and vision. The class meets on two consecutive Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the next class starts in March 2023.

You can learn more about how to join Shallowford Presbyterian at shallowford.org/about.

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