



seeking:
Who sinned?

SHALLOWFORD PRESBYTERIAN

INVITING ALL PEOPLE TO A FAITHFUL WAY OF LIFE IN CHRIST AND IN COMMUNITY

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 19, 2023 | 11:00 a.m. | Fourth Sunday in Lent

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Symphonie No. 3: Adagio

Jinhee Kim, organ

Louis Vierne

GATHERING WORDS & GREETING

Rev. Anna George Traynham

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship seeking:
seeking meaning for the stories of our lives.

We come to worship seeking:
seeking healing for the pain in the world.

We come to worship seeking:
seeking hope, justice, and joy.

Let us worship together
and seek to experience God's grace.

*HYMN No. 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bradley Kibler

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord,

We try to draw boundaries around your forgiveness,
for we cannot imagine the endlessness of your grace.

We try to make a rulebook of your holy stories,
for we cannot grasp the depth of your living word.

We try to make a worldly hero of our holy savior,
for we cannot understand the majesty of your gift.

Forgive us, Holy One,
and gather us more closely

into the realm of your transforming love.

Silence for personal prayers of confession.


* Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome to Shallowford!

*RESPONSE HYMN NO. 551

Lord Have Mercy

LAND OF REST



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

ANTHEM

Come Out

Mark A. Miller

Chapel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Following the children's moment, children ages 3-Kindergarten
are invited to Cherub Time (3rd floor, Education Building).*

Ages 2 and under are welcome in the Nursery.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Listen for the Word of the Lord.

Our ears and our hearts are open.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

John 9:1-11

SERMON

"Seeking: Why me?"

Rev. Anna George Traynham

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN No. 819

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

Billy Kendall

We believe that God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people

to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Catherine E. Foster

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

God Be In My Head
Chapel Choir Jinhee Kim, piano

Andrea Ramsey

***DOXOLOGY** Hymn No. 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

***HYMN** No. 435
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fantasia in G Minor, BWV 542
Jinhee Kim, organ

J.S. Bach

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Welcome to Shallowford! During your visit we hope you feel the presence of the Spirit and the love of Christ as we worship God together. Please leave your contact information in the blue Friendship Pad so we can send you a note of welcome.

This Week @ Shallowford

March 19 - 26, 2023

Sunday, March 19

- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
- 11:30 a.m. Cherub Time (ages 3-K)
- 4:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal (grades 6-12)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (Youth Center)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Parent Dinner (Napoleon's)

Monday, March 20

- 11:00 a.m. Joy Chorale
- 7:00 p.m. GriefShare (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 21

- 10:00 a.m. SPW - Mothers & Others Circle (Member's Home)
- 10:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 22

- 11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Lenten Series (Library & Member's Home)
- 5:15 p.m. BLAST Bible, Bells, Singing (children)
- 6:00 p.m. GREEN Team Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Bell Choir (grades 6-12)
- 6:30 p.m. NAMI Connection (Zoom)
- 7:00 p.m. Acoustic Guitar Jam Session (Choir Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Series (Member's Home)

Thursday, March 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Fitness, Fun & Fellowship
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (adults)

Friday, March 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 25

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- 9:30 a.m. Flower Guild

Sunday, March 26

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary and Livestream)
- 11:30 a.m. Cherub Time (ages 3-K)
- 4:30 p.m. The Nest (Member's Home)
- 4:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal (grades 6-12)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (Small Groups)

The **cradle cross** at the baptismal font celebrates the birth **Oliver Gene Pursley**, born February 22, 2023 to parents Spencer and Mary Pursley. Proud grandmother is Carie Cato.

Weekly announcements are a great way to stay involved at Shallowford!

To receive weekly communication, contact info@shallowford.org.

You may also visit shallowford.org or call the church office at 404-321-1844 for more information.

Churchwide

Palm Sunday Worship – April 2 (8:45 am & 11:00 am)

An hour-long service centered around the story of Jesus riding a colt into the city of Jerusalem. Join us as we sing Hosanna, wave our palms, and imagine what role we might have played in that first Palm Sunday parade.

Maundy Thursday Worship – April 6 (12:00 pm & 7:00 pm)

Attend a 30-minute communion service in the chapel in honor of Jesus' gathering with his disciples to share the Last Supper.

Good Friday Services – April 7 (12:00 pm & 7:00 pm)

Join us for a 45-minute Tenebrae service to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Christ made for the sake of others. Join us in the chapel (12 pm) or in the sanctuary and online (7 pm) as we recall Christ's death through worship.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8 (9:30 am)

Help make this annual event a success by 1) donating small individually wrapped candy to the church office by March 26th, 2.) volunteering to stuff plastic eggs, or 3.) setting up/breaking down the event on April 8th.

To volunteer, visit shallowford.org/egg-hunt. *Contact: Landon Dillard*

Easter Worship – Sunday, April 9

Celebrate Jesus' resurrection and bring a fresh flower (or two) with you to add to our flower cross! Join us for a sunrise service (ballfield, weather permitting) – Please bring a blanket and/or chair to sit on; 8:30 am worship (chapel); or 11:00 am worship with special music (sanctuary). A complimentary breakfast buffet will be available from 7:30-10:30 am in the Upper Atrium and the Great Hall. All are welcome!

Worship Flower Dedication

Sponsor a **floral arrangement (\$80)** to honor a loved one. Arrangements are designed weekly by the Flower Guild and appear in worship. A **sign up sheet is available** on the bulletin board outside of Heritage Hall or *contact Sandra Ward* (sward@shallowford.org).

Discipleship

Youth Parent Dinner – Tonight (6:00 pm)

Join other youth parents for an informal hang-out at Napoleon's Grill (4156 Lavista Rd, Decatur). We'll grab a table, order some apps, and you can take it from there! *Contact: Catherine Foster*

Children

Vacation Bible School – June 19-23 (9am to noon)

Join us this summer for Hero Hotline! During this week long Bible camp, children three (and potty trained) through rising 6th graders will come together to learn about God, our world, and one another. Register at shallowford.org/vbs. *Contact: Landon Dillard*

Shallowford School Summer Fun Camps

Offer your child opportunities to discover, explore, create and foster new (and old) friendships through SPS's Summer Fun camps! Camps are available June 5-9, 12-16, and 26-30. Register at shallowfordschool.org.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, the wearing of masks is optional on Shallowford's campus. Masks are required in the Sanctuary balcony.

Childcare is available in the nursery. **Worship clipboards** for children are available in the Atrium.

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How to Give

You are welcome to make a gift using your cell phone. Text the word "**Shallowford365**" to **73256** followed by the amount you wish to give. You may also give through the Realm Connect App or by visiting the website at shallowford.org/give.



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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

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Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

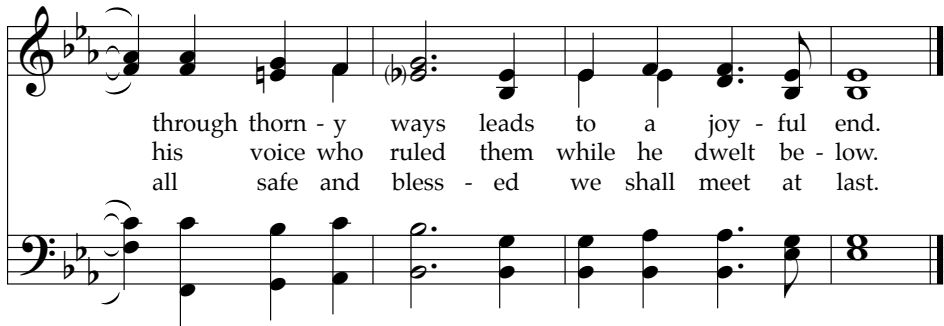
who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.