



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
April 23, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: **SUITE IN C MAJOR-Prelude** Purcell/Hesford

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Sisk

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;

and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

You show me the path of life.

(from I Peter 1:3-9)

In your presence there is fullness and joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

(Psalm 16:11)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #248: *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (silent confession)**

RESPONSE IN SONG #233: *“The Day of Resurrection”*
***Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright.
The risen Lord, our Savior Our hope, our guide, our light.
From death to life eternal, And victory over sin
The day of resurrection, Our joy that hath no end.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*GLORI PATRI (sung): ***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.***

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you! (*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ.*)

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY Luke Harkey

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN: “Believe” Linda Ware, Christian Educator

*HYMN #240: *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Steve Sisk

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: John 20:19-31

CHANCEL CHOIR: *“All Because of the Wonderful Cross”* arr. McDonald

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: I Peter 1:3-9

SERMON: “A Living Hope” Luke Harkey

*HYMN #246: *“Christ Is Alive!”* verses 1 and 3

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Declaration of Faith*
Jesus lives. He was dead and buried and his followers scattered in hopeless despair. But God raised him from the dead and gave him authority over the whole world. He is alive and present with us to this day. He intercedes for us and gives us joy and courage.

Therefore we say: Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. The world appears to be dominated by persons and systems that usurp his power and do not recognize his authority. Yet we believe that ultimate sovereignty belongs to Jesus Christ. He rules over society, politics, and economics, as well as the church, the family, and personal life. His lordship is loving power. It demands our loyalty and sets us joyously free from all lesser lords who would enslave us. We need fear none of them!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory: **SUITE IN C MAJOR-Cebell** Purcell/Hesford

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication Charlie Schweppe

*CLOSING HYMN #238: *“Thine Is the Glory”*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: **SUITE IN C MAJOR-March** Purcell/Hesford

*Those who are able may stand.
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Acolytes: Emma Goforth & Margaret Schweppe
Sound Board: Jim Teddy Jr.
Deacon Ushers: Spencer Borders, Kathryn Bridges,
Warren Julian, Heidi Steeves, Linda Ware
Childcare is available for preschool aged children in Room 102
and is staffed today by Chrystal Lively and Mary Raudez.

In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us this morning. If you are interested in more information or in becoming a member of our family of faith, please call the church office, 704-487-8503.

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of and in lasting gratitude to Sam and Sarah Strain, Michael W. Strain from the Strain family.

FOOD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Additional volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution and preparation of food on Monday and Thursday. This is a vital ministry of our church serving the community. To volunteer or for more information call Glenn Moore 704-484-9775.

ALL ARE INVITED to the Dover Theatre at Gardner-Webb University this afternoon at 3:00 for a presentation of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Requiem* performed by GWU Choral Union, joined by the Rutherford Community Chorus with the Charlotte Civic Orchestra; conducted by Dr. Paul J. Etter. Free and open to the public.

YOUTH GROUPS will not meet tonight.

THIS WEEK (APRIL 24-29, 2017):

- Monday 7:00 pm **Boy Scout Troop 100** in Scout House
- Tuesday **Presbytery of WNC** at Montreat Conference Center
- Wednesday 5:15 pm **Youth Director Task Force** in conference room
- 6:00 pm **Supper & Program** in Ellis Hall
- 7:10 pm **Bell Choir Rehearsal** in Ellis Hall
- 7:10 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** in Choir Room
- 7:15 pm **Fellowship Committee** in conference room
- Thursday 10:00 am **SPC Staff Meeting** in Pastor's Study
- 12:30 pm **Men's Lunch Fellowship** Upstairs at Joe's Place

WEDNESDAY NIGHT - APRIL 26

6:00 pm - Supper

Chicken Strips - Bring side dishes & deserts!

\$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.

6:30 pm - Program

The Honorable Robert T. Sumner:

"90 over 90 Preserving the Stories of the Greatest Generation"

Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 30, Dr. Joan Martin will lead both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. The Bell Choir will ring at the 8:30 service.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED to join the youth and their families and leaders for the **4TH Annual Youth Mission Fund-Raiser Cookout on Sunday, May 7, 4:00-7:00 p.m.** Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets (there WILL be some tables and chairs set up too) and expect to have good food and fun including corn hole and other yard games on the front lawn. Snacks and sodas will be available at 4:00, the buffet line will open at 5:00, and the dessert auction, starring our very own fast-talking Sandy Carpenter, will begin at 6:00. Donations received will support the mission efforts of the SPC Youth. **Desserts needed for the Dessert Auction!** See May newsletter for details.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2017 Operating Budget.	\$543,199.00
2017 Monthly Budget Needs.	\$ 45,266.58
Total Received April 1-18, 2017.	\$ 36,651.45

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter) . . .
Laura Beam, Josie Bowles, Jack Breen, Layla Bridges, Charles Clyatt, Ed Cushman, Betty Monteith, Sandy Poston, Helen Turpish, Pearl Weathers, Troy Goss & all those serving in the military; Stephen Ministers & their Care Receivers; Food Ministry, Rainbow Connection, Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos, Jo Ella Holman in the Caribbean, John McCall in Taiwan, Dr. Steve & Alene Burgert in Kenya; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith