



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
January 1, 2017
11:00 a.m.

**First Sunday after Christmas
New Year's Day**

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *"March of the Magi"*

Dubois/Hustad

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Carolyn Jackson

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The brightness of God's light shines upon all the nations.

All are welcomed to the brightness of God's dawn.

God gathers us from far away and carries us.

With radiant eyes, with rejoicing hearts,
we receive the abundance God gives.

We respond in praise.

With our gifts, with our very selves, we worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #143: *"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"* vs. 1-3

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. (silent confession)**

RESPONSE IN SONG #121: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* verse 4

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE #143: *“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* verse 4
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

*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

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

A TIME FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION Fred Blackley
Richard Wright
Austin McInnis
Jake Appling

*HYMN #151: *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Carolyn Jackson

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

ANTHEM: *“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”* Bach

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: *“Wise Men Still Seek Him”* Luke Harkey

*HYMN #150: *“As with Gladness Men of Old”* verses 1 and 3

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from A Declaration of Faith
Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He lived as a Jew among Jews. He announced to his people the coming of God’s kingdom of justice and peace on earth. We affirm that Jesus was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God’s promised rule. Through his birth, life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended.

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: *“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”* J. C. Bach

*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

*SENDING HYMN #314: *“Christ, Be Our Light”* verses 1, 2 and 5

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *“Fanfare for a New Day”* Lani Smith

*Those who are able may stand.
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Deacon Ushers: Sue Breen, Catherine Couch,
Greg McIntyre, Linda Ware

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 and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Strain Sr. and Mike Strain by The Strain Family.

THESE DAYS devotional books for January-March are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family.

FORMS for nominating officers for the Class of 2020 are available in the narthex. Nominations are due in church office **by Jan. 15, 2017**, *not Jan. 8 as stated on form!*

THIS WEEK (JANUARY 2-7, 2017):

Monday **Church Office Closed; Rainbow Connection Open**
 Tuesday 11:30 am **Martha/Mary Circle** at Toscanos Bistro
 6:30 pm **Spiritual Life Committee** in conference room
 Wednesday 10:00 am **Stephen Ministers** in narthex parlor
 11:30 am **Deborah & Sarah Circles** in back parlor
 5:00 pm **Property Committee** in conference room
 6:00 pm **Supper/Program** in Ellis Hall
 7:10 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** in Choir Room
 Thursday 7:00 am **Men's Breakfast Fellowship** at Ken & Mary's
 10:00 am **SPC Staff Meeting** in Pastor's Study
 12:00 pm **Bible Study with Susan Bell** at Central UMC
 12:00 pm **Finance Committee** in conference room
 6:30 pm **Stephen Ministers** in narthex parlor
 Friday 6:00 pm **2016-2019 Officers** invited to home of Agaat Den Hertog
 6:30 pm **Girl Scout Troop 20032** in youth room
 Saturday 8:00 am **Officer Retreat** at Baptist Mission Camp

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - JANUARY 4

6:00 pm - Supper

Ham & Turkey SubSandwiches – Bring side dishes & desserts!

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

6:30 pm - Program

Getting to Know Felix

Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will meet Thursday morning at 7:00 at Ken & Mary's Restaurant for breakfast and sharing prayer concerns.

FIRST THURSDAY: Bible Study with Susan Bell will be held Thursday 12:00-1:00 p.m. at Central United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich if you would like. All are invited.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the 11:00 worship service to elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee; to hear a brief report from the Finance Committee on the 2017 church budget; to vote on the terms of call (salary package) for the pastor; and to vote on the request from the Rev. Rebecca Jones to join her in asking the presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship (retroactively to December 31).

AFTER THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Rebecca will join with us for a farewell reception in Ellis Hall. If you would like to send a card or letter to Rebecca and/or a check in care of the church office, these will be presented to her at this time. If you would like to assist with the reception place contact Kathy Wilson, chair of the Fellowship Committee at 704-482-5322 or misskathy28150@yahoo.com.

PASTORAL COUNSELOR, Bob McCully, is available on Wednesday by appointment, 704-554-9900, ext. 338.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2016 Operating Budget. \$568,976.00
 2016 Monthly Budget Needs. \$ 47,414.67
 Total Receipts for December 1-28 \$ 46,643.55

A CONTRIBUTION was received this week to the Legacy Fund in memory of Edith Miller.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter)
 Our prayers and sympathies go out for Wiley Smith and family on the death of his sister, Mary McDaniel, on December 28, 2016 in Raleigh, NC.

Josie Bowles, Jack Breen, Tricia Butler, Ed Cushman, Carolyn Darnell, Carolyn Gaston, Rebecca Jones, Sherry Julian, Al Mancinelli, Rusty Patterson, Julia Persing, John Spragins, 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