



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Shelby Presbyterian Church  
March 12, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

## Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE Sherry Young

WELCOME AND PRAYER Luke Harkey, Pastor

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: *"Here I Am to Worship"* (arr. Labenske) Bell Choir

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 121 Darlene Gravett  
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.**

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

**from this time on and forevermore.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #279: *"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. During this season of Lent teach us to walk in your ways. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.** *(silent confession)*

RESPONSE IN SONG: Hymn #166, verses 1 and 3

***Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.***

***And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.***

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

BELL CHOIR: *"Little Lights Are Shining"*

A TIME FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

\*HYMN #215: *"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Darlene Gravett

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

ANTHEM: *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"* (arr. Page) Bell Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: John 3:1-5, 7-8, 16-17

SERMON: "Personal, But Not Private" Luke Harkey

\*HYMN #829: *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Romans 4:3, 13, 15-17

**For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants . . . to those who**

**share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.**

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: *"Alleluia! Amen!"* (arr. Buckwalter) Bell Choir

\*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

\*CLOSING HYMN #12: *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

\*RESPONSE: #752 *Dona nobis pacem*, v. 1 Bells & Congregation

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*POSTLUDE Sherry Young

\*Those who are able may stand.

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Sound Board Operator: Joe Petrilli

Deacon Ushers: Laura Carter, Sandy Cheaney,

Tom Greene, Mary Lampley, Beverly Styers

Childcare is available for preschool aged children in Room 102

and is staffed today by Chrystal Lively and volunteers.

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

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**WE WELCOME** all who worship with us **and thank** the Bell Choir, directed by Anne Langley, for their special music 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.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held immediately following the 11:00 service today to hear nominations from the floor for officers. If there are nominations, we will meet next Sunday, March 19, to elect officers by written ballot.

**YOUTH GROUPS** will not meet tonight.

**THIS WEEK (MARCH 12-18, 2017):**

Sunday	12:00 pm	<b>Congregational Meeting</b> in Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	<b>Diaconate</b> in back parlor
Monday	6:30 pm	<b>Christian Education Committee</b> in library
	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scout Troop 100</b> in Scout House
Tuesday	11:00 am	<b>Bible Study</b> in back parlor
	12:00 pm	<b>Personnel Committee</b> in conference room
	2:00 pm	<b>Clerk's Council</b> in Pastor's Study
Wednesday	12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service/Lunch</b> at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	<b>Supper &amp; Program</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:10 pm	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	10:00 am	<b>SPC Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Study
	6:30 pm	<b>Stephen Ministers</b> in narthex parlor
Friday	11:00 am	<b>Youth Ministry Task Force</b> in conference room
	6:30 pm	<b>Girl Scout Troop 20032</b> in Youth Room

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES** continue this week and are held each Wednesday of Lent at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 12:00-12:30. The speaker this week is Rev. Tracy Jessup, Senior Minister, Gardner-Webb University. A light lunch is served each Wednesday at 12:30 in the Epworth Building for \$5.00. Menu this week: Italian sausage soup, cheese toast & chocolate chip cookies.

<p><b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT - MARCH 15</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - Supper</p> <p><i>Pizza - Bring side dishes &amp; deserts!</i></p> <p>\$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.</p> <p>6:30 pm - Program</p> <p><i>Anne Langley &amp; The Sunday School Music Makers</i></p> <p>Child care is available for infants through four year olds</p>
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**NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER Orientation Classes** began this morning during the Sunday School hour and will also be held March 19, 26, and April 2 in the Pastor's Study. Contact the church office or Pastor Luke Harkey for more information.

**NEED SOMEONE** to prepare a meal for 15 High School Youth next Sunday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. Contact Nancy Hendrix if you can help out: [shendrix1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:shendrix1@carolina.rr.com).

**SILENT ART AUCTION:** As you may know, the Youth Mission Team to Guatemala plans to host our first-ever Silent Art Auction on April 2. We have received many questions about what kinds of art we'd like to have donated. Our answer is—ANYTHING, as long as YOU consider it art! It doesn't have to be a framed painting or drawing, and it doesn't have to be the work of an adult. Some ideas that have been suggested include woodwork, pottery, a dance lesson, a quilt, something knitted or crocheted, and hand-made jewelry. If you plan to donate art to our cause, please contact the church office by Monday, March 27, so the mission team can determine the amount of space necessary for the auction. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:** 2017 Operating Budget. . . . . \$543,199.00  
 2017 Monthly Budget Needs. . . . . \$ 45,266.58  
 Total Receipts March 1-6, 2017. . . . . \$ 11,931.57

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter) . . .  
 Josie Bowles, Jack Breen, Layla Bridges, John Campbell, Ed Cushman, Steve Harrington, Fred Hunt, Debi McDaniel, Camille Persing, Sandy Poston, 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

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS** in the Sanctuary on Easter morning, please call Jane in the church office, 704-487-8503. These may be placed either in memory or in honor of someone.

**EASTER LILIES:** If you would like to order a lily(ies) - \$10 each - to be placed in the church Easter morning, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and turned into the church office **by March 30** or drop it in the offering plate by then.

I (We) would like \_\_\_\_\_ lily(ies) placed in the church on Easter.  
 Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 each payable to SPC).  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 By \_\_\_\_\_

Opportunities for Silent Meditation  
Bell Choir – Sunday, March 12, 2017

**Call to Worship - “Here I Am to Worship”** arr. Victor Labenske

*Light of the world you stepped down into darkness.  
Open my eyes let me see beauty that made this heart adore you.  
Hope of a life spent with you. Here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that you’re my God.  
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.*

**Anthem - “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”** arr. Anna Laura Page

*He’s got the whole world in His hands.  
He’s got the little bitty babies in His hands.  
God is so good. God is so good to me.  
He’s got you and me brother in His hands.  
He’s got you and me sister in His hands.  
He’s got everybody here in His hands,  
he’s got the whole world in His hands.*

**Offertory - “Alleluia! Amen”** arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

*Come, Christians, join to sing,  
loud praise to Christ our King.  
Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice.  
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!  
Come, lift your hearts on high. Let praises fill the sky.  
He is our guide and friend. To us He’ll condescend.  
His love will never end. Alleluia! Amen!*

**Benediction Response - “Dona nobis pacem”**

*Grant us peace.*