



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Shelby Presbyterian Church  
March 19, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

### Third Sunday in Lent

LENTEN PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Gracious God, as we continue on this Lenten journey, guide us by the power of your Holy Spirit. As we retrace the path of Christ, direct our steps that we may follow in faith and obedience. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Pastorale*

J. S. Bach

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 95

Ben Brooks

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,

**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE #81: *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

#638: *"O Come and Sing unto the Lord"* verses 1, 2 (tune 610)

***O come and sing unto the Lord; to God our voices raise;***

***let us in our most joyful songs the Lord, our Savior, praise.***

***Before God's presence let us come with praise and thankful voice;***

***let us sing psalms to God with grace; with grateful hearts, rejoice.***

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.** *(silent confession)*

RESPONSE IN SONG: Hymn #39 "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*" verse 3  
***Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

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

A TIME FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS Cheryl & Steve Sisk

\*HYMN #188: "*Jesus Loves Me!*"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ben Brooks

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS: Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 95:7b-11

ANTHEM: "*Oh Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*" (Diemer) Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 5:1-5, 8

SERMON: "Hard Sayings in the Bible" Luke Harkey

\*HYMN #494: "*Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*" verses 1, 2, 4

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LITANY FOR LENT

O Christ,  
out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.  
You are our eternal hope;  
you are patient and full of mercy;  
you are generous to all who call upon you.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness  
you have taken away our sins.  
On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions  
and were bruised for our iniquities.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, obedient unto death,  
source of all comfort,  
our life and our resurrection,  
our peace and reconciliation:

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you,  
hope of all who die for you,  
and joy of all the saints:

**Save us, Lord.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**  
 Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant us your peace.**

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: *Voluntary on "Neumark"* (Hymn #816) Neumark/Young  
 \*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 #65: *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE: *"Fanfare"* from *WATER MUSIC* Handel

\*Those who are able may stand.  
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 Sound Board Operator: Lee Huston

Deacon Ushers: Laura Carter, Tom Greene,  
 Ina Harrington, Mary Lampley, Beverly Styers  
 Childcare is available for preschool aged children in Room 102  
 and is staffed today by Tricia Butler and Chrystal Lively.

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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.*

**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.

**THESE DAYS** devotional books for April-May-June are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family.

**YOUTH GROUPS:**

**Middle School Youth** will meet tonight, 6:00-7:30, for supper and a great program

**Senior High Youth** will meet tonight, 6:00-7:30, for supper and to finalize planning to lead worship.

**THIS WEEK (MARCH 19-25, 2017):**

Sunday	6:00 pm	<b>Middle School Youth</b> supper & program
	6:00 pm	<b>Sr. High Youth</b> supper & worship planning
Monday	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>Newsletter articles due</b> in church office
	6:30 pm	<b>Session</b> in back parlor
Wednesday	12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service/Lunch</b> at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	<b>Supper &amp; Program</b> in Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm	<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> in Bell Room
	7:10 pm	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	10:00 am	<b>SPC Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Study
	12:30 pm	<b>Men's Lunch Fellowship</b> Upstairs at Joe's Place

**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. Angela Pleasants, District Superintendent, Catawba Valley District-UMC. A light lunch is served each Wednesday at 12:30 in the Epworth Building for \$5.00. Menu this week: taco soup, cheese toast & forest ranger cookies.

<p><b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT - MARCH 22</b></p> <p><u>6:00 pm - Supper</u></p> <p><i>Chicken Strips - Bring side dishes &amp; deserts!</i></p> <p>\$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.</p> <p><u>6:30 pm - Program</u></p> <p><i>"Thinking of You"</i></p> <p>Child care is available for infants through four year olds</p>
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**NEXT SUNDAY, March 26, Senior High Youth will lead both worship services in the sanctuary.**

**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, **but please understand that our vision is to celebrate the original works of our SPC community.** 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. . . . . \$ 29,423.57

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter) . . .  
Our prayers and sympathies go out for Lloyd Clark and family on the death of his brother, Leo Otis "Odie" Clark on March 10, 2017 in Stonington, Illinois.

Josie Bowles, Jack Breen, Layla Bridges, John Campbell, Ed Cushman, Joy Cushman, Steve Harrington, Fred Hunt, Ruth Layng, Mollie Ley, Camille Persing, Sandy Poston, Helen Turpish, 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

**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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_