



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
March 5, 2017
11:00 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *Toccata in A Minor*

Frescobaldi

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Marlene Lovelace

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are now alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.

**For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #166: *"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"*

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 #829 *"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"* vs. 1, 2
**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
as thou has died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

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

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

A TIME FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS: "Let's Go to Camp" Anne Langley

*HYMN #169: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marlene Lovelace

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 32

ANTHEM: "For God So Loved the World" (Martin)

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON: "Stubborn as a Mule"

Luke Harkey

*HYMN #442: "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Declaration of Faith*

We believe in one true and living God. We acknowledge one God alone, whose demands on us are absolute, whose help for us is sufficient. That One is the Lord, whom we worship, serve, and love.

God sent the promised Deliverer to his people. Jesus, the long expected Savior, came into the world as a child. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin.

Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be. He exposes our failure to live as he lived. He demonstrates the new humanity God promises to give us through him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people.

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: "My Comfort by Day, My Song in the Night" Wyeth/Martin

*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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*POSTLUDE: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Smart/Smith

*Those who are able may stand.

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 Sound Board Operator: Chip Blackley
 Deacon Ushers: Laura Carter, Tom Greene,
 Mary Lampley, Barbara Moore, Beverly Styers
 Childcare is available for preschool aged children in Room 102
 and is staffed today by Andrea Julian & Claire McCullough.

*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 by Tom, Mimi and Alex Martin in memory of Mimi's parents, Betty and George Stanley; and in memory of Tom's father, T. W. "Casey" Martin and in honor of his mother, Elene Martin.

THE ROSEBUD is given in honor of Damon Slater Burroughs born March 2, 2017 at 11:27 a.m. to Emily and Matt Burroughs. He weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 22½ inches long. His proud grandparents are Amy and Marty Allen.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the 11:00 service today to hear a report from the Nominating Committee. Next Sunday, March 12, the congregation will meet to hear nominations from the floor for officers. If there are nominations, we will meet March 19 to elect officers by written ballot.

YOUTH GROUPS

Middle School Youth will go out to lunch following worship and then to Brookdale Senior Living Center to play chimes.

Senior High Youth will meet tonight, 6:00-7:30, for supper and work on plans for leading worship on March 26.

<p>WEDNESDAY NIGHT - MARCH 8</p> <p><u>6:00 pm - Supper</u></p> <p><i>Alston Bridges Barbecue - Bring side dishes & deserts!</i></p> <p>\$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.</p> <p><u>6:30 pm - Program</u></p> <p><i>Joyful Hands Signing Choir from Gardner-Webb University</i></p> <p>Child care is available for infants through four year olds.</p>
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THIS WEEK (MARCH 5-11, 2017):

Sunday	12:00 pm	Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Middle School Youth Lunch/Service Project
	6:00 pm	Senior High Youth Supper & Planning
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House
Tuesday	11:00 am	Bible Study in back parlor
	11:30 am	Martha/Mary Circle at Shannon Blackley's
	5:30 pm	Media Committee in Ellis Hall
	5:30 pm	Mission & Ministry Committee in back parlor
	6:30 pm	Spiritual Life Committee in conference room
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee in back parlor
Wednesday	9:30 am	Rainbow Connection Committee in conf. room
	12:00 pm	Lenten Service/Lunch at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	Supper & Program in Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm	Youth Committee in conference room
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary
	7:10 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	10:00 am	SPC Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	12:00 pm	Rainbow Connection closes early
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee in conference room
Saturday	4:00 pm	Youth leave church for Hornet's Game

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. Christina Auch, Pastor, Ascension Lutheran Church. A light lunch is served each Wednesday at 12:30 in the Epworth Building for \$5.00. Menu this week: cheesy chicken chowder, pimento cheese sandwiches, oatmeal cookies.

NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER Orientation Classes will be held on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour on March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 in the Pastor's Study. Contact the church office or Pastor Luke Harkey for more information.

SILENT ART AUCTION: On Sunday, April 2, there will be a silent art auction to support our church mission trip to Guatemala. This will be held in conjunction with the luncheon after the 11 am service. If you would like to contribute an original piece of art (of any description), please notify the church office. No age limit. Thank you for your support!

ARE YOU LOOKING to connect with our Middle or High School Youth, feeling like empty nesters because your kids have graduated and moved out, love working with kids, love to cook, or just looking for a reason to get out of your house Sunday evenings? If so, the Youth Committee would appreciate your help feeding this group of hungry kids and leaders. We have Sunday nights available to feed one or both groups this spring. (Our Fall schedule will be out by late summer for new dates as well.) We feed around 15 if feeding one group, or 25 if feeding both groups. If interested, we'd love to hear from you. You can let Jane in the church office know, or contact Nancy Hendrix by email: shendrix1@carolina.rr.com. **Open Dates:** High School March 19; Middle & High School April 2. **Thanks** to Suzanne Waldrop for feeding the Senior High Youth last Sunday evening.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 2017 Operating Budget. \$543,199.00
2017 Monthly Budget Needs. \$ 45,266.58
Total Receipts for February. \$ 45,228.45

CONTRIBUTIONS were received this week to the Organ Fund in memory of Al Mancinelli, Betty Stanley.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter)
Josie Bowles, Jack Breen, Layla Bridges, Ed Cushman, Steve Harrington, Homer Haworth, 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 . . . As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16 (after which you may take yours home). If you would like to order a lily(ies) - \$10 each - to be placed in the church, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that it be made payable to "Shelby Presbyterian Church". Turn your form and check 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 _____