



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Shelby Presbyterian Church  
May 14, 2017  
11:00 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: "A Mighty Fortress"

Luther/Cherwien

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Margie McSwain

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God

Isaiah 40:1-2, 11

**Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.**

He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

**He will gather the lambs in his arms,**

and carry them in his bosom.

**Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.**

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.

**You shall nurse and be carried on her arm,**

Isaiah 66:12-13

and bounced on her knee.

**As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.**

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice.

**And it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #645: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Creating and loving God, we confess that we have not always lived for you. You invite us into new life, yet we close our eyes and ears and hearts against that invitation. You show us the way to love, yet we choose too often the path of uncaring. You call us to the ministry of reconciliation, yet we often find ourselves tempted to turn away from others. You challenge us to generosity, but many times we keep to ourselves. Enter our lives, O Lord, once again. Release us from the bonds of self-centeredness. Create in us a renewed openness to your love, that we may share your love with others. (silent confession)**

RESPONSE IN SONG #321 *"The Church's One Foundation"* verse 1  
***The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.***

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 Cheryl and Steve Sisk

\*HYMN #837: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margie McSwain

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 34:1-5, 8-9

ANTHEM: *"Fly Away to Glory"* (arr. Hart) Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: II Peter 2:2-10

SERMON: "Taste and See That the Lord Is Good" Luke Harkey

\*HYMN #293: *"Loving Spirit"* (tune #83) verses 1 and 2  
***Loving Spirit, loving Spirit, you have chosen me to be,  
you have drawn me to your wonder, you have set your sign on me.  
Like a mother you enfold me, hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body, form me of your flesh and bone.***

\*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from *A Brief Confession of Faith*  
**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love  
God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's  
image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one**

**community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in  
others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and  
nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We  
deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to  
redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing  
their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of  
bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the  
covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like  
a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

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: *"Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"* Walter/Jones  
\*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 Tucker McIntyre

\*CLOSING HYMN #366: *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE: *Fanfare* from **Water Music** Handel/Whitford

\*Those who are able may stand.  
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**Acolyte:** Mark Petrilli

**Sound Board:** Joe Petrilli

**Deacon Ushers:** Sandy Cheaney, Thomas Couch,  
Tom Greene, Phil Haydon, Jennifer Ormand

**Childcare** is available for preschool aged children in Room 102 and is staffed today by Middle School Youth & Leaders.

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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 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.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to the Middle School Youth and Leaders for taking care of our nursery children today in honor of Mother's Day.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Christopher Burns and Erin Costanzo who were married on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Charlotte. The couple reside in Charlotte.

**THE SPC YOUTH WOULD LIKE TO THANK** everyone who helped to make our 4th Annual All-Church Cookout and Dessert Auction a huge success! Although the wind was a bit nippy, we had a fabulous turnout and great fun. Check out the SPC Facebook page for pictures of everyone enjoying good food and fellowship as well as all the yummy desserts that were auctioned off. After expenses \$2,727.88 was collected to benefit the youth mission trip to Guatemala this summer. Thank you!

**YOUTH GROUPS will not meet tonight.**

**THIS WEEK (MAY 14-20, 2017):**

|           |          |  |
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| Today     | 12:00 pm | <b>Acolyte Training</b> in Sanctuary                       |
| 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                          |
|           | 2:00 pm  | <b>Memorial Service</b> for Josie Bowles in Sanctuary      |
|           | 6:30 pm  | <b>Session</b> in back parlor                              |
|           | 7:00 pm  | <b>Confirmation Class &amp; Sponsors</b> meet with Session |
| Wednesday | 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                 |
|           | 2:00 pm  | <b>Food Ministry Network</b> in back parlor                |
|           | 6:30 pm  | <b>Stephen Ministers</b> in narthex parlor                 |
| Friday    | 6:30 pm  | <b>Girl Scout Troop 20032</b> in youth room                |
| Saturday  | 4:00 pm  | <b>Neighborhood Group #11</b> at Agaat DenHertog's         |

**LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER UNTIL FALL - MAY 17**

6:00 pm - Supper

*Hot Dogs - Bring side dishes & deserts!*  
\$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.

6:30 pm - Program

*"Let's All Go To Camp!"*  
*(songs, skits, games)*

Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

**ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED** to attend a **Thank You Celebration** honoring our Sunday School Teachers for their dedication in serving to teach us about God's love and inspiring us to build a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Join us in Ellis Hall during the Sunday School Hour next Sunday morning, May 21, beginning at 9:45 for food and fellowship.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21**, our SPC High School Graduates will be honored with dinner with their family and invited guests at 5:30. **THE CONGREGATION** is encouraged to come for the second part of the celebration for our graduates which begins at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. This is your opportunity to share special affirmations for our high school seniors to send them off with great memories of growing up at SPC, refreshments afterwards in Ellis Hall for all.

**SINCE SEPTEMBER 7, 2014 CHRYSTAL LIVELY** has been our Sunday Morning Nursery Assistant. She now finds it necessary to give up this position. Next Sunday, May 21, will be her last Sunday in the nursery. We thank Chrystal for her 2¾ years of dedication to our children. We need someone to replace Chrystal. If you know anyone who may be interested, member or non-member of Shelby Presbyterian, please have them contact the church office ASAP. The Ministry Objective for Nursery Assistant is to assist in providing safe, secure, nurturing, clean and efficient care to our children ages 0-4. The ministry includes playing with the children or directing their play, exhibiting patience and love and offering simple prayers. The full Position Description is available in the church office.

**REMEMBER . . .** One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. begins May 28 and ends September 3; Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

**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.

**THE MEDIA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE WORKING ON UPDATING OUR SPC WEBSITE.** If you have photographs you would like to share for the website or would be willing to take some new ones, please let us know. We prefer digital images. We need current pictures of the church, events, youth groups, Sunday School classes, prayer trios, any group meetings, new pictures of all our choirs, etc. If you are a photographer with a good eye for setting up shots, please bring your camera to any of our services, meetings, or events you may attend and snap away. We would love to see your handiwork. We are looking for good quality pictures that will show the personality of Shelby Presbyterian Church and be an invitation to visitors searching for a church home. Please send your digital images to Ina Harrington, [iharrington@capyarns.com](mailto:iharrington@capyarns.com)

**MARION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS** from the community once again to help proctor the EOG on May 31st and June 1 (both dates beginning at 8:15). The NC Department of Education requires a brief training for all proctors prior to the testing date. These training opportunities will be held on May 17 at 8:30 and offered a second time on May 18 at 2:00. Volunteers need only to attend one of the available times. If you are available to assist with this important work, you can sign up electronically by following this link: [https://docs.google.com/a/clevelandcountyschools.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc32AAGdvYKo3ZGHUA2\\_kUblLUjCoiohrj9sB8INDveK0j\\_oIQ/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/a/clevelandcountyschools.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc32AAGdvYKo3ZGHUA2_kUblLUjCoiohrj9sB8INDveK0j_oIQ/viewform?c=0&w=1) . You can also call the school directly at 704-476-8381 and ask to speak with Brandi Edwards.

**SAVE THE DATES: CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT** at Montreat's Winsborough Lodge August 26-27, 2017 with Friday, August 25 optional. Watch for Flyers with more info to come soon!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**

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| 2017 Operating Budget. . . . .        | \$543,199.00 |
| 2017 Monthly Budget Needs. . . . .    | \$ 45,266.58 |
| Total Received May 1-7, 2017. . . . . | \$ 15,269.03 |

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter) . . .

✠Our prayers and sympathies go out for Dick Bowles and family on the death of his wife, Jo Carol Bowles, on May 9, 2017. Josie had been a member of SPC for 55 years.

Laura Beam, Tripp Bowling, Jack Breen, Layla Bridges, Charles Clyatt, Ed Cushman, Ruth Layng, Betty Monteith, 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