



SUMMER WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
September 3, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Pete Gilbert

PIANO PRELUDE: *"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

Messiter/Berry

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 67

Doug Boyette

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
**That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

For you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

*PRAISE HYMN #370: *"This Is My Father's World"*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Holy God, you see us as we are, and you know our inmost thoughts. We resolve to make changes in our lives, but again and again we fall short. Teach us to rely not on our own willpower, but upon the power of your Spirit at work in us. We pray for your mercy and grace. Only by your grace are the broken pieces of our lives made whole. Lord, in your mercy forgive us, heal us, and restore in us the joy of your salvation now and forever. (*silent confession*)**

RESPONSE IN SONG: Hymn #288 *"Spirit of the Living God"*

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Friends, believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*GLORIA: *“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”* (v. 4) tune No. 143
**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

*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.*)

*SONG #701: *“Lord, Prepare Me”*
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Kathy Wilson

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY Doug Boyette

*HYMN #307: *“God of Grace, God of Glory”*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Doug Boyette

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 4:1-15

ANTHEM: *“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”* (arr. Berry) Joyce Boyette

SERMON: “Murder! and Grace?” Pete Gilbert

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Luke 23:32-34

*Affirmation of Faith: from The Confession of 1967
The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic

testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated. God’s word is spoken to his church today where the Scriptures are faithfully preached and attentively read in dependence on the illumination of the Holy Spirit and with readiness to receive their truth and direction.

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: *“On Eagle’s Wings”* arr. Vogel
*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 838: *“Standing on the Promises”*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Pete Gilbert

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #43 *“On Eagle’s Wings”* refrain
**And he will raise you up on eagles’ wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

*POSTLUDE: *“Victory in Jesus”* Joyce Boyette

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

Deacon Ushers: Kathryn Bridges, Laura Carter,
Ina Harrington, Mary Lampley, Beverly Styers
Childcare is available for preschool aged children in Room 102
and is staffed today by Erica Vargas and volunteers.

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 and thank The Reverend Pete Gilbert for leading worship 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 Henry Weathers Jr. by Jackie and his children.

THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 3-9, 2017):

Today **Kids Camp** in Ellis Hall after Moments with Children
 Monday **Church Closed for Labor Day Holiday**
 Tuesday 9:00 am **Rainbow Connection** begins 38th Year
 11:30 am **Martha/Mary Circle** at Nancy Blackley's
 5:45 am **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 11:30 am **Deborah & Sarah Circles** in back parlor
 5:00 pm **Property Committee** in conference room
 5:00 pm **Membership Committee** in back parlor
 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
 9:30 am **SPC Staff Meeting** in Pastor's Study
 6:30 pm **PW interested in an evening circle** meet with Pat Byers at Lily Bean downtown
 6:30 pm **Stephen Ministers** in narthex parlor

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS BEGIN THIS WEEK - SEPT. 6
6:00 pm - Supper in Ellis Hall
Chicken on the Grill by Ed Blake: Bring side dishes & desserts!
 \$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.
6:30 pm - Program
The Dancing Fleas & Rally Day Preview
 Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

TODAY is our last 10:00 a.m. combined service. Two worship services will resume next Sunday, Sept. 10, 8:30 and 11:00 – both in Sanctuary due to use of Ellis Hall for Rally Day!

IT'S TIME TO KICK OFF A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR! Join us for Rally Day next Sunday, September 10, **beginning at 9:45 a.m.** in Ellis Hall for breakfast. This is a multi-age celebration which will include interactive activities for everyone. Make plans now to attend Rally Day for food, fun, and fellowship as we gear up for a new year of Sunday School which will begin on September 17, 2017.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC MAKERS will begin on September 10. Children ages 4 to 5th grade will gather to sing, play percussion instruments and explore new ways to make music to praise God. Each Sunday, the SSMM will meet from 10:30-10:45 as a closing for Sunday School. Anne Langley will be the leader. *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord!"*

THE YOUTH COMMITTEE is seeking new leaders for our middle school youth group. If you would like to know more about being involved with our middle school youth ministry, please contact Spencer Borders at 910-270-0235 or Thomas Couch at 704-284-4566.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2017 Operating Budget.	\$543,199.00
2017 Monthly Budget Needs.	\$ 45,266.58
Total Received in August.	\$ 36,294.45

CONTRIBUTIONS were received this week to the Memorial Fund in memory of Marty Harkey.

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out for Doug Boyette and family on the death of his mother, Grethel Boyette, on August 28, 2017 in Kenly, North Carolina.

Jack Breen, John Campbell, Charles Clyatt, Jennifer Clyatt, Ed Cushman, Eddie Deas, Debbie Eaker, Gina Grigg, Lisa McLaurin, Presbytery Team in Taiwan including Luke Harkey and Laura Wheeler; 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

**OCTET DINNERS
OCTOBER 2017 - MAY 2018
GROUPS OF 6 TO 8**

***DINNER & FELLOWSHIP AT A MEMBER'S HOME
AT YOUR HOME JUST FOUR TIMES IN A YEAR!!!***

PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 23

To encourage Christian fellowship (and enjoy good food) within our church family, we are forming Octet Dinner groups. Each group will meet once a month for dinner and fellowship at a member's home. The groups will meet the entire year so that if a group is just too busy one month, they can just skip a month and continue the next month. Details regarding menus and schedules will be coordinated within the group at the initial dinner. Each month, a different member should host the dinner. It works best if the host arranges the main course and assigns others to bring salads, sides, and desserts. Dinner does not need to be fancy! **KEEP IT SIMPLE!!!**

This provides a great opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship, spirited conversation, and good food within small groups with our church family. You can request to be in a group with friends if you like! Be sure you both fill out forms. You can email the information to patbilscot@yahoo.com or drop off the form at the church office or put in the offering plate.

For more information, contact:

Lori Titus 704-406-9331 patbilscot@yahoo.com

Church Office 704-487-8503 jane@shelbypres.org

Octet Groups of 6 to 8

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Would you be able to host the initial dinner for your group?

Yes or No (circle)

I want to be in a group with _____.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Class Led By:

The Rev. Dr. Alden E. Sproull

Class 1: September 17, 2017

- Brief introduction to Spiritual Direction
- Considering the definitions from a Christian perspective
- Principles of Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Formation/Direction in the PCUSA 1981-2005 and beyond

Class 2: September 24, 2017

- Reformed Foundations for the Practice of Spiritual Direction
- Discuss Spiritual Practices, laying the foundation for Spiritual Direction

Class 3: October 1, 2017

- Consider the role of Holy Scripture in guiding the process of Spiritual Direction
- Explore the Spiritual Direction questions found in Scripture

Class 4: October 8, 2017

- Spiritual/Emotional issues which moved people into a Spiritual Direction relationship
- The individual discoveries made in the process of deepening prayer
- Self-Exploration, Discernment of God's call in one's life