



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
January 29, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Callahan) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP Alison Moore

Shall we compare the Kingdom of Heaven to the values of this world?

**The Kingdom is not found in worldly wealth, power, and prestige.**

If we seek the Kingdom first, where then is it found?

**It is the place where the blessed are the poor, the lowly, and those not held in high regard, for they are made full and comforted by the Lord.**

What does the Lord our God require of us?

**To be just, to love faithful and merciful lovingkindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #401: "Gather Us In" verses 1, 2, 4

CALL TO CONFESSION Alison Moore

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Eternal God, you are the source of every blessing, by which you fill us with your love and comfort us. Yet, too often, we confuse our fortunes in this world with your providence and grace. By the grace of our Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us to see blessing in that which draws us near to you. Amen. (silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*GLORIA 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 Alison Moore  
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Alison Moore  
Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your Word this day, that we may walk by your Word, be filled with your love, and seek your will. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:1-12

ANTHEM: "What Shall I Bring" (Lau) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:1-8 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "The Kingdom Starts Small"

\*HYMN #749: "Come! Live in the Light!"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Belhar Confession*):

**We believe in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; and that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; and that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open possibilities of life for society and the world.**

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.**

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (Stearns) Emily Monroe

\*DOXOLOGY (sung): **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 #761: "Called as Partner's in Christ's Service"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE: "Festival Postlude" (Zipoli) Emily Monroe

Music Licenses: 1575277 (CCLI)/ A-739540 (One License)

**Sound Board:** John Brotherton & Joe Petrilli

**Ushers:** Andy Brown, Mary Ann LaSelva, Claire McCullough, Mary Raudez  
**CHILDCARE** is available for infants through preschool in Room 102 and is staffed by Lindsay Carter and Lilly Hamilton.

\*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. Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad in the pews. 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. If you have questions about our hearing loop system, please call the church office Monday-Thursday, 9:00-4:00, Friday 9:00-12:00. **After the service, all first-time visitors are invited to the back of the church where a church member will welcome you with a special gift.**

**THE NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER** will be on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in Ellis Hall and feature a presentation from Habitat for Humanity Director Amy Allen. All are welcome. Children may arrive at 5:30 for pasta before Growing in Grace begins. There is no set price for the meal, but donations will be collected.

**VALENTINE'S DAY COFFEE** for all single women of SPC at the home of Agaat Den Hertog (402 Fairview Dr.) at 10:30 Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP Agaat at 704-661-0318.

### **THIS WEEK (JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 4, 2023):**

Today	11:00 am	<b>Handbells</b> in Bell Room
	5:00 pm	<b>Youth Night</b> in Youth Room
Monday	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scouts</b> in Scout House
	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Study
Wednesday	11:00 am	<b>Member Life</b> in Back Parlor
	5:00 pm	<b>Property Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	<b>Wednesday Night Supper</b> in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir</b> Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	7:00 am	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> at Ken and Mary's
	8:00 pm	<b>AA &amp; AI-Anon</b> in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

**THE F3 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is beginning a study of the crucifixion of Jesus by reading Adam Hamilton's "24 Hours That Changed the World." Each week the discussion will be facilitated by a different class member using the provided Leader Guide, book, scripture, and DVD.

**THE CHRISTIAN ISSUES CLASS** will be starting a new study on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. It will consist of a DVD series titled "The Lives of Great Christians" presented by Historian and Professor, Dr. William R. Cook. The class meets in the back parlor and would welcome new members or visitors to join.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** begins February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in Ellis Hall with Pastor Drew who will teach about our Christian Faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of SPC. If you are a visitor interested in discerning whether to become a member, you are encouraged to attend this five-week class. Please email the church office at [miranda@shelbypres.org](mailto:miranda@shelbypres.org), if you plan to attend.

**THE MISS BLANCHE RAINBOW FUND** has been established to honor the teachers of Rainbow and in memory of former teacher Blanche Teele, by her son Rusty Patterson, to provide scholarships and resources for teachers. Donations to this fund can be made to Shelby Presbyterian Church in her memory and in honor of all Rainbow staff.

**CAROLINA ARCADE MUSEUM:** The youth are going to the Carolina Arcade Museum in Forest City Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00. The cost is \$10 and we will need drivers. Please let Carol Ann know if you are planning to attend and if you could drive.

**SHROVE MONDAY?** Fluffy Pancakes and bacon will be cooked up for you a day early on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Ellis Hall to accommodate the blood drive. Come mark the start of Lent with a delicious meal prepared for you by the youth of SPC. There is no set cost, but donations will benefit the church's youth ministry.

**LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTER CHURCH** on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> as part of the "Souper Bowl of Caring" drive for SPC's Food Ministry. Youth will have soup pots for monetary donations and wagons for non-perishable food donations. Specific needs include canned vegetables (especially tomatoes) cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, pasta sauce (ex. Ragu) and ziploc bags (slide zipper preferred - quart or gallon). Please make checks payable to Shelby Presbyterian Church and noted for "Souper Bowl of Caring." Thank you so much for your generosity and support of need right here in Shelby!

**OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE** will be Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

- To make an appointment:  
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive>
- To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly?SPCblood22>

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

Frank Bonner, Amy Brown, Ann Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Carolyn Cooper, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Cheryl Sisk, Rick Steeves, Patty Thorne, Barbara Weller, Teresa Wingo, and the homeless of Cleveland and Gaston counties; all those battling COVID and the flu; the victims of Ukrainian conflict; victims of natural disasters and war; all those serving in the military and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, the students at Gardner Webb University and all our schools, colleges and universities; our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS**

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2026, and Deacon, Class of 2026. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason, it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Please mail or email ([miranda@shelbypres.org](mailto:miranda@shelbypres.org)) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **NOMINATION FOR ELDER**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because: \_\_\_\_\_

### **NOMINATION FOR DEACON**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because: \_\_\_\_\_

Below is a list of the 2023 officers:

**ELDERS:** Fred Blackley, Kimberly Dixon, Scoot Dixon, Roger Holland, Susan Bell, John Schweppe Jr., Cheryl Sisk, Larry Wilson, Richard Dedmon, Bill Jobe, Laura Lampley, and Tom Martin

**DEACONS:** Kyle Aldinger, Mary Ann LaSelva, Elizabeth Schweppe, Lori Wehmuller, Andy Brown, Claire McCullough, Jennifer Niblack, Holly Petrilli, Debbie Hart, Thomas Monroe, Michelle Moser, and Trey Warrick.

**Turn in your suggestions by January 30<sup>th</sup> to the church office.**