



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Shelby Presbyterian Church
September 8, 2024
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"This is the Day the Lord Has Made"* (Lau) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 35:4-7) Beth Phillippi

Be strong and do not fear, for the Lord is here.

The Lord will save us and make things right. The Lord will deal with evil.

See what the Lord will do, the Lord gives sight to those who are blind.

The Lord opens the ears of those who are deaf, those who cannot walk will leap like deer, and those who cannot speak will sing with joy.

The Lord brings water to parched ground, springs to thirsty places.

Let us worship the Lord who leads us to safety in green pastures!

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #610 *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Beth Phillippi

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Lord Jesus, your grace and faith show no favoritism. In your mercy, you ask us to turn away from sin and turn toward you. Yet, even as we claim faith in you, we struggle to do what you ask of us. Too often we justify our own sins based on our faith, while we judge the sins of others as proof that they lack faith. Forgive us Lord. Unite our faith and our works in us. Be merciful to us and help our mercy to speak louder than our judgment. 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

The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Max Coker, son of Tabatha Coker

Presentation

Laura Lampley

Baptismal Vows and Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Waters and Baptism

Presentation of Symbols and Welcome

HYMN: #482 *"Baptized in Water"* (verses 1 & 3)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Phillippi

FIRST SCRIPTURE: James 2:1-13

ANTHEM: *"Be Not Afraid"* (Courtney)

Be not afraid for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

when you pass through floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.

SECOND SCRIPTURE: James 2:14-26

Drew Mangione

SERMON: "The Unity of Faith and Works"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #766 *"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"*

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: *"Meditation on Ubi Caritas"* (arr. Wagner) 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: #753 *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *"James Benediction"*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* (Martin) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: John Brotherton & David Grose

Scriptures read in service are original translations, unless otherwise noted.

Feel free to read a familiar translation and listen for different word choices.

CHILDCARE is available each week for infants through preschool in the Nursery (Rm 102), staffed by Lilly Hamilton, Holly Conner, Maggie Hohne, and Heather Johnson. In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied to the nursery 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.**

THIS MONTH, THE MISSION & MINISTRY COMMITTEE has chosen to highlight our **Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat volunteers are completing the third house at Young Oak Square and are beginning three more houses on East Warren Street. **There are a variety of ways you can support the work of this worthy local mission.**

- **Volunteer at the worksite:** Workdays are Tuesdays, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon; Thursdays, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm (lunch served on site); and every 2nd and 4th Saturday, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon.
- **Participate in this year's Women Build** which is scheduled for Saturdays, September 28 and October 5. The number of volunteers is limited each day and available on a first-come-first served basis as long as slots are open. The worksite is at 608 East Warren Street. Contact Richard Hart or Amy Allen for more details.
- **Volunteer at the ReStore on Grover Street** any day, Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Assist with sales, organizing donations, stocking shelves, and greeting customers.
- **Get your car washed at Tidal Wave Car Wash on Dixon Drive on Friday, September 20, 2024** during their Charity Days. Habitat will receive a percentage of the receipts that day, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.
- **Pray for our Habitat Affiliate** – Homeowners, Staff, Volunteers, and Board members.
- **Donate** to the Restore and give financially - All gifts are gladly received and greatly appreciated because your generosity provides stable housing for your neighbors.

To get involved call Richard Hart at 29.563.1253 or email at rchart1121@gmail.com

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH are invited to A CIRCLE OF FRIENDS. Join us for coffee and fellowship at Joyce Boyette's home (224 Vauxhall Dr.) to help reinvigorate our women's circles. Save the date for Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30am. Please RSVP Joyce (704-472-1083).

KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN SEPTEMBER 29TH: It does not seem like it is that time again, but it is. Shelby Presbyterian Church's Kirkin O' The Tartan service/Heritage Sunday is scheduled for September 29. If you have an interest in participating, please let the church office or Mary Conner (704-300-1109) know so that we can make sure to include you in the planning. If you are interested in investigating your own heritage to purchase your own flag, please contact Mary Conner as well.



BUDDIES ON THE BENCH: We are excited to introduce a brand-new program designed to ignite a love for music and provide a unique learning opportunity for our children: *Buddies on the Bench*. Starting in October, children in 1st- 5th grades are invited to sign up and join our organist, Emily Monroe, on the organ bench during part of our church service.

Buddies on the Bench is a special chance for our youngest members to get a behind-the-scenes look at the majestic instrument that fills our sanctuary with beautiful music. Each Sunday, children who sign up will have the opportunity to sit with Ms. Emily at the organ until the Children's Moment.

Keep an eye out for an email that gives more information. **Use this QR Code to sign up!**



CALLING ALL KIDS! Here's your chance to be a part of our church service in a special way. We're excited to offer children the opportunity to ring the chime at the end of our worship services. ✨ **Why Sign Up?**

- **Be a Part of Worship:** Contribute to the closing of our service with a beautiful chime.
- **Have Fun:** Enjoy a special moment of involvement and make new memories.
- **Feel Proud:** Experience the joy of participating in a cherished church tradition.

Sign up with this QR Code: If you have any questions about these opportunities, contact Emily Monroe (emily@shelbypres.org)

PHISHERS OF MEN AND WOMEN: Lunch and Learn September 25th at 12:00 in Ellis Hall, cost is \$7.00. Come and have lunch and learn how to avoid phishing and scamming tactics through emails and social media. Please RSVP to carolann@shelbypres.org by September 18th.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES: Rising 2nd graders and 3rd graders who have not yet completed this class are invited to learn about the mystery and grace of the Lord's Supper. Classes will be 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays, September 22 and 29, leading up to a commemoration of their official First Communion. Please RSVP to carolann@shelbypres.org to sign up.

THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 8-14, 2024):

Today	5:00 pm	Youth Game Night in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	1:00 pm	Clerk's Council in Pastor's Office
	6:00 pm	Discipleship Committee in Back Parlor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	9:30 am	A Circle of Friends at Joyce Boyette's
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Fellowship Committee in Back Parlor
	11:00 am	Rainbow Committee in F3 Room
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	Mission & Ministry in Back Parlor
Friday	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall & AI-Anon in Back Parlor
		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED and MONTREAT RETREAT
Saturday		MONTREAT RETREAT

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Richard Hart and family in the passing of his mother, Jean Hart on August 28, 2024.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family of Dr. Dick Bowles on his passing, September 5, 2024. Dr. Bowles had been a member of SPC for 62 years.

John Auten, Janice Blake, Sid Bridges, Allen Callahan, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Betty Clark, Randy Derwin Clark, Kay Clark-James, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Tim Hamrick, August Hohne, Scot Horton, Andi Houser, Chuck Laughlin, Cheryl Lutz, Brooke McCurry, Nancy Minor, Lisa Perkins-Dodrill, Pauline Persing, Tommy Price, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Dot Roark, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Linda Ware, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine and Israel-Gaza; all in military service and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.