



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Shelby Presbyterian Church
September 15, 2024
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: "*Prelude on HYFRYDOL*" (Willan) Pam Dennis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mallory Brown

CALL TO WORSHIP Debra Haddock

Do not fear, the Lord has redeemed you. **Lord, help us to trust your love.**

I have called you by name. **We belong to you.**

When you pass through the waters, **You will be with us.**

Through the rivers, **we shall not be overwhelmed.**

When you walk through fire, **we shall not be burned.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #1 "*Holy, Holy, Holy*"

CALL TO CONFESSION Debra Haddock

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Father of all, in you every family and each of us get our name, our identity, and our calling. Our souls find rest when they rest in you. Yet, too often in the restlessness of this world, we want to make a name for the world, claim an identity to gain status, and spurn our calling to love one another. Help us to recognize who you have made us to be – unique, yet connected bearers of your image, and called to see your image in others. Help us to love one another as you have loved us. Help us to reflect your image and see you in every person you place in our lives. 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!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debra Haddock

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 50:4-9a (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Meditation on SLANE"* David Dennis, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE: James 3 Mallory Brown

SERMON: "Brief Meditation on the Wisdom of James 3"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #649 *"Amazing Grace"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from the Belhar Confession) **We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the Church through Word and Spirit. God has done this since the beginning of the world and will do it to the end. We believe in one, holy, universal Christian Church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. Amen.**

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: *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* (Wood)

*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: #625 *"How Great Thou Art"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Annie Kate Brown

*POSTLUDE: *"Prelude in B-flat Major"*, BWV 560 (Bach) Pam Dennis

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

Sound Board: Joe Petrilli

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.**

ADMINISTRATIVE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED Monday, September 16th. Food Ministry and Rainbow will operate normal hours.

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.

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 15-21, 2024):

Monday	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CLOSED
	9:30 am Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
	5:30 pm Personnel in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm Fellowship Committee in Back Parlor
	6:30 pm Session Meeting in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	8:00 pm AA in Ellis Hall & AI-Anon in Back Parlor

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

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.