



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Shelby Presbyterian Church
September 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"* (arr. Sikes) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 54) Ben Brooks

Save us, O God, by your name.

Your identity, O Lord, is our salvation.

Vindicate us, O God, by your might.

Your strength, O Lord, pleads our case.

O God, no matter what we face, you are with us.

Let us worship the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE: #687 *"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"* v.1,2,5,6

CALL TO CONFESSION Ben Brooks

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Holy God, you love us with a steadfast love that always pursues us. Yet too often we turn away. We are double minded. We seek approval in comparison to others. Restore us, O Lord. Free us from envy, judgement, boasting, and self-indulgence. Help us to give up seeking the world's approval and make us humble to serve. Root us in the confidence of your love for us, so that in our assurance and joy, we will share your love without hesitation. 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

Ben Brooks

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

Kindergarteners: Nico Blount, Mills Bryant, and Willow Dry

Third Graders: Steele Bryant, Ivie Carter, Lindsay Glenn, Adrienne Libby, Harrison Mangione, Thomas Pruitt, Ruby Raudez, Oliver Stern, and Kesson Warrick.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ben Brooks

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:30-37

ANTHEM: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* (arr. Hayes)

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, Alleluia!
Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening find a voice,
Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
thou givest man both warmth and light,
Let all things their creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness,
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, Alleluia, Amen!*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: James 4

Drew Mangione

SERMON: "The Problem with Public Approval"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #824 *"There is a Place of Quiet Rest"*

*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: *"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"* (arr. G. Young) 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: #720 *"Jesus Calls Us"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *"James Benediction"*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Annie Moser

*POSTLUDE: *"Psalm XIX"* (Marcello)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Patrick Glenn & 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, 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 WEEK (SEPTEMBER 22-28, 2024):

Monday	9:00 am	Rainbow Pictures in Ellis Hall
	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	9:00 am	Rainbow Parent Coffee in Ellis Hall
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm	Media Committee in Back Parlor
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Lunch & Learn in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	9:00 am	Rainbow Pictures in Ellis Hall
	12:00 noon	Rainbow Early dismissal
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall & AI-Anon in Back Parlor
Friday	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts in Ellis Hall
Saturday	4:00 pm	Kirkin' O the Tartan Rehearsal

HABITAT UPDATE: Due to construction delays beyond our control, the 2024 Women Build for Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity has been postponed. We are hoping to reschedule in October, but the new dates have not yet been determined. We will announce those dates as soon as we are able so that volunteer reservations can be made. For more information, please contact Richard Hart, (229) 563-1253. Thank you for your support and prayers for the people and mission of Habitat.

PHISHERS OF MEN AND WOMEN: Lunch and Learn Wednesday, 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. IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP DO SO ASAP WITH CAROL ANN.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES TODAY: 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. TODAY and September 29th, leading up to a commemoration of their official First Communion. Please RSVP to carolann@shelbypres.org to sign up.



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. **Use this QR Code to sign up!**

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.



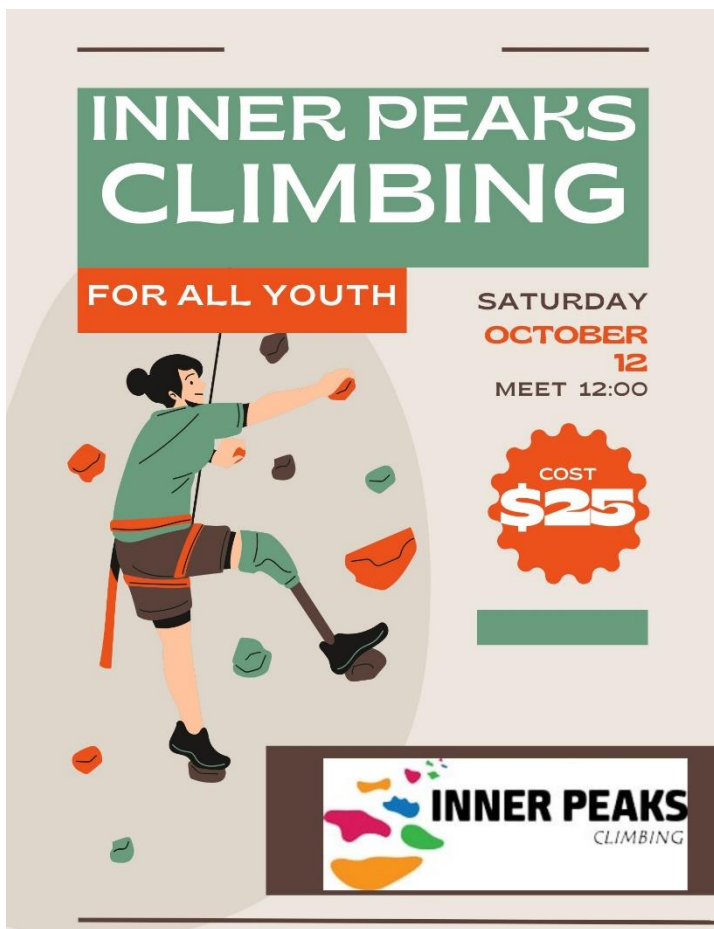
CALLING ALL KIDS! Here's your chance to be a part of our church service in a special way. We're excited to offer children the opportunity to ring the chime at the end of our worship services. 🎵 **Why Sign Up?**

- **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)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: You can pick up your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox in the Narthex AND under the Elder and Deacon mailboxes. Please return your shoebox by Sunday, October 27th. If you wish to participate but cannot fill a Shoebox, you can donate items which can be packed into Shoeboxes, such as small dolls, balls, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, cards, matchbox cars, cards, picture books, school supplies, craft items, and hygiene items. *Please do not pack liquids, food, or war-related items.* This is a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in sharing God's love on a personal level through an outreach program.

- The Mission & Ministry Committee



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.