



ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday of Christmas

Shelby Presbyterian Church
December 29, 2024
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* (arr. Bye) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Ann Hoard

CALL TO WORSHIP Claire McCullough

We gather to celebrate God's redemptive plan for all creation!

For unto us a child is born! Emmanuel! God with us!

From creation to new creation, our God reigns now and forever more!

We gaze upon the baby Jesus, who is our brother, and rejoice that he is Christ the King! He is the Word made flesh, our Lord and our God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #132: *"Good Christian Friends"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Claire McCullough

SILENT PRAYER OF 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Claire McCullough

LESSONS & CAROLS: Carol Ann Hoard & Claire McCullough

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 1:1-4, John 1:1-5

HYMN #664: *"Morning Has Broken" (verses 1 and 3)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 22:15-18, Acts 3:22-25

HYMN #82: *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

THIRD SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 3:7-12, Revelation 21:1-5

HYMN #88: *"O Come O Come Emmanuel" (versus 1, 3, 4, and 7)*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 17:15-19, Luke 1:26-38

HYMN #123: *"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (verses 1, 3, 5)*

FIFTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-5

HYMN #121: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

SIXTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 9: 6-7, Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN #145: *"What Child is This?"*

SEVENTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 23, Luke 2:6-20

*HYMN #119: *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Carol Ann Hoard

To my enemy, **I give you forgiveness.**

To my opponents, **I give you the benefit of the doubt.**

To my family and friends, **I give you my faithfulness.**

To my neighbors, **I give you my kind service.**

To every child, **I give you a good example.**

To all I meet, **I give you my love and grace.**

To myself, **I give patience and perseverance.**

To you O Lord, **I give you my whole self, all that I am.**

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: *"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"* (arr. Behnke) 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 #136: *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Carol Ann Hoard

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Anna Grace McCullough

*POSTLUDE: *"Hark the Herald"* (arr. G. Young)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley & 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 for infants through preschool in Room 102, staffed by

Lilly Hamilton, Maggie Hohne, & Heather Johnson

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.**

GIFT CARD OFFERING FOR TURNING POINT ACADEMY: Next Sunday, for Epiphany, please bring \$10 gift cards to place in the offering plates. These cards will be used for motivational events for the students, for good attendance, good behavior, and good work. The students love this, and it is a great reward for them. Some suggested locations for gift card purchasing are Chic-fil-A, Cook Out, Dominos, Wal-Mart, and Sonic.

THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 29, 2024 - JANUARY 4, 2025):

Monday	9:00 – 2:00	Church Office Hours
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	9:00 – 2:00	Church Office Hours
Wednesday	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church Office Closed	
Thursday	7:00 am	Men’s Breakfast at Ken and Mary’s
	9:00 am	Office Open normal business hours
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall/ AI Anon in Back Parlor
Friday	9:00 am	Church Closed carpets being cleaned

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

Lyric Atkins, John Auten, Ed Blake, Sue Breen, Sid Bridges, Allen Callahan, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Rylan Carter, Betty Clark, Randy Derwin Clark, Kay Clark-James, Lou DuBois, Al Eatmon, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Scot Horton, Andi Houser, Joan Hunt, Kevin Jones, 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 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.