



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
September 16, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Luther/Lowe

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 139:7-12

Betsy Fonvielle

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #475: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: from Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
(moment for silent confession)

RESPONSE IN SONG #463: *"How Firm a Foundation"*

verse 1

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORI 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**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you! (*Greet one another with the Peace of Christ.*)

***RESPONSE #701: "Sanctuary"** sing twice
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Luke Harkey

***HYMN #623: "I've Got Peace like A River"**

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Betsy Fonvielle

UNISON OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 107:1-6, 23-26, 28-29, 43
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress...Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity...Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

ANTHEM: *"The Storm Is Passing Over"* (arr. Baker) Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Matthew 8:23-27

SERMON: "Storms of Life" Luke Harkey

***HYMN #22: "God of the Sparrow"**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *"Fugue in G Minor"* Charpentier

***Doxology**
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 #834: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Luke Harkey

***CHORAL RESPONSE** Chancel Choir

***CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

***POSTLUDE: "Our Refuge and Strength"** Broughton

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Deacon Ushers: Spencer Borders, Anne Kennedy,
Warren Julian, Jennifer Ormand, Joe Petrilli
Childcare is available for preschool aged children in Room 102
and is staffed today by Tricia Butler and Erica Vargas.

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. 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, 8:30-4:30, Friday 8:30-12:00.

THIS WEEK (SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2018):

Monday 7:00 pm **Boy Scout Troop 100** in Scout House
Tuesday 12:00 pm **Newsletter Articles** due in Church Office!
6:30 pm **Session** in Back Parlor
Wednesday 6:00 pm **Supper & Program** in Ellis Hall
7:10 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** in Choir Room
Thursday 10:00 am **SPC Staff Meeting** in Pastor's Study
5:30 pm **Water to Wine** Committee in Conference Room
Friday 6:30 pm **Girl Scout Troop 20032** in Youth Room

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - SEPT. 19

6:00 pm – *Barbecue: Bring side dishes & desserts!*

To be more environmentally friendly, don't forget your plate.

\$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.

6:30 pm - Program – *Luke & Carolyn Harkey: Pictures & Stories from Israel*

Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

NEXT SUNDAY IS HERITAGE SUNDAY . . .

Make plans now to attend Heritage Sunday at Shelby Presbyterian Church on September 23rd. For the fifth time at SPC, there will be a celebration of Scottish Heritage called "The Kirkin' O' the Tartans" (note: "Kirk" is the Scottish word for church). Members who have attended here or at other Presbyterian churches, describe this service as "inspirational" and "very meaningful." Early Service will be held in the sanctuary 8:30-9:20.

At the 11 a.m. service there will be a procession of members and friends carrying tartans representing our Presbyterian heritage. Grandfather Mountain Highlanders will have 2 pipers and a drummer in concert outside beginning at 10:30.

Following the service there will be a reception in the Courtyard with traditional homemade shortbread, lemon curd and lemonade.

If you are carrying a Tartan, we will rehearse at 9:30 am next Sunday in the sanctuary.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND an Organ Concert on Sunday, October 7th at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary by John Alexander, nephew of Mike Alexander. John is the organist at First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, North Carolina. Reception will follow in Ellis Hall.

PLEASE KEEP our church in prayer during this stewardship season. Please review your organ fund renovation pledge as you prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment to Shelby Presbyterian Church. This year Consecration Sunday is October 14.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2018 Operating Budget	\$568,665.00
2018 Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 47,388.75
Total Received for Budget for September 1-9	\$ 17,833.00

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

Jack Breen, Ed Cushman, Val Donaldson, Patrick Potts, Jill Webber; all disaster victims; all those serving in the military; Food Ministry; Rainbow Connection; Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Dr. Steve & Alene Burgert in Kenya; Jo Ella Holman in the Caribbean; John McCall in Taiwan; Dr. Martha Sommers in Malawi; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.