



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Shelby Presbyterian Church  
September 30, 2018  
11:00 a.m.

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sherry Young

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 124:1-8

Tim Zehnder

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side  
— let Israel now say —

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,**

then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;

**then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;**

then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #645: *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Eternal God, in every age you have raised up women and men to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. (moment for silent confession)**

RESPONSE IN SONG #649: *“Amazing Grace”* verse 2  
***‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!***

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

\*RESPONSE: *“In His Time”*  
***In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time. Lord, please show me every day as You’re teaching me Your way, that you do just what you say in Your time.***

A TIME FOR CHILDREN Margie McSwain

\*HYMN #687: *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”* verses 1, 2, 6

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Heidi Steeves

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY Luke Harkey

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Tim Zehnder

RESPONSIVE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Esther 4:5-17  
Leader: Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews.  
People: **Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.**

Leader: Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying,

Women: **All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days."**

Leader: When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther,

Men: **"Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this."**

Leader: Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai,

Women: **"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."**

People: Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

ANTHEM: *“Down to the River to Pray”* (arr. McDonald) Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 5:13-20

SERMON: *“For Such a Time as This!”* Luke Harkey

\*HYMN #649: *“Amazing Grace”* verses 3 & 4

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from A Brief Statement of Faith  
**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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 Sherry Young

\*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 #307: "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs. 1, 2, 4

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

\*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE Sherry Young

\*Those who are able may stand.  
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**Sound Board:** Greg McIntyre

**Deacon Ushers:** Spencer Borders, Tom Greene, Warren Julian, Jennifer Ormand, Wiley Smith

**Childcare** is available for preschool aged children in Room 102 and is staffed today by Tricia Butler and Erica Vargas.

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*In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.*

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**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.

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mike Strain by his family.

**HOPE HEALS** (a message on suicide prevention and mental wellness) with Kevin Hines October 1 at 7 pm at Gardner-Webb University, Paul Porter Arena. For more information, call 704-406-4103.

**THIS WEEK (September 30 - October 6):**

Today	<b>KFC</b> on stage following Moments with Children
	6:00 pm <b>New Officer Training</b> in Back Parlor
Monday	7:00 pm <b>Boy Scout Troop 100</b> in Scout House
Tuesday	11:15 am <b>Bible Study</b> in Conference Room
	11:30 am <b>Martha/Mary Circle</b> at Joyce Boyette's
	6:00 pm <b>Mission &amp; Ministry Committee</b> in Conf. Room
	6:00 pm <b>New Officer Training</b> in Back Parlor
	7:00 pm <b>Worship &amp; Music Committee</b> in Conf. Room
Wednesday	5:00 pm <b>Property Committee</b> in Conference Room
	5:00 pm <b>Membership Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm <b>Supper &amp; Program</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm <b>Youth Committee</b> in Conference Room
	7:10 pm <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	7:00 am <b>Men's Breakfast Fellowship</b> at Ken & Mary's
	10:00 am <b>SPC Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Study
	12:00 pm <b>Bible Study</b> with Susan Bell at Central UMC
Friday	6:30 am <b>Girl Scout Troop 20032</b> in the Youth Room

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - OCTOBER 3**

6:00 pm - Supper in Ellis Hall

*Hot Dogs & Trimmings, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert, Drink*

\$5/per person; \$15 family max.

6:30 pm - Program

*Rainbow Children will sing,*

*then all are invited to visit the Rainbow Connection classrooms.*

Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

**THE JOY MAKERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** will begin a six-week study of the Apostles' Creed next Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The curriculum has been prepared by PCUSA and is broken up into chapters that combine readings as well as discussion questions. The Joy Makers class meets upstairs over the kitchen and runs from 9:50 to 10:30 as some of the members are choir members. If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact the church office or Mary Conner at 704-300-1109 to ensure that there is a book for you.

**NEXT SUNDAY**, October 7, is World Communion Sunday. Also, the Five-Cents-A-Meal Offering is received the first Sunday of each month.

**MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND** an Organ Concert next Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SPC CHANCEL CHOIR'S** special music for Christmas this year will be Vivaldi's "Gloria" on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Our string quartet is already committed to play with us! We will rehearse the selections from "Gloria" during the first 45 minutes of the choir practice. That being said, during the last 2 years, the chancel choir has lost several members, due to sickness, relocations, and other matters. While those of you sitting in the congregation provide essential support and encouragement, we cannot maintain our high standards without your participation. So, please give prayerful consideration to joining us.

**SAVE A LIFE:** CPR classes will be offered to SPC members at no cost on Wednesday, October 17, from 6:30-8:00 PM and on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 PM. Class size is limited. Child care will be provided. Call (704-487-8503) or email the church office (miranda@shelbypres.org) to sign up.

**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 1-23 .....	\$ 41,751.25

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter)  
Jack Breen, Ed Cushman, Val Donaldson, Robert Greer, Ellis Monroe, Catherine Porter, Patrick Potts, Steve Sisk; all those affected by Hurricane Florence and disaster victims everywhere; 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.