



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
October 28, 2018
11:00 a.m.

**Reformation Sunday
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Luke Harkey, Pastor

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

Luther/Lowe

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 34:1-8

Debra Haddock

I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #624: *"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you call us to repentance. Draw us away from the road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant. Through your grace in Jesus Christ, forgive us our sin; then help us to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Seeking your truth and obeying your will, may we know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus, our Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.**
(moment for silent confession)

RESPONSE IN SONG HYMN #458: *“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”*
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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 HYMN #837: *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”* verse 1
What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

COMMISSION DEBRA HADDOCK AND LAURA WHEELER

A TIME ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN Andrea Julian

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY Luke Harkey

*HYMN #445: *“God, How Can We Forgive”* verses 1, 2
(tune: The God of Abraham Praise)

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Debra Haddock
Almighty and gracious God, since our whole salvation stands in our knowledge of your holy word, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that our hearts may be freed from the chains of sin, so that we may hear and receive your word, recognizing your gracious will for us. Teach us by scripture to love and serve you with delight, praising and glorifying you in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (from John Calvin 1509-1564)

UNISON SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus Christ holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.

ANTHEM: *“Be Thou My Vision”* Rutter (Mark 10) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGS: 1 Peter 2:4-7

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner. . . ." But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

SERMON: *“The Priesthood of All Believers”* Luke Harkey

UNISON PRAYER: (John Calvin 1509-1564)

Save us, Lord, from being self-centered in our prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so caught up in love for those for whom we pray, that we may feel their needs as keenly as our own, and pray for them with imagination, sensitivity, and knowledge. We ask this in Christ's name, Amen.

*HYMN #306: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" verses 1, 2
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts are our cares.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967, *Book of Confessions PC(USA)*
Many rejected Jesus Christ and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all stand convicted. God raised him from the dead vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became the victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all . . . The risen Christ is the Savior of all . . . Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is the head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

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: "Just As I Am" Bradbury/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 #757: "Today We Are All Called To Be Disciples" vs. 1, 4

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

*CHORAL RESPONSE Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: Fugue in C Major Buxtehude

*Those who are able may stand.
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Sound Board: Greg McIntyre
Deacon Ushers: Heidi Steeves, Carolyn Billings, Kathryn Bridges, Wiley Smith, Beverly Styers
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.

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Joel Spragins' 80th Birthday, with love from all your family.

THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 28-November 3, 2018):

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| Today | KFC on stage following Moments with Children |
| | 6:00 pm New Officer Training in Conference Room |
| | 6:00 pm CPR Class in the Back Parlor |
| Monday | 9:00 am Flu Shots available until 12 in Ellis Hall |
| | 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House |
| Tuesday | 11:15 am Bible Study in Conference Room |
| Wednesday | NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER |
| | 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room |
| Thursday | 10:00 am SPC Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study |

SAVE A LIFE: A CPR class will be offered to SPC members at no cost on Sunday, October 28th 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.

DEBORAH/SARAH CIRCLE: If you need a copy of *God's Promise, I Am With You*, they are available in the church office.

FLU SHOTS will be available Monday, October 29 in Ellis Hall from 9:00 - 12:00. Please bring your insurance information for billing.

EMERGENCY CLOTHING FUND FOR MARION SCHOOL: There are occasions when urgent clothing needs arise at Marion School; a t-shirt is soiled at lunch, a child needs socks on a cold day, clean underwear or panties are needed due to an accident. The staff at Marion buys the clothing supplies when on sale at local stores. If you will support this effort, please send your check to:

Gina Dellinger, Bookkeeper and Secretary
Marion School
410 Forrest Hill Drive, Shelby, N.C., 28150
or you can give the check to Doug Boyette.

PLEDGE UPDATE As of Sunday, October 21, 69 families pledged \$337,684.00. Thanks to all who have turned in your pledge. If you have not completed your pledge, please place it in the offering plate or turn it in to Miranda in the office so the Finance Committee can prepare a budget for next year. All pledges are held in confidence by Miranda. Last year 117 families pledged \$486,985.40 so we have a way to go.

Thank you.
Stewardship Task Force

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

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| 2018 Operating Budget | \$568,665.00 |
| 2018 Monthly Budget Needs | \$ 47,388.75 |
| Total Received October 1-21. | \$29,007.10 |

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter)
Jack Breen, Anne Brooks, Joey Carpenter, Ed Cushman, Val Donaldson, Ellis Monroe, Catherine Porter, Patrick Potts, Steve Sisk, Steve Vaughn; all those affected by Hurricanes Florence and Michael 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.