



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
December 2, 2018
11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

ORGAN PRELUDE: *"The Advent of Our God is Nigh"* (Hymn #105)
Shaw/Warner

WELCOME AND PRAYER Luke Harkey, Pastor

*HYMN #88: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* verses 1, 6, 7

RESPONSIVE LITANY Marlene Lovelace
During Advent, God's promise illuminates our hope.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT: HOPE Jo Ann & Denver Parker

PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #92: *"While We Are Waiting, Come"* v. 1
***While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*** (twice)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Merciful God, you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Teach us to walk in the light as faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in whose name we pray.**
(silent confession)

RESPONSE IN SONG #83: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* v. 1
***Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS: from the Belhar Confession

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.*)

*SONG #468: *"In My Life"*

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

FIVE CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN: "Waiting. . ."

Anne Langley

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Luke Harkey

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *"Praise"*

Martin

*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

*HYMN #100: *"Canticle of the Turning"* (Hymn of the Month)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marlene Lovelace

UNISON OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

ANTHEM: *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* Palestrina Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

SERMON: "At the Coming of Our Lord"

Luke Harkey

*HYMN #314: *"Christ, Be Our Light"*

refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: based on PC(USA) Ordination Questions

We believe in Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Savior of all. We believe God is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and calls us to be the body of Christ.

We believe in the authority of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, as revealed by the Holy Spirit. Scripture is the Word of God to us and determines whether our witness is faithful, our love is broad enough, and our corporate life is inclusive enough to equip us to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

We adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed Faith as expressed in our confessional heritage. We believe in the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who elects us for salvation and service.

We will each fulfill the ministry of our office in obedience to Jesus Christ, the Living Word, and we will be continually guided by Scripture, by the Book of Confessions, and by the Book of Order.

We believe it is important for all officers to interpret God's Word together in Christian community, guided by the Holy Spirit. We will listen to each other, seeking God's will for our church in submission to the authority of Scripture.

We will show love and practice discipleship as we work for peace and justice locally and globally. We will take time to pray, to be silent, to listen, and to study Scripture. We will encourage others and will be guided by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

We will pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, love, and all our God-given gifts.

We promise to love and respect each other and to do our best to be faithful to the One who calls us together in our differences that we may live together in peace as one people.

We believe we have been called by the Holy Spirit to be leaders in our church. We believe the Holy Spirit equips us to be servants of God and to minister to the needs of our community and of the world showing God's love and justice.

RECOGNITION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS OF THE CLASS OF 2018
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Recognition of Officers
Questions for Ordination and Installation
Questions to the Congregation
Prayer and Laying on of Hands
Statement and Welcome

*CLOSING HYMN #314: "Christ, Be Our Light" verses 1, 2, 5

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE:
"Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J. S. Bach

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Prichard/Young

*Those who are able may stand.
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Sound Board: Chip Blackley

Deacon Ushers: Warren Julian, Barbara Moore, Joe Petrilli,
Heidi Steeves, 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 ADVENT WREATH is placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Ferry E. "Ace" Richards by family and friends.

THE FLOWERS are provided by Frank and Barbara Hannah given to the glory of God and in honor of Chrystal Lively on her birthday with sincerest thanks for her many efforts on behalf of our church over the past 18 years.

WE WANT TO THANK these officers who are rotating off the Session/Diaconate on December 31, 2018 for their excellent service: ELDERS - Nancy Blackley, Doug Boyette, Agaat Den Hertog, Brock Taylor, Jill Venable; DEACONS - Spencer Borders, Kathryn Bridges, Mary Lampley, Jennifer Ormand, Beverly Styers.

WE WELCOME these new officers and support them with our prayers and encouragement: ELDERS -John Brotherton, Jon Brownlee, Margaret Harry, Martha Noblitt, Jessi Ogburn; DEACONS - Amy Goforth, Ted LeGrand, Stefanie McIntyre, Greg Melton, Julia Persing.

THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 2-8, 2018):

NO KFC OR SSMM for the month of December

Today	12:00 pm	Women's Choir Vivaldi rehearsal in Choir Room
	5:00 pm	Youth in Ellis Hall
Monday	4:00 pm	Deadline to order poinsettias!
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House
Tuesday	11:30 am	Martha/Mary Circle at Debra Haddock
	6:30 pm	Session/Diaconate/New Officers in Ellis Hall
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Membership Committee in Back Parlor
	5:00 pm	Property Committee in Conference Room
	6:00 pm	Supper & Program in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Youth Committee in Conference Room
	7:10 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast Fellowship at Ken & Mary's
	10:00 am	SPC Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	12:00 pm	Bible Study with Susan Bell at Central UMC
Friday	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts in Youth Room

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - DECEMBER 5

6:00 pm - Supper

Barbecue: Please bring side dishes, desserts will be provided!

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

6:30 pm - Program

Chrystal's Retirement Celebration

Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

CONTRIBUTIONS were received this week to the Music Fund in memory of Jack Breen; to the Organ Fund in memory of Garland Becton, Tom Blackburn, Jack Breen, Anne Brooks, Seth Donaldson, Marjorie Haworth, Betsy Martin, Dr. Tom Moss, Evelyn Nevielle, Jim Taylor.

YOU ARE INVITED to join our church family at Wednesday Night Supper on December 5th to honor our sexton, Chrystal Lively. She is retiring after 18 years of service to SPC. We don't want her to move to West Virginia without letting her know how much she has meant to our congregation! Please bring sides to go with barbecue sandwiches; dessert will be provided. After supper the "program" will be recognition and thanks for Chrystal. Cards, stories, remarks will all be welcomed. Please join us as we wish her Godspeed in her next adventure.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be held at 5:00 for families including the Children's Christmas Program and "The Friendly Beasts" puppets. The service at 11:00 pm will be a Candlelight Service with Communion.

PLEDGE UPDATE As of Monday, November 27, 97 families pledged \$434,204.00. 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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2018 Operating Budget	\$568,665.00
2018 Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 47,388.75
Total Received November 1-25	\$ 31,607.53

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

Ed Cushman, Robert Greer, Karen Horne, Matt McNeary, Ellis Monroe, Steve Sisk; 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.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2021, and Deacon, Class of 2021. There are 5 positions available for Elder and 5 positions available for Deacon.

Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- (1) Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- (2) Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- (3) Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Committee. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Place your recommendation(s) in the offering by January 6, take or mail it to the church office, or use e-mail to miranda@shelbypres.org by January 6.

NOMINATION FOR ELDER

Name of Nominee: _____
I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because: _____

NOMINATION FOR DEACON

Name of Nominee: _____
I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because: _____

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS 2019-2021

SESSION

Class of 2019

Jeff Hamilton
Robin Holland
Anne Langley
Lloyd Williams Jr.
Paul Woodard

Class of 2020

Trip Boinest
Margie McSwain
David Schweppe
Jeanne Spragins

Class of 2021

John Brotherton
Jon Brownlee
Margaret Harry
Martha Noblitt
Jessi Ogburn

DIACONATE

Class of 2019

Thomas Couch
Tom Greene
Warren Julian
Barbara Moore
Heidi Steeves

Class of 2020

Carolyn Billings
Anne Kennedy
Brett Niblack
Joe Petrilli
Wiley Smith

Class of 2021

Amy Goforth
Ted LeGrand
Stefanie McIntyre
Greg Melton
Julia Persing

LAST CALL FOR POINSETTIA AND WREATHS: You may still purchase poinsettias and wreaths either in memory or in honor of someone. There are 9 wreaths (\$18 each) and 51 poinsettias available (\$12 each). If you would like to order we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that it be made payable to "Shelby Presbyterian Church." Turn your form and check into the church office **no later than tomorrow - Monday, Dec. 3.**

Yes, I (We) would like _____ poinsettia(s) placed in the church.

Enclosed is \$_____.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By _____