



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Shelby Presbyterian Church
December 9, 2018
11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE: *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* arr. Zachau and Smith

WELCOME AND PRAYER Luke Harkey, Pastor

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 40:3-5 Brett Niblack

A voice cries out:

**"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

LIGHTING THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT: PEACE

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)

*HYMN OF PRAISE #82: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Brett Niblack
Lord of hope and peace, we confess that we are often hopeless and hostile. When we are filled with darkness and despair, we become distressed instead of turning to You. In the midst of chaos we become anxious and angry instead of sharing Your peace. Reveal Your hope and peace to us once again. By Your Spirit use us to embody Your will and way, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. (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
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.*)

*HYMN #105: *"People Look East"* verses 1 and 5

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Linda Ware

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY Luke Harkey

*HYMN #100: *"Canticle of Turning"* verses 1 and 4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Brett Niblack

UNISON OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:1-4
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

ANTHEM: *"This is the Time to be Joyful"* Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 1:3-11

SERMON: "As In Days of Old" Luke Harkey

*HYMN #97: *"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"* verses 1 and 3

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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!"

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: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* arr. Haan

*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 #104: *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Luke Harkey

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #115: *"Away in a Manger"* verse 3
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Rhapsodie on a Catalan Carol"* Gigout/Nevins

*Those who are able may stand.
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Sound Board: Joe Petrilli

Deacon Ushers: Warren Julian, Thomas Couch Barbara Moore,
Joe Petrilli, 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.

THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 9-15, 2018):

Today	6:00 pm	Youth Christmas Movie in Ellis Hall
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House
Tuesday	11:30 am	Deborah Sarah Circle home of Jessi Ogburn
	4:00 pm	Personnel Committee in Conference Room
	5:30 pm	Safety and Security in Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30 am	Rainbow Connection Committee in Conf. Room
	12:00 pm	Rainbow Christmas Program in Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Member Care Committee in Conf. Room
	6:00 pm	Supper/Hayride & Caroling
	7:10 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday		NEWS ARTICLES ARE DUE
	10:00 am	SPC Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	6:00 pm	Media Committee in Ellis Hall
Friday	6:00 pm	SPC Staff Christmas Party at Spragins'

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER - DECEMBER 12

6:00 pm - Supper

Ham & Turkey SubSandwiches: Bring side dishes & desserts!
\$3/adults; \$1/under 12; \$10 family max.

6:30 pm - Hayride & Caroling

Thanks to Larry Wilson for providing the hay wagon.
Child care is available for infants through four year olds.

CHURCH SEXTON Shelby Presbyterian is accepting resumes for the position of Church Sexton. The sexton is responsible for cleaning, light maintenance duties, minor repairs to the church buildings and grounds and other tasks such as setting up and moving of furniture, etc. as designated and assigned. This is an essential service to the church in that it provides a clean, comfortable, safe environment to promote the mission of the church. Please direct all inquiries to Shelby Presbyterian Church, 226 E Graham Street, Shelby, NC. Attention: Personnel Committee.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for you to pick up in the hallway behind the sanctuary (across from the conference room). They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you want to use offering envelopes and cannot find your box, please inform the church office.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS were received this week to the Book Bag Ministry in memory of Jim Taylor; to the Food Ministry in memory of Tom Blackburn; to the Music Fund in memory of Jack Breen and Carolyn Gaston; to the Church Fund in honor of Fred Blackey and family, Chip Blackley and family for their service to the Church and Boy Scouts.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2018 Operating Budget	\$568,665.00
2018 Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 47,388.75
Total Received December 1-2	\$ 23,881.00

STEWARDSHIP SEASON

In keeping with the season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded again this year of how blessed we are as a congregation. Not just for the support we have in one another but also in our financial blessings. The Stewardship season is well underway. We have received 101 pledge cards totaling \$436,604.00. Last year we had total pledges of \$486,985.40 and therefore, we are still hopeful that those who have not pledged to date will consider doing so. And for those who have pledged, if you feel led to make changes there is still time for changes to be considered as we make out the 2019 budget.

Our church continues to move forward with our worship of Jesus Christ in accordance with the mission statement "GROWING, PRAISING, SERVING". Each of us has a special contribution to make in support of this mission and as we begin the season of Advent take time to review your commitment to God. Again thanks to your continuing support.

REMINDER: Please review the status of this year's pledge in order to close 2018 with our commitments completed.

-The Stewardship Task Force and Finance Committee

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

Ed Cushman, Robert Greer, Ellis Monroe, Patrick Potts, 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 2022, and Deacon, Class of 2022. 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: _____
