



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Shelby Presbyterian Church
January 19, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (arr. Hopson) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Claire McCullough

God is our refuge and strength, very present in our times of trouble.

It is good news that God comes near to us. Praise the Lord!

In Christ, the Eternal Son came down to be one of us, Emmanuel!

It is good news that God came down to be one of us. Praise the Lord!

The Holy Spirit dwells in and among us, pouring love in our hearts.

It is good news that God is with us now. Praise the Lord!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION Claire McCullough

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of loving encounter, your Spirit draws near to us in the depths of our struggle, just as in Christ, you shared in our humanity even to the point of suffering and death. Forgive us Lord. Too often we pull back from you by avoiding one another during life's most difficult moments. Help us to encounter you in the giving and receiving of love and care from one another. Empower us by your Spirit to be wounded healers, reflecting Jesus, for it is by his wounds that we have been healed. Amen. (silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, 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

The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Zion Roberts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Claire McCullough

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 62: 1-5 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"There Is A Balm in Gilead"* (arr. Moser)

Trio: Peter Moore (SPC Choral Scholar), Bruce Moser, Sherry Thomas

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
go home and tell your neighbors he died to save us all.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 20: 24-29 (NRSV)

SERMON "In Love's Service"

Jeff Hamilton

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #221: *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Colossians 1:15-20): **Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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.

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *"Blessed Jesus, At Your Word"* (arr. Dixon) Emily Monroe

*DOXOLOGY (sung): ***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 #450: *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"Arise! Your Light has Come!"* (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Seren Bryant

*POSTLUDE: *"Trumpet Tune"* (G. Young)

Emily Monroe

Music Licenses: 1575277 (CCLI)/ A-739540 (One License)

Sound Board: John Brotherton & Mike Jackson

CHILDCARE is available for infants through preschool in Room 102, staffed by Lilly Hamilton, Maggie Hohne, & Heather Johnson

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, 9:00-4:00, Friday 9:00-12:00. **After the service, all first-time visitors are invited to the back of the church where a church member will welcome you with a special greeting.**

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN? If you've been visiting and would like more information about what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, Pastor Drew will be leading a new member class scheduled for 9 am on Sundays in February in Ellis Hall. If you're already a member and want a refresher, you are invited to come and learn what makes our theology and traditions distinct. Please let Pastor Drew know if you're interested.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the 10 am worship service Sunday, January 26th. This meeting is to elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee; to vote on changes to the terms of call (salary package) for the pastor; and to hear a brief report on the 2025 budget.

THIS WEEK (JANUARY 19 - 25, 2025):

Monday **Martin Luther King Holiday-Office Closed**
7:00 pm **Boy Scout Troop 100** in Scout House
8:00 pm **AA** in Ellis Hall

Tuesday **Newsletter Articles Due**
10:30 am **Staff Meeting** in Ellis Hall
5:30 pm **Personnel** in Back Parlor
6:30 pm **Session** in Back Parlor

Wednesday 6:00 pm **Growing in Grace**
7:00 pm **Chancel Choir** in Choir Room

Thursday 8:00 pm **AA** in Ellis Hall **AI – Anon** in Back Parlor

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out Rochelle Glenn and family in the passing of her grandmother Maria Linkletter on January 7, 2025.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Jo Rolling and family in the passing of her husband George on January 10, 2025. George faithfully served as a pastor of SPC for 16 years. Friends are invited to call Saturday, January 25, 2025 from 10:30 AM – noon at Watauga Ave. Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, TN with a memorial service officiated by Rev. Dr. Fred Rose immediately following.

Lyric Atkins, John Auten, Ed Blake, Sue Breen, Sid Bridges, Allen Callahan, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Rylan Carter, Betty Clark, Randy Derwin Clark, Kay Clark-James, Lou DuBois, Al Eatmon, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Scot Horton, Andi Houser, Joan Hunt, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Cheryl Lutz, Brooke McCurry, Nancy Minor, Lisa Perkins-Dodrill, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Dot Roark, George Rolling, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Linda Ware, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine and Gaza; all in military service and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.