



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Lent

Shelby Presbyterian Church
March 5, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Variations on a Hymn for Lent"* (Wood) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Romans 3:27-5:2) Carolyn Jackson

God promised that Abraham would be the father of many nations.

From one man's family, God promised to make every family his.

You are made right with God then, apart from the Law as Abraham was.

God belongs to Israel and all the nations.

We have peace then with God through Jesus the Messiah.

Through him, Abraham's children are not born by flesh, but by faith.

All may approach grace through faith in Jesus our foundation.

Let us celebrate the hope of the Glory of God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #321: *"The Church's One Foundation"* verses 1-3

CALL TO CONFESSION: What is born of flesh is flesh, and what is born of Spirit is spirit. Let us confess our sins, when we have let matters of our flesh divide us from our unity in the community of the Holy Spirit.

UNISON SONG OF CONFESSION (Hymn #434: *"Restore In Us, O God"*):

O Spirit make us one, for flesh does still divide, renew your presence as our king, and make us unified.

Through Abraham you said, you'd bless all tribes on earth, forgive our judgment born from pride, unite us in re-birth. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Carolyn Jackson

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

FIVE CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Carolyn Jackson
God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12:1-3

ANTHEM: *"God so Loved the World"* (Stainer) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-21 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "One Diverse Family"

*HYMN #759: *"O God, We Bear the Imprint"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8:1-4): **We believe there is no condemnation for those who walk in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

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: *"Amazing Grace"* (Held) 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 #318: *"In Christ There is No East or West"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Postlude in G Minor"* (Bach) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley, John Brotherton

Chimer: Thomas Pruitt

Ushers: Lori Wehmueller, Claire McCullough, Holly Petrilli, Trey Warrick
CHILDCARE is available each week for infants through preschool in the Nursery (Room 102) and is staffed by Lindsay Carter and Lilly Hamilton. In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied to the nursery by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us this morning. Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad in the pews. 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 gift.**

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Tom, Mimi, Alex, and Stephanie Martin in memory of Mimi’s parents, George and Betty Stanley; and in memory of Tom’s parents, T. W. “Casey” and Elene Martin.

CALLING ALL MUSIC LOVERS! The SPC Choir would love to have you join us in bringing music to Sunday worship. Whether you sing or play an instrument, we can certainly find a way for you to offer your gifts in a fun and meaningful way. From digeridoo to dulcimer, tambourine to tuba – all instruments are welcome. Just email bruce@shelbypres.org and we’ll figure out a way to get you involved in a way you feel comfortable. Thanks for helping SPC sing a new song!

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES are being held each Wednesday of Lent at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 12:00-12:30. The speaker this week is SPC’s own Carol Ann Hoard and the Chancel Choir will be singing. A light lunch (sandwich, side item, drink, and dessert) will be served each Wednesday at 12:30 in the Epworth Building for \$7.00. If you are on a tight schedule, please feel free to go to the front of the line.

THIS WEEK (MARCH 5 - 11, 2023):

Today	11:00 am	Handbells in Bell Room
	4:00 pm	Confirmation in Upper Room
	5:00 pm	Youth Night in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Hot Meal Ministry in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Discipleship Ministry in Back Parlor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Pastor’s Study
	7:00 pm	Worship and Music in Back Parlor
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Lenten Service/Lunch at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	Passion & Resurrection w/Susan Bell in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
Thursday	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE is partnering with Rainbow Connection Preschool in collecting food for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. For the month of March, the Mission and Ministry Committee is asking for syrup donations. Our goal this year is to collect 100 bottles of syrup! Thank you for your support.

EASTER CANDY: This year’s Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, April 2nd. We are asking church members to donate bags of candy for the eggs. Please have candy in to the office by Friday, March 24th. Our Hen and Rooster Party to stuff eggs will be Monday, March 27th at 10:00. Thank you!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR LENT: Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 pm Table Communion in Ellis Hall. Good Friday, April 7th at 12:00 pm A Meditation on the Cross through music in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday, April 9th, Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 in the sanctuary.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available near the doors to the sanctuary and in the Narthex. This year’s format is a weekly prompt, which you can do on Sunday or Monday to help guide you in the week, or you could read it and pray each day on it. Either way, this devotional or another, can help you in your Lenten journey.



THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND ART will start THIS Wednesday, March 8th and continue each Wednesday until March 29th at 6:00 in Ellis Hall led by Susan Bell. We will study the Scriptures using art across the centuries to help illuminate our understanding of the Word and the Lord. The Head of Christ by Rouault is an Abstract Expressionist work that concentrates on what He suffered for us, not on a physical likeness. The dripping red paint is quickly interpreted as His shed blood from the thorny crown. The black and blue shapes represent the beatings and the swirling black lines are the whip marks. The only white used is in the eyes that are full of sadness and compassion. Rouault was a devout Catholic and his paintings often came after his meditations. Christ has been sentenced, mocked, scourged, spit upon and yet is still determined to do His Father’s will. “By his stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53: 5)



As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th (after which you may take yours home). If you would like to order a lily(ies) - \$15 each - to be placed in the church, either in memory or in honor of someone, 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 by March 20th or drop it in the offering plate by then.

I (We) would like _____ lily(ies) placed in the church on Easter.
Enclosed is \$ _____ (**\$15 each** payable to SPC).
In Memory of _____
In Honor of _____
By: _____

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

Harriett Allen, Debra Blanton, Frank Bonner, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Robert Hilton, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Rick Steeves, Patty Thorne, Barbara Weller, Teresa Wingo, and the homeless of Cleveland and Gaston counties; all those battling COVID and the flu; the victims of Ukrainian conflict; victims of natural disasters and war; all those serving in the military and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, the students at Gardner Webb University and all our schools, colleges and universities; our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.