



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Shelby Presbyterian Church
January 26, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* (arr. Callahan) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Molly Brownlee

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19:1, 7) Claire McCullough

All the heavens declare the glory of God!

The direction of the Lord is complete, transforming our whole being.

The expanse of the skies makes known the work of God's hand.

The testimony of the Lord is faithful, making the simple become wise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #14: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Claire McCullough

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of mercy, we have forgotten your ways. We have not proclaimed your good news to the captives, to the blind, and to the oppressed. We have put our faith in institutions and put our hope in extremes. We have not recognized your face in the other, and your desire for all people to know your love in and through us. We have driven you away, thrown you aside, and missed you in our midst. Forgive us Lord, in your mercy, and renew us in your Spirit. 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 Claire McCullough
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Claire McCullough

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:14-21, 28-30

ANTHEM: *"All Nature Sings"* (Haydn/Hopson) Chancel Choir

*All nature sings, its beauty praise now brings;
For Earth and sea and air, together their maker declare;
All nature praise now brings.
Night unfolds to the day, the sun shines forth its ray;
The moon and stars of night,
they all praise the Lord, they tell of the heavenly light.
No speech, no voice is heard,
yet the wonder shines through all the earth and sky.
For God is ruler, he commands; his might is ever sure.
Sing forth the joyful song.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 8:1-13

SERMON Returning to God's Word Drew Mangione

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #50: *"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"*
(sung to the tune of hymn #757)

*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: *"This is My Father's World"* (arr. Fedak) 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 #39 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

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

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Corban Stern

*POSTLUDE: *"Psalm 19"* (Marcello) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley & Joe Petrilli

Scriptures read in service are original translations, unless otherwise noted.

Feel free to read a familiar translation and listen for different word choices.

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 TODAY.

THIS WEEK (JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025):

Sunday	3:30 pm	Catechism
	5:00 pm	Youth in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm	Media Committee 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

Buddies on the Bench : A New Program for Our Young Music Enthusiasts - We are excited to introduce a brand-new program designed to ignite a love for music and provide a unique learning opportunity for our children: *Buddies on the Bench*. Starting in October, children in 1st- 5th grades are invited to sign up and join our organist, Emily Monroe, on the organ bench during part of our church service.

Buddies on the Bench is a special chance for our youngest members to get a behind-the-scenes look at the majestic instrument that fills our sanctuary with beautiful music. Each Sunday, children who sign up will have the opportunity to:

- **Observe:** Watch firsthand how the organist creates the rich, dynamic sounds that enhance our worship experience.
- **Learn:** Discover the different parts of the organ and how they work together to produce music.
- **Participate:** Explore simple, hands-on experiences with guidance from our organist, making the learning experience both fun and memorable.

This program not only aims to foster an appreciation for church music but also to make our worship services more engaging and interactive for our younger generation.



How to Sign Up:

- **Registration:** Sign-up with QR code. Children can be registered on a weekly basis, so there's no need for a long term commitment—just pick a Sunday that works best for you!
- **Age Groups:** 1st- 5th grades. Our organist will tailor the experience to be age-appropriate and engaging for each participant.
- **Time Slot:** Participants will join the organist for a portion of the service before the Children's Moment and then return to sit with their family.

We encourage all families to consider this wonderful opportunity for their children. It's a fantastic way to deepen their connection to our church's music ministry and to experience the joy of creating worshipful sound.

VALENTINE'S DAY COFFEE for all single women of SPC at the home of Agaat Den Hertog (402 Fairview Dr.) at 11:00 Friday, February 14th. Please RSVP Agaat at 704-661-0318.

MONTREAT NEEDS OUR HELP! This February, Mission and Ministry Committee is asking our congregation to help a place near and dear to our hearts – the Montreat Conference Center. Helene caused major damage and while insurance will cover many of the repairs of the facility, much is not covered. We are asking for financial gifts to pool from SPC to help fund the cleanup, restoration, and repair of the center, as well as the trails, playgrounds, and more. Much is needed, but we can help make an impact for a place that has ministered to so many of us. Please mark your gifts to SPC as designated for Montreat and put them in the offering or send them to the office. In addition, if you are interested in volunteering, Chuck Lampley has been volunteering to restore the trails and can connect SPC members to volunteer opportunities.

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

Lyric Atkins, John Auten, Sid Bridges, Allen Callahan, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Rylan Carter, Lou and Judy DuBois, Al Eatmon, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Joan Hunt, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Linda Ware, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, 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.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2025 Approved Budget compared with 2024 Budget

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget
REVENUES	Amount	Amount
Pledged offerings	\$537,236	\$523,095
Unpledged offerings	90,000	99,600
Other revenues	65,128	55,833
Total	\$692,364	\$678,528
EXPENSES		
Church programs	\$33,325	\$36,025
Property & maintenance	111,400	115,210
Benevolences	101,450	109,450
Personnel costs	369,028	348,186
Administrative expenses	73,661	65,157
Equipment purchases	3,500	4,500
Total	\$692,364	\$678,528

Annual Meeting Agenda

The meeting will begin at the end of the postlude.

Please remain in your seats.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer Drew Mangione, Moderator

Report on 2024 Annual Budget Richard Dedmon, Finance Chair

Presentation of Agenda Items Tom Martin, Clerk

Agenda Item #1 – Nominating Committee nominations

Agenda Item #2 – Terms of Call for the Pastor

All confirmed members have voting rights in Congregational Meeting.