



ORDER OF WORSHIP
2nd Sunday of Lent

Shelby Presbyterian Church
February 25, 2024
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Ellen Fletcher

In the midst of human division, God called Abraham and Sarah to faith.

The Lord declared that they would be the parents of many nations.

Yet it was not by Abraham and Sarah's doing, but God's action.

Thanks be to God for the faithfulness of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #39: *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Ellen Fletcher

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Merciful God, we confess that we have often turned away from your love. We have forgotten that you love us faithfully, and your grace is enough. We confess that we have at times put our own status, comfort, and popularity above all else. In these times, we have also looked away from the lowly, the poor, and the marginalized among us. Turn our hearts back to you and our neighbors, so that in the confidence of your faithfulness, we might be faithful to love like you. Amen. (silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE (sung): ***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.***

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ellen Fletcher

FIRST SCRIPTURE Genesis 17: 1-11, 15-17

ANTHEM: “*Lenten Sanctus*” (Dengler)

Chancel Choir

Ah, holy Jesus, despised, rejected, a man of sorrows, who bore our shame. Blessed Redeemer, our loving Savior, in praise we magnify your precious holy name. Holy Jesus, Lord of power, Lord of grace. Heaven and earth reflect your glory. Heaven and earth resound with your praise. Therefore, kind Jesus, what can we offer? For all the sorrow, for all the pain? Oh, how you suffered for our salvation. In love we glorify your precious, holy name.

SECOND SCRIPTURE Mark 8:22-38

Drew Mangione

SERMON “Faithfulness – That’s What it’s All About”

*HYMN #757: “*Today We All Are Called to be Disciples*” v.1,3,4

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed): **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 : “*Near the Cross*” (arr. McConnell)

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 #2: “*Come, Thou Almighty King*”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: “*These Forty Days*” (Moser)

Chancel Choir

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: “*Be Thou My Vision*” (arr. Callahan)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley & Joe Petrilli

Ushers: Jennifer Niblack, Fred Harrill, Thomas Monroe, May Reed

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

Lindsay Carter, Lilly Hamilton, and Holly Conner

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.**

THIS WEEK (FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2, 2024):

Today	11:15 am	Handbells in Bell Room
	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	10:00 am	Adult “Mystery Lunch”
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm	Media Committee in Back Parlor
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Lenten Service at Aldersgate UMC Drew preaching & SPC Choir singing
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	6:00 pm	Multiethnic Book Study
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall & AI – Anon in Back Parlor

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE invites you to Love Your Neighbor. During the month of February, we will be collecting items to create hygiene kits for our neighbors that come to our Hot Lunch Ministry as well as those that use our community fridge. We need both sample and full-size items. We are collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, razors, soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lip balm, lotion, and feminine hygiene products. There will be a container in the narthex as well as one by the boxes near the office. Thank you so much for helping us to Love Our Neighbors.

MYSTERY LUNCH Tuesday, February 27th. Carol Ann is taking the adults on a mystery lunch trip. Where will we go? Carol Ann knows but she isn't telling. Meet at the church at 10:00 and join in on the fun.

**Aldersgate United Methodist
Lenten Lunchtime Worship
Wednesdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Sanctuary & Epworth**

Services are at noon in the sanctuary and virtually on Facebook and YouTube. For this ecumenical gathering, Aldersgate has welcomed pastors and musicians from congregations in our community and region.

A “light lunch” (sandwich, side item, drink, and dessert) is provided immediately following worship in the Epworth Gym. The cost is \$7.00 per person. If you are on a tight schedule, please feel free to go to the front of the line.

February 28	Drew Mangione (Shelby Presbyterian) Tomato Lentil & Sausage Soup with Pimento Cheese Sandwich
March 6	Amy Vaughan (Lakeshore Collective) Broccoli Cheddar Soup with Egg Salad Sandwich
March 13	Robert Canoy (First Baptist) Chicken Chili with Cornbread
March 20	Lisa Moore (Well's Spring, Brook's Chapel, Mundy's Chapel UMCs) Pasta E Fagioli with Parmesan Breadsticks
March 27	Pastor to be announced. Loaded Potato Soup with Chicken Salad Sandwich

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

John Auten, JoAnn and George Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Dick Bowling, J.W. & Pat Brotherton, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Chris Denning, Jody DuBois, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Andi Houser, Alene Lang, Kobe Lawrence, Cheryl Lutz, Shayvonne Maddox, Brooke McCurry, Lisa Perkins – Dodrill, Pauline Persing, Ellen Poston, Clay Pruett, Larry Stern, Melanie Vance, Linda Ware, Jackie Weathers, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; all with respiratory illnesses; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine, Israel-Gaza, and Guatemala; 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2027, and Deacon, Class of 2027. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Comm. 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.

Please drop in the offering plate or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) your recommendation(s) in to the office by **Monday, February 26th**.

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: _____

Below is a list of 2024-26 officers:

ELDERS

<u>CLASS OF 2024</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2026</u>
Susan Bell	Richard Dedmon	Carolyn Billings
John Schweppe Jr.	Bill Jobe	Mystie Brotherton
Steve Sisk	Laura Lampley	Carolyn Jackson
Larry Wilson	Tom Martin	Dan McLaurin

DEACONS

<u>CLASS OF 2024</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2025</u>	<u>CLASS OF 2026</u>
Fred Harrill	Debbie Hart	Mike Jackson
Claire McCullough	Thomas Monroe	Alison Moore
Jennifer Niblack	Michelle Moser	Michael Pruitt
Holly Petrilli	Trey Warrick	May Reed