



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday of Easter

Shelby Presbyterian Church
April 23, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* (Hildebrand) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (from 1 Peter) Beth Phillippi

Followers of Jesus, by His cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

Alleluia!

By His rising we are free from the fear of death. **Alleluia!**

By His love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION Beth Phillippi

The Lord is our protection and our refuge. Our judge does not seek our destruction, but longs to restore all people to new life. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us tell the truth of our sin and ask forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your promise is for all to know your love and salvation, but too often we let others remain far away or we believe ourselves to be outside of your love. We let our judgements cloud our ability to see your image in others and ourselves. Save us from this age that bends away from your love. Forgive us Lord. Give us your Spirit anew, so that we might know your love and share it with all. 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 Beth Phillippi
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Annie Kate Brown
Daughter of Ben and Mallory Brown

Presentation John Schweppe

Baptismal Vows and Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Waters

Baptism

Presentation of Symbols and Welcome

*HYMN #482: *"Baptized in Water"* verses 1 and 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Beth Phillippi

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 16

ANTHEM *"Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"* (McDonald) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:14, 36-47 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "Baptism: A Promise for You" Drew Mangione

*HYMN #769: *"For Everyone Born"*

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: *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"* (Callahan) 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 #837: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Steele Bryant

*POSTLUDE: *"Lift High the Cross"* (Manz) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley and David Grose

Ushers: Jennifer Niblack, Andy Brown, Debbie Hart, Elizabeth Schweppe
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 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS are scheduled for TODAY for the Nominating Committee to present candidates for 2026 class of officers and on Sunday, April 30th for congregation to elect officers.

YOUTH SIGN UP TODAY for the Wilderness Trail July 5th through 10th; the deposit is \$100.00. For more information contact Carol Ann, carolann@shelbypres.org. Through a journey in the wilderness, youth step out of their comfort zones and dive deeper into the love of God. This love helps young people catch the joy of serving and they find that they want this life abundant not just on the hike, but in their communities as they return home, too.

GROWING IN GRACE Please mark your calendars: "In the Image" rehearsal in Ellis Hall from **3:00-5:00** on Sunday, April 30th. Regular rehearsal will happen on Wednesday, April 26th. Each of these rehearsals are very important as the musical will be presented on Wednesday, May 3rd in Ellis Hall.

NEWS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Announcing two important projects at Young and Oak Streets in Shelby:

1 - Our **Annual Women's Build** will be held on two consecutive Saturdays in May. The number of volunteers on each day will be limited so participation will be first-come-first-served. The dates are **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20**. You may call the Habitat office to put your name on the list, indicating which day you wish to work. The number is 704-482-6289.

2 - **The Habitat Church Partnership Build** is scheduled for two consecutive Saturdays in June. Our Shelby Presbyterian Church representatives on the Steering Committee are Susan Grose and Bill Jobe. The dates are **Saturday, June 10, and Saturday, June 17**. Again, the number of volunteers will be limited each day, so plan to sign up as soon as registration opens on May 14. Susan and Bill have information and will share it with anyone who is interested. Five congregations have partnered together to build this house.

You may also contact Richard Hart, 229-563-1253, or rchart1121@gmail.com about either of these exciting projects.

SPC AT MONTREAT: Join your church family for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! Enjoy a weekend of activities together in a beautiful, relaxing setting **September 15-17**. Weekend activities will begin with dinner on Friday and will conclude after worship on Sunday. Register with \$100 deposit by May 26th for Early Bird Rates: \$225 Single with Queen bed or Single with 2 Twin beds, \$325 One-Room King Suite, \$385 Two-Room Suite (Queen and 2 Twins), \$450 Apartment. If you place your deposit in the offering plate, please note which type of room and shirt sizes needed.

FAITH SHARING is just what it sounds like -- sharing our life experiences from our unique perspective as a believer and member of the body of Christ. Being encouraged and inspired on our faith journey by members of our own church family has become a tradition of summer worship at SPC.

This spring, please pray specifically about this important opportunity, and if you feel the Spirit leading you to share your perspective, please contact Mystie Brotherton at 704-473-7525 or uncmystie@gmail.com to sign up for a Sunday between May 28th and September 3rd.

THIS WEEK (April 23 - 29, 2023):

Today	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Youth Night in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Hot Meal Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts 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 in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	8:00 pm	AA & AI-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

THE MEDIA COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to run the soundboard and video equipment occasionally on Sunday mornings. Adults, as well as older, responsible youth will work in pairs each Sunday to support this important aspect of our SPC ministry. Training will be provided. If interested, please email Holly Petrilli at hollypetrilli@hotmail.com.

WE NEED YOU! Please consider sharing an occasional Sunday Morning in the nursery as we nurture and tend to our most precious flock. Let Carol Ann know if you are available to assist and be a fill-in when needed.

Join us for

Tuesday Lunch

May 9
11:30-1:00
Cost is \$7

All are invited to a BBQ lunch on May 9th. Come and fellowship with your friends and make some new ones.



Sign up by calling the church office by May 3rd.

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

JoAnn Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Debra Blanton, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Curt Collins, Joyce Couey, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Joel Hoard, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Pauline Persing, Finley Price, Clay Pruett, Patty Thorne, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, 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.