



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
December 18, 2022

10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: "A Bright Shining Star" Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF ADVENT: JOY

Amy & Marty Allen, Jon, Claudia, Reagan, Carson, & Emersyn Kate Wall

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!  
Light candles of hope, peace, love, and joy  
remembering the promises of God with prayer.  
We light this candle in HOPE. (pause)  
We light this candle for PEACE. (pause)  
We light this candle with LOVE. (pause)  
**We light this candle in JOY!** (pause)

Out of love for the people of God, the Lord speaks through the  
Prophet Isaiah in chapter 7, verses 10-14:

The Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying,  
"Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God;  
Make your request as deep as Sheol or as high as heaven."

**But Ahaz said, "I will not ask,  
Nor will I test the Lord!"**

Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David!  
It is a small thing for you to try the patience of human beings,  
But will you also try the patience of my God?"

**Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign:  
Listen carefully, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,  
And she will call His name Emmanuel.**

PRAYER

\*RESPONSE #89: *“For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits”*

(SARAH WEHMUELLER will sing the 2nd verse of “For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits” with congregation joining on the beginning and ending Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lori Wehmuller

Assured that God hears our repentance, let us turn our minds to the truth, confessing our sins to God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Eternal God, you made all people in your image, giving us a share in your sovereignty over creation and your capacity to love. In our freedom, all have fallen short of your glory. We miss the mark and can rightly admit: ‘I am a sinner.’ Restore us Lord, as a church, a community, a nation, and a world. Break down our pride of ideology, nationality, race, and class, so that we no longer view each other as insiders and outsiders. Forgive our failures, Lord, and give us eyes to see each other as your beloved. 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

Carol Ann Hoard

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lori Wehmuller

As your Holy Spirit spoke to Mary, the mother of our Lord, speak to us now through your Word that by hearing we too may receive faith and be strengthened to do your will. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 117

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Bethlehem Noels”*

Chancel Choir & Congregation

Congregation please sing when directed: “The first Noel the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay. In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter’s night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:1-21

Drew Mangione

SERMON:

“Christmas Part 1: Warts & All”

ANTHEM:

*“Child of Hope”*

Chancel Choir

\*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 incarnate 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 on 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: "Praise to the Holy Child" Chancel Choir

\*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 #121: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Hallelujah Chorus" Chancel Choir

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE: *Toccata on "Lift Up Your Heads"* (arr. Martin) Emily Monroe

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

**Ushers:** Jennifer Niblack, Mary Ann LaSelva, Caja Ormand,  
Elizabeth Schweppe

**CHILDCARE** is available for infants through preschool in Room 102.

\*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. 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 and in honor of Amy Allen's years of service and dedication to Shelby Presbyterian Church by her loving daughter, Emily Burroughs: "Thank you for sharing your talent, passion, and love of music. You are an inspiration and a blessing."

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR** is singing from "City of Hope" (T. Fettke/J. Rouse), the cantata they sang for "Merry Christmas, Shelby" last weekend. Thank you to the choir for their many hours of preparation and dedication.

**THE ADVENT WREATH** is placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Ferry E. "Ace" Richards by family and friends.

**THIS FALL**, the preschool and elementary children of Shelby Presbyterian who participated on Wednesday evenings worked together to color four collaborative Advent posters from Illustrated Ministries. There is one for each Sunday in Advent displaying the words Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy. Each poster will be displayed throughout the season. We are thankful for these beautiful works of art from our children!

**HAPPY RETIREMENT AMY & TRICIA** TODAY after worship, there will be light refreshments in Ellis Hall along with an opportunity for the congregation to bring cards and give each of them a love gift. A basket will be available for cards and gifts at the reception. Any monetary gifts to these individuals must be in cash or a check made out to the person to whom you wish the gift to go. **DO NOT MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO THE CHURCH.** If no name is on an envelope, the money will be divided evenly between the two retirees.

**THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** will be collected today. This offering supports both the Board of Pensions assistance program and several Presbyterian schools and colleges, which serve under-represented students to cultivate their gifts.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now available for you to pick up in the hallway behind the sanctuary (across from the conference room). Be sure to get your box - they will be arranged in alphabetical order. If you use offering envelopes and cannot find your box, please let the church office know.

**OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE** will be Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

To make an appointment: [www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/SPCblood22>

**OUR TURNING POINT PARTNERSHIP TEAM** is planning for the Christmas season. Here's how you can help!

- **Adopt a Student** - if your family, Sunday School class, workplace, organization, etc. is interested in "adopting" a student for Christmas, please consider choosing a student from Turning Point!
- **Turning Point Staff Christmas Party** - we will be providing food/snacks for teachers and staff on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Gift Card Offering** - On Epiphany Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will collect a Gift Card Offering for Turning Point students. These will be used for motivational events for the students, for good attendance and good work. Please bring gift cards in the amount of \$10 only, to place in the offering plates. Some suggested gift cards include Chic-fil-A, Cook Out, Dominos, Wal-Mart, and Sonic. Contact Molly Brownlee (704-477-8947 or [brownleemolly@gmail.com](mailto:brownleemolly@gmail.com)) for more information

**THE LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE:** While the holidays are filled with much joy and delight, there is often an unacknowledged side of it that is difficult and sad for many. Some may be grieving or experiencing grief all over again as the holidays bring a reminder of loved ones no longer here. Some are overwhelmed by the stresses of life while being expected to have it all together. With much emphasis on family and being together, many find themselves alone and experiencing deep loneliness. Other kinds of losses leave one feeling frustrated and maybe desperate. The widespread expectation that all should be happy and joyful may leave some feeling left out and inadequate.

The **Longest Night Service**, on **Wednesday evening, December 21, 2022**, will be an opportunity to acknowledge these experiences and feelings with others who are going through similar emotions and circumstances. In prayer and reflection, with music and Scripture, participants will find a relaxed, friendly environment in Ellis Hall to pause and take a break; to ask God's help and presence in coping with these often unanticipated and unintended results of the holiday season.

**Coffee and hot chocolate (and water) will be served at 6:45 p.m. The Service will start around 7:15 and should conclude around 8:00 p.m. All are invited to participate.** Invite others you may know who might find this service helpful to them.

**THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** is Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus with worship and The Friendly Beasts.

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES** on Sunday, December 25, will be at 10 am as usual. Please do not feel pressure to dress up, though you may if you like. We know many of you may be putting a pause on Christmas morning fun and then returning to it. So come as you are – just as the shepherds did. Remember, the wise men had more time to get ready with gifts.

**HOLIDAY HOURS:** Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> the Church Office will be closed. Office Hours for Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 18-24, 2022):**

Today	11:00 am	<b>Retirement Reception</b> in Ellis Hall
	11:00 am	<b>Friendly Beasts Rehearsal</b> in Sanctuary
Monday	9:30 am	<b>Soup Kitchen</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scouts</b> in Scout House
	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Office
	1:00 pm	<b>Blood Drive</b> in Ellis Hall
Wednesday	7:00 pm	<b>Longest Night Service</b> in Ellis Hall
Thursday	8:00 pm	<b>AA &amp; AI – Anon</b> in Ellis Hall & Back Parlor
Saturday	2:00 pm	<b>Friendly Beasts Rehearsal</b> in Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b> in Sanctuary

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

Amy Brown, Ann Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Melissa DeVane, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruet, Cheryl Sisk, 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.

**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS**

**SESSION**

Class of 2023

Fred Blackley  
 Kimberly Dixon  
 Scoot Dixon  
 Roger Holland

Class of 2024

Susan Bell  
 John Schweppe Jr.  
 Cheryl Sisk  
 Larry Wilson

Class of 2025

Richard Dedmon  
 Bill Jobe  
 Laura Lampley  
 Tom Martin

**DIACONATE**

Class of 2023

Kyle Aldinger  
 Mary Ann LaSelva  
 Elizabeth Schweppe  
 Lori Wehmueller

Class of 2024

Andy Brown  
 Claire McCullough  
 Jennifer Niblack  
 Holly Petrilli

Class of 2025

Debbie Hart  
 Thomas Monroe  
 Michelle Moser  
 Trey Warrick

**SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor ..... Drew Mangione  
 Minister of Christian Ed. & Families.....Carol Ann Hoard  
 Director of Music & Organist .....Emily Monroe  
 Choir Director..... Amy Allen  
 Church Administrator ..... Miranda Wood  
 Bookkeeper .....Erin Borders  
 Sexton.....Marie Jackson  
 Office Assistant and Musician..... Sherry Thomas  
 Nursery Director ..... Tricia Butler  
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 Office Hours.....9:00-4:00 Mon-Thurs; 9:00-12:00 Fri



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**THE CHRISTMAS TREE** in the narthex is given to the glory of God by Robert and Cathy Burns in memory of their granddaughter Harper Banks Burns and in honor of their grandchildren Riley, Carter, and Tyler Burns.



**THE CHRISTMAS TREE** in Ellis Hall is given to the glory of God by Joyce Boyette in memory of Doug Boyette.

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE** on the lawn is given to the glory of God by Mary and Holly Conner in memory of A. M. “Sandy” McGeachy and in honor of Camille McGeachy.



**THE SANCTUARY WINDOW WREATHS** are given to the glory of God and to the beautification of His Church by Debbie and Brent Ferrell, Ellen and Richard Fletcher, Peggy and Ali Paksoy, Stuart and John Schweppe, Martha and Bee Strain.

**THE LARGE SANCTUARY WREATH** is given to the glory of God by Richard and Jan Dedmon in in honor of the wonderful and dedicated SPC Church Staff.

**THE OUTSIDE DOOR WREATHS** are given to the glory of God by:

Gilbert and Nancy Bowman in memory of Wes Bowman.

Carolyn Brooks in memory of Bill Brooks.

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Bert and Joy Cushman in memory of Ed Cushman.

Drew and Claire Mangione in honor of all the children and youth of SPC.

Tom and Mimi Martin, Alex, Stephanie, and Brent Martin in memory of Betsy Martin.

Tom and Mimi Martin in memory of T. W. "Casey" and Elene Conner Martin.

Tom and Mimi Martin in memory of George Alexander and Betty Stackhouse Stanley.

Tom and Mimi Martin in honor of Alex, Stephanie and Brent Martin.

Mary Walker in honor of Richard Morgan Bowles.

Rachel Pharr White in memory of Pat and Joe Pharr, Joe B. and Paula Pharr.

Rachel Pharr White in memory of Rachel A. and C. Howard White Sr., and Howard White Jr.

**THE POINSETTIAS** are given to the glory of God by:

John and Margie Auten in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Claude D. English.

John and Margie Auten in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Auten, Sr.

John and Margie Auten in memory of Mr. Richard English.

John and Margie Auten memory of Mr. Robert V. Auten.

John and Margie Auten in memory of Mr. C. D. English, Jr.

John and Margie Auten in memory of Mrs. Anne B. Goss

John and Margie Auten in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Auten, III, Alex, Tomas, and Natalie.

John and Margie Auten in honor of Mr. and Mrs. R. Nathaniel Auten, and Saylor Brynn.

John and Margie Auten in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Mayes.



John and Margie Auten in honor of Mr. Mike Goss.

John and Margie Auten in honor of Major and Mrs. Troy D. Goss, Troy Jr., Ty and Tinley.

John and Margie Auten in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Elizabeth) Phelps.

The SPC Bell Choir in honor of Emily Monroe.

Don and Kathryn Bridges in memory of Lillian Bridges and Clara Sue Bridges.

Don and Kathryn Bridges in memory of Carolyn Lutz.

Don and Kathryn Bridges in honor of their children and grandchildren, Jonathan and Farrah Bridges, Kate and Ashley Willis Bridges, Forrest Bridges, Layla and James Bridges.

Jonathan, Farah, Layla and James Bridges in memory of Doris Shaw Bridges, Clay Shaw and Anna Shaw.

Jonathan, Kate and Forrest Bridges in honor of Dick and Betty Bowling, and in memory of Walter Bridges and Lillian Bridges.

Allen and Jo Ann Callahan in memory of Ace Richards.

Allen and Jo Ann Callahan in memory of Scott Richards.

Rich Coiner in memory of Susan Coiner.

Rich Coiner in memory of Seth Donaldson.

Barbara Dixon and Family in memory of Sid Dixon.

Scot and Myra Dixon in honor of Kate and Will Wolking.

Scot and Myra Dixon in honor of Cam and Kenan Dixon.

Richard and Ellen Fletcher in memory of Helen and Tatum Fletcher.

Richard and Ellen Fletcher in memory of Florrie and Walter Lewis.

Richard and Ellen Fletcher in honor of Shields, Ellie, Kate, Daniel and Hampton.

D, Amy, Emma and Trey Goforth in memory of Wes Bowman.

Emma and Trey Goforth in honor of Gilbert and Nancy Bowman.

Emma and Trey Goforth in honor of Dennis and Peggy Goforth.

Ray and Darlene Gravett in memory of Jessi Ogburn.

Ray and Darlene Gravett in memory of Morris Lacey.

The Greer Family in memory of Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Steadman, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Greer, and Larry Greer.

Roger and Robin Holland in memory of Lawrence Barry, "Pig" & Mildred Holland.

Roger and Robin Holland in honor of Kate and Ashley Willis Bridges.

Roger and Robin Holland in honor of Susan Barry and Loreen Barry.

Roger and Robin Holland in honor of Grace and Millie Melton.

Libby Jackson in memory of Watt Jackson.

Mike and Marie Jackson in memory of Steve Jackson.

Mike and Marie Jackson in memory of Gary Borders.

Charles and Anne Langley in memory of Charlie and Eva Langley, and Richard and Margaret Smevog.

Charles and Anne Langley in honor of Thomas, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Victoria Couch, and Jeff and Anna Yerger.

The David LeGrand Family in memory of Bill and Carolyn LeGrand.

The David LeGrand Family in memory of Ned and Jo Freeman

The David and Ted LeGrand in honor of Lisa Freeman LeGrand.

Marlene Lovelace in memory of Hoyt Lovelace.

Drew, Claire, Harrison, and Josephine Mangione in memory of SPC's friends and family who have died this year.

Drew, Claire, Harrison and Josephine Mangione in honor of John and Dianne Sproul.

Drew, Claire, Harrison, and Josephine Mangione in memory of Frank and Dorothy Mangione.

Thomas and Emily Monroe in memory of Rip and Lillian Collins.

Thomas and Emily Monroe in memory of Ellis Monroe.

Thomas and Emily Monroe in honor of Billy and Carolyn Cooper.

Bruce, Michelle, Annie, and Avery Moser in memory of Bob and Margaret McMurry.

Bruce, Michelle, Annie, and Avery Moser in memory of Ted and Evelyn Huntley.

Joe Ogburn in memory of Jessi Ogburn.

Joe Ogburn in honor of Carolyn Ogburn.

Joe Ogburn in honor of Katherine Ogburn.

Joe Ogburn in honor of John Ogburn.

Dot Roark and Family in memory of Les Roark.

Ben, Margaret, and Charlie Schweppe in honor of James and Margaret Herring.

Daniel, Anna, Ben, Margaret, and Charlie Schweppe in honor of John and Stuart Schweppe.

Daniel and Anna Schweppe in honor of Susan Bell.

John and Stuart Schweppe in memory of Frances and Perry Macomson.

John and Stuart Schweppe in memory of Ruth, Jack, and David Schweppe.

John and Stuart Schweppe in memory of Anne Gilbert Potts.

John and Stuart Schweppe in memory of Carolyn and Bill LeGrand.

John and Stuart Schweppe in memory of Martha Rankin Schweppe.

Steve and Cheryl Sisk in honor of SPC Youth.

The Strain Family in memory of Sam and Sarah Strain.

The Strain Family in memory of Mike Strain.

Grace Teddy and Family in memory of Jim Teddy Sr.

Grace Teddy and Family in memory of Jim Teddy Jr.

Scott and Sherry Thomas in memory of Claude and Pearl Lieurance and Bob and Jessie Thomas.

Scott and Sherry Thomas in honor of Amy Allen.

**We thank all those who placed poinsettias in the church.  
You may pick them up following the Christmas Eve Service.**