



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Transfiguration of the Lord

Shelby Presbyterian Church
March 2, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Immortal, Invisible"* (arr. Wagner) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

THREADS OF GRACE PREVIEW Jeff Hamilton

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99) Brett Niblack

The Lord is King – let all the people tremble! Let the earth quake!

O Lord you answer – forgiving your people, avenging wrongdoing.

The Lord is great in Zion – exalted over all the peoples.

Praise the Lord with enthusiasm and worship, for the Lord is holy!

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!

Praise the Lord God with enthusiasm and worship. Holy is the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #385: *"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Brett Niblack

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Lord Jesus, before anything existed, you were the Word of God, one with God. You revealed this to your apostles, when you were transfigured before them. Open our eyes to recognize who you are. Please, forgive our sins. Help us to lay aside the excuses we make, so that we might turn from sin and be transformed to rest in your loving embrace. Amen. (silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Brett Niblack

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!**

Brett Niblack

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN
Carol Ann Hoard

FIVE CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Brett Niblack

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Exodus 24:12-18 (NRSV)

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:28-43a
Drew Mangione

SERMON
"The Cloud of God"

*RESPONSIVE HYMN #193: *"Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"*

*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: *"Bread of Mercy"* (Lovelace)
Chancel Choir

*Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

*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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right to...

Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Acclamation of Faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Prayer after Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #192: *"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"1 Corinthians Benediction"* (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Harrison Mangione

*POSTLUDE: *"Praise to the Lord"* (arr. Brezeale)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: David Grose & 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 and 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.

THIS WEEK (MARCH 2 – 8, 2025):

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| Sunday | 11:00 am | Handbells in Bell Room |
| | 5:00 pm | Youth in Youth Room |
| Monday | 9:30 am | Food Ministry in Ellis Hall |
| | 6:00 pm | Discipleship in Back Parlor |
| | 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House |
| Tuesday | 8:00 pm | AA in Ellis Hall |
| | 10:30 am | Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall |
| | 6:00 pm | Shrove Tuesday in Ellis Hall |
| Wednesday | 12:00 pm | Lenten Lunch Service at Aldersgate UMC |
| | 5:00 pm | Property in Back Parlor |
| | 6:00 pm | Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary |
| Thursday | 7:00 am | Men's Breakfast at Ken and Mary's |
| | 11:00 am | Member Life in the Back Parlor |
| Friday & Saturday | 8:00 pm | AA in Ellis Hall & Al Anon in Back Parlor |
| | | High School Youth Mission Retreat |

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR LENT: Shrove Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 in Ellis Hall. The Youth will provide a pancake dinner. Donations will be taken for the Youth Fund. Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Worship service and imposition of ashes. Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 6:00 in Ellis Hall. Worship service with table communion.

EASTER CANDY: SPC's Easter Egg Hunt is at 2 pm on Sunday, April 6. We are asking church members to donate bags of candy for the eggs. Please have candy to the office by Monday, March 24. Our Hen and Rooster Party to stuff eggs will be Monday, March 31 at 10:00 am. Thank you!

PANCAKE SYRUP DONATIONS: This March, we are asking for donations of pancake syrup for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. These will be included in Spring Break deliveries to approximately 250 families. We will be partnering with Rainbow Connection, as they collect pancake mix to go with our syrup. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and outside Ellis Hall - please bring donations by Sunday, March 23rd. Thank you!

THREADS OF GRACE – Prepare your heart this Lent in a six-week Sunday School series to explore how God's grace connects and transforms us. Using the metaphor of threads weaving into a tapestry, we'll explore unique "threads" of grace in scripture through practical insights and engaging discussions. This series is meant for everyone – young and old, members and visitors – to help us reflect on how our lives intersect with others to create something far greater than we could imagine alone by encouraging us to grow in faith and connection. Whether you attend all six sessions or just one, you're invited and welcome on this journey.

March 9: *The Thread Begins – Introduction to the Series*

March 16: *The Gaze Thread – Seeing Others Through Grace*

March 23: *The Listening Thread – Hearing the Voice of the Other*

March 30: *The Breaking Thread – Tearing Down Barriers with Grace*

April 6: *The Weaving Thread – Grace in Action, Building Connections*

April 13: *The Tapestry Thread – The Vision of Grace in God's Kingdom*

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

Lyric Atkins, John Auten, Sid Bridges, 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, Byron Hendrick, August Hohne, Joan Hunt, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Doug Little, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Michael Southard, Bill & Patty Thorne, Tiffany Timson, Linda Ware, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Teresa Wingo, our homeless neighbors; victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine and Gaza; all in military service and families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our sister church, Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians worldwide persecuted for their faith.



Community
Lenten Worship
SCHEDULE

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| March 5 | REV. RANDY BLANTON MENU: CREAMY TORTELLINI SOUP W/BBQ SLIDERS |
| March 12 | REV. WADE WALLACE MENU: CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP W/ CHEESE TOAST |
| March 19 | REV. DAVID CHRISTY MENU: TOMATO LENTIL & SAUSAGE SOUP W/ PIMENTO CHEESE SANDWICH |
| March 26 | REV. BRANDON MILES MENU: BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP W/ EGG SALAD SANDWICH |
| April 2 | REV. EDDIE PADGETT MENU: CHICKEN CHILI W/ CORNBREAD |
| April 9 | REV. CAROL ANN HOARD MENU: PASTA E FAGIOLI W/ PARMESAN BREADSTICKS |
| April 16 | REV. CARROLL PAGE MENU: LOADED POTATO SOUP W/ CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH |

**WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS AT NOON ALDERSGATE SANCTUARY
LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN THE EPWORTH GYM (\$8)**