



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**First Sunday of Christmas**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
January 1, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light"* (Christopher)  
Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Ann Hoard, Minister  
Christian Education and Families

CALL TO WORSHIP Darlene Gravett  
We gather to celebrate God's redemptive plan for all creation!  
**From creation to incarnation, and on to heaven and new creation, the  
Word of God reigns – The Lord Jesus our brother is Christ the King.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #132: *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Darlene Gravett  
Brothers and sisters, Jesus became like us in every respect so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God. As we confess our sins, we come before One who was also tested by what he suffered, confident that he is able to help us.

SILENT PRAYER OF 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 Darlene Gravett  
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

FIVE CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Darlene Gravett

Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit show us the Word made flesh – good news of great joy for all – so that we may sing with the angels: glory in the highest and peace on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LESSONS & CAROLS:

Darlene Gravett & Carol Ann Hoard

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 1:1-4, John 1:1-5

HYMN #664: *“Morning Has Broken” (verses 1 and 3)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 22:15-18, Acts 3:22-25

HYMN #82: *“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” (verse 1)*

THIRD SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 17:15-19, Luke 1:26-33

HYMN #99: *“My Soul Gives Glory to my God” (verses 1, 3, 5)*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-5

HYMN #123: *“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” (verses 1, 3, 5)*

FIFTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 7:13-14, Matthew 1:18-23

HYMN #145: *“What Child is This?”*

SIXTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 23, Luke 2:6-20

HYMN #119: *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith): **In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Carol Ann Hoard

To my enemy, **I give you forgiveness.**

To my opponents, **I give you the benefit of the doubt.**

To my friends, **I give you my faithfulness.**

To my neighbor, **I give you my kind service.**

To every child, **I give you a good example.**

To all I meet, **I give you my love and grace.**

To myself, **I give patience and perseverance.**

To you O Lord, **I give you my whole self, all that I am.**

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: *“See Amid the Winter Snow”* (McDonald)

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 #136: *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Carol Ann Hoard

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE: *“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”* (Held)

Emily Monroe

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

**Ushers:** Andy Brown, Claire McCullough, Michelle Moser,  
Lori Wehmuller

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

**CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY WITH A \$10 GIFT CARD OFFERING** for students at Turning Point Academy on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring gift cards in the amount of \$10 only, to place in the offering plates, during the service. The SPC's Turning Point Partnership team will give these to the school for use in motivational events for the students, for good attendance and good work. 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

**HOLIDAY HOURS:** The Church office will be closed Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Office will return to normal hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**THIS WEEK (JANUARY 1 - 7, 2023):**

Monday	<b>Office Closed</b>	
Tuesday	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Study
Wednesday	11:00 am	<b>Member Life</b> in Back Parlor
	7:15 pm	<b>Chancel Choir</b> Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	7:00 am	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> at Ken and Mary's
Saturday	8:00 am	<b>Officer Retreat</b> at Shelby Mission Camp

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

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