



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
**Youth Sunday**  
May 7, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"* (Lau) Emily Monroe

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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 14:6) Trey Goforth

Almighty God, in Christ, you have shown us the way,  
revealed to us your truth and offered to us everlasting life.

**Keep our eyes upon Him, that we may see your path more clearly,  
know your truth more fully and receive your life more abundantly.**

We ask this through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit  
in eternal glory. **Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #1: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Foster Warrick

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this  
promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Almighty God, your Word offers  
freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your Word.  
We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful  
in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments;  
through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive our sins and lead  
us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure,  
spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus  
Christ. 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 Will Hoard and Jasmine Martin

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

Soloist: Foster Warrick

Violins: Anna Schweppe, Trey Goforth

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lillian Moore

Lord, as we listen to your scriptures, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your presence.

**Your Word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 27 (NRSV)

Lillian Moore

Bly Borders, Anna Schweppe

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“A Simple Song”* (Bernstein)

Will Hoard

SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-14 (NKJV)

James Petrilli

Ian Haig, Ollie Haig

SERMON *“God’s Expectations”*

Drew Mangione

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #611: *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles’ Creed)

Benjamin Pruitt

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LITANY

The prayers of SPC’s Youth in their words

Amelia Pruitt, Nate Haig, Khia Hickman, Madison Ormand

Call: We pray to the Lord

Response (R): **Lord, hear our prayer**

Let us Pray:

For peace in Ukraine and Sudan and for all facing conflict. We pray for an end to gun violence, healing for victims, and for solutions. **(R)**

For children to receive an equal and good education, for the appreciation of teachers and staff, and for our current school systems. **(R)**

For an end to hunger across the world, for access to healthy food, and for children in our community served by organizations such as Feeding Kids Cleveland County. **(R)**

For the world we live in, for an end to climate change, and awareness of how our actions affect our environment. **(R)**

For the safety of our missionaries, John McCall in Taiwan, and Teresa Wingo locally, to know that they are appreciated, and for our sister church in Guatemala. **(R)**

For Steve Sisk and all the people who are grieving loss, and all those on our prayer list.

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

Bly Borders

Offertory: *“For Everyone Born”*

Anna Schweppe, Trey Goforth

\*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

Bly Borders

\*CLOSING HYMN #300: *“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”*

\*CHARGE

Drew Mangione

\*BLESSING

Amelia Pruitt

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Corban Stern  
\*POSTLUDE: "Fugue in C Major" (Buxtehude) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** Patrick Glenn and Joe Petrilli

**Ushers:** Kyle Aldinger, Michelle Moser, Elizabeth Schweppe, Trey Warrick  
**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. 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 ROSEBUD** is given in honor of Benjamin Thomas Couey born April 1, 2023 to Brian and Yolanda Couey and joins siblings Jacob and Samuel. Overjoyed grandparents are Paul and Joyce Couey.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, IS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY** featuring Growing Grace music and children serving as liturgists.

**OUR HABITAT WOMEN'S BUILD** has, again, been postponed due to weather and contractor availability. (We will not be working on May 20 or 27.) New dates will be announced soon. We apologize for any inconvenience, and hope this will not dampen enthusiasm for this worthwhile project. For more information please contact Richard Hart or Amy Allen.

**WE ARE SO EXCITED** to be planning our first Teacher Appreciation Week for Turning Point Academy during the week of May 8 - 12. There are many opportunities for volunteers and ways to help - from homemade goodies, to store-bought supplies; from hands-on serving, to monetary donations. Sign up at the link below or on the SPC Facebook page.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0845afae2e5-turning1#/>

Please contact Molly Brownlee (704-477-8947) with any questions or desires to get involved with our Turning Point Partnership team!

As always, any monetary donations to our Turning Point Fund are needed and greatly appreciated - please take these to the church office and note that it is for "Turning Point Fund". Thank you!

**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 **only** by May 26<sup>th</sup> for Early Bird Rates, which will be: \$225 Single with Queen bed or Single with 2 Twin beds, \$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 are 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 28<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**MEDIA COMMITTEE UPDATES:** Photo Policy: The SPC Media Committee recognizes that while sharing photographs of public worship is an important part of our mission to help spread the message of the Gospel and commemorate special occasions, we must also protect the sanctity of private worship. Any photography taken during worship will be done with this in mind.

**THIS WEEK (May 7-13, 2023):**

Today	5:00 pm	<b>Youth Night</b> in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	<b>Hot Meal Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	<b>Discipleship Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scouts</b> in Scout House
Tuesday	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall
	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Ellis Hall
	11:30 am	<b>Adult Lunch</b> in Ellis Hall
Wednesday	2:00 pm	<b>Clerk's Council</b> in Pastor's Office
	11:30 am	<b>Rainbow Committee</b> F3 Room
	6:00 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b> in Ellis Hall
Thursday	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
	9:00 am	<b>Rainbow Mother's Day Brunch</b> in Ellis Hall
	12:00 noon	<b>Finance Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	<b>AA &amp; AI-Anon</b> in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

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

JoAnn and George 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, Steve Sisk, 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.