



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
March 23, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy"* (arr. Held) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

MINUTE FOR MISSION Mary Conner

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 63:1-3) Beth Phillippi

O God, you are my God, and I seek you.

**My whole being thirsts for you and my body faints for you.**

I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, seeing your power and glory.

**Your steadfast love and kindness are better than life. I will praise you!**

\*OPENING HYMN #307 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Beth Phillippi

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of Grace and Glory, in you we find the fullness of life. Yet, we fail to trust in your steadfast love and kindness. We are more afraid of losing the honors of this world, and we do not do what is right. We turn from you, and we are left thirsty and weak. We are tempted to think we can achieve a full life on our own. Forgive us Lord. Change our hearts and minds, O Lord, by your grace. Help us to turn back to your loving embrace. 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  
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Beth Phillippi

FIRST SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-9

ANTHEM: "Comfort, All Ye My People" (Faure) Chancel Choir

*Seek ye the Lord. Call upon him, he is near.  
His Mercy rests on all who call. Abundantly he will pardon.  
O, call on him most holy. Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters.  
Freely drink and be renewed by his love.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9 Drew Mangione

SERMON "Turning Back to the Lord"

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN: "Come to the Water" (See Insert)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Mike Alexander and Drew Mangione  
Kyle and Raven Childers; Sponsors: John and Mystie Brotherton  
Frank Newton; Sponsor: Mike Alexander  
Alex and Meredith Rowe; Sponsors: Bruce and Michelle Moser  
Wil Sarcos; Sponsor: Steve Sisk

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

**We 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. 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.**

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: "Amazing Grace" (arr. 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 #649: "Amazing Grace"

\*CHARGE AND BENECTION

\*CHORAL BENECTION: "These Forty Days" (Moser) Chancel Choir

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Lena Kate Dow

\*POSTLUDE: "Chorale" (Gordon Young) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** Chip Blackley & Patrick Glenn

**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 and Maggie Hohne

\*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.**

**WHAT A BLESSING IT IS** to welcome Kyle and Raven Childers, Frank Newton, Alex and Meredith Rowe, and Wil Sarcos, presented today, and Andrea Rogers who returns to our congregation. Thank you for taking the time to welcome and get to know them as the newest members of our church family.

**CRAFT WORKSHOP, TODAY from 3:00 to 5:00 in Ellis Hall.** Bring your supplies or use ours! Come and let's create things together!

**PANCAKE SYRUP DONATIONS:** Today is our last day to collect donations of pancake syrup for Feeding Kids Cleveland County - many thanks to those who have already donated! These will be paired with pancake mix being collected by Rainbow Preschool, and will be included in Spring Break deliveries to over 200 families in Cleveland County. If you have last minute donations, please bring them to the office tomorrow, Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**NEIGHBORHOOD 3 “THE NORTHERN LIGHTS”** bonfire @ the Wilson’s (1111 E. Sanders Rd.) Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to bring a chair, snacks will be provided.

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

**SPC WORKDAY MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>:** We are blessed with a beautiful building to worship and serve in. However, just like our own physical homes, upkeep and improvements are needed. Please join the Property Committee on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am-12 noon to help. We have work for all skill levels: cleaning, trimming, pressure washing walls and sidewalks, minor repairs, and painting. Many hands make lighter work.

**YOU CAN HELP SHARE GOD’S LOVE BY MEETING PRESSING NEEDS:** Your generous gifts to the 5-cents-a-meal and direct donations to the Emergency Assistance fund have shared the love of God in Christ by helping your neighbors through crisis every day. We are one church, but you are making a big difference in many lives. For 2025, the Session has hired Marie Jackson to train and empower church members to help her, Miranda, and Drew with this important ministry.

Volunteers take calls, ask questions, give a sympathetic ear, share the love of God in Christ, and determine how best to help in partnership with other community resources. Would you be interested in learning more and possibly helping one day a week for 3-4 hours? If not, would you prayerfully consider a donation to the Emergency Assistance fund, beyond your existing pledge. Thank you for your consideration.

**THIS WEEK (MARCH 23 - 29, 2025):**

Sunday	11:00 am	<b>New Member Luncheon</b> in Ellis Hall
	11:00 am	<b>Handbells</b> in Bell Room
	3:00 pm	<b>Craft Workshop</b> in Ellis Hall
Monday	9:30 am	<b>Food Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scout</b> Troop 100 in Scout House
	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm	<b>Media</b> in Back Parlor
Wednesday	12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Lunch Service</b> at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall & <b>Al Anon</b> in Back Parlor
Saturday	8:00 am	<b>SPC Work day</b>
	3:00 pm	<b>Dr. George Cribb Funeral Service</b> in Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	<b>Neighborhood 3 “The Northern Lights”</b>
		Bonfire @ the Wilson’s



**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM:** Will you help decorate the sanctuary with lilies for Easter Sunday? Each lily is \$15 and you can dedicate it in honor or memory of someone you love. After the Easter service on April 20<sup>th</sup>, you can take your lily home. Orders are due next Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Please use the order form below with your check payable to “Shelby Presbyterian Church” and drop it in the offering or at the church office.

I (We) would like \_\_\_\_\_ lily (or lilies) placed in the church on Easter.  
 Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (**\$15 each** payable to SPC).  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 By \_\_\_\_\_

**WANT TO HELP US BROADCAST OUR WORSHIP SERVICES?** Each Sunday, it takes 2 volunteers to run the system to broadcast our message online and control the sound in the sanctuary. We could use a few more dedicated individuals willing to serve in this important role, and we'll teach you how! **No experience required!** Contact Media Chair Mystie Brotherton for more information, or sit with the AV operators in the balcony during worship to see what it's like.

*Community Lenten Worship*  
**SCHEDULE**

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)**

**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, August Hohne, Joan Hunt, Sandra James, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Doug Little, Yvonne Couey Miller, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Lin and Blannie Robinson, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Tiffany Timson, 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.

## COME TO THE WATER

John Foley, S.J.

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the  
 2. And let all who seek, let them come to the  
 3. And let all who toil, let them come to the  
 4. And let all the poor, let them come to the

1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth-ing,  
 2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth-ing,  
 3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,  
 4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,

1. let them come to the Lord: with-out  
 2. let them come to the Lord: with-out  
 3. let them come to the Lord: all who  
 4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the

1. mon-ey, with-out price. Why should you pay the  
 2. mon-ey, with-out strife. Why should you spend your  
 3. la - bor, with-out rest. How can your soul find  
 4. chil-dren with-out might. Eas - y the load and

1. price, ex-cept for the Lord?  
 2. life, ex-cept for the Lord?  
 3. rest, ex-cept for the Lord?  
 4. light: 7 come to the Lord.

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