



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Shelby Presbyterian Church
January 15, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"O Christ, the Great Foundation"* (Hustad) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Ann Hoard,
Minister of Christian Ed. & Families

CALL TO WORSHIP – from Psalm 40 Rich Coiner

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined his ear to me and heard my cry.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

**You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous
deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.**

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;

Let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Let us worship God!

The Lord's name be praised!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #339: *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Rich Coiner

Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them return to the Lord that he may have mercy upon them and to our God who will abundantly pardon.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **O God of infinite love, who, in Christ, has reconciled the world to Yourself, we confess our participation in sin which necessitates Your work of reconciliation. In sin, we claim mastery of our own lives, turn against You and our neighbors, and become exploiters and despoilers of the world. Having lost our humanity in**

futile striving, we are left in rebellion, despair, and isolation. We, along with all human beings, fall under Your righteous judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the one who assumes that he or she is guiltless before God or morally superior to others. Even our virtuous attitudes and actions are infected by self-interest and hostility, when seen in the light of Your love in Christ Jesus. Forgive us, and reconcile us to Yourself anew this day, we pray in Jesus' name. (*silent confession*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rich Coiner

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

Rich Coiner

The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rich Coiner

God of wisdom and understanding, let the scriptures be our window today to the grand mysteries of your mercy and grace. Instruct us by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, that in hearing your word we may understand, and in understanding we may obey. Through Christ, the Word made flesh, we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-7

ANTHEM: *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* (Miller/Moser)

Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 1:1-17

Rev. Dr. Richard Hart

SERMON: "The Ministry of Reconciliation"

*HYMN #300: *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Belhar Confession*): **We believe in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.**

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; and that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; and that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open possibilities of life for society and the world.

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: *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"* (Held)

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 #716: *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"March in C"* (Purcell)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: John Brotherton/Patrick Glenn

Ushers: Andy Brown, Claire McCullough, Michelle Moser,
Lori Wehmueller

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.**

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL for the incredible response to our Gift Card Drive for Turning Point Academy! Our congregation donated over 130 gift cards, totaling close to \$1500! These will be used to help teachers and staff provide encouragement and motivation for the students. Many, many thanks to all who provided, and if you would like to continue to contribute, you may still bring gift cards (\$10) or monetary donations to the church office.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following the 10 am worship service Sunday, January 22nd. This meeting is to elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee; to vote on changes to the terms of call (salary package) for the pastor; and to hear a brief report on the 2023 budget.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Beginning Sunday, February 5th at 9:00 in Ellis Hall Pastor Drew will lead a study on our Christian Faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of SPC.

THIS WEEK (JANUARY 15 - 21, 2023):

Today	5:00 pm	Youth Night in Youth Room
Monday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday		NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	5:15 pm	Personnel Committee in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Committee in Conference Room
	6:30 pm	Session Meeting in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	6:00 pm	Mission and Ministry in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA & AI-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

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

Frank Bonner, 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2026, and Deacon, Class of 2026. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason, it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Please mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Monday, January 30th.

NOMINATION FOR ELDER

Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because: _____

NOMINATION FOR DEACON

Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because: _____

Below is a list of the 2023 officers:

ELDERS: Fred Blackley, Kimberly Dixon, Scoot Dixon, Roger Holland, Susan Bell, John Schweppe Jr., Cheryl Sisk, Larry Wilson, Richard Dedmon, Bill Jobe, Laura Lampley, and Tom Martin

DEACONS: Kyle Aldinger, Mary Ann LaSelva, Elizabeth Schweppe, Lori Wehmuller, Andy Brown, Claire McCullough, Jennifer Niblack, Holly Petrilli, Debbie Hart, Thomas Monroe, Michelle Moser, and Trey Warrick.

Turn in your suggestions by January 30th to the church office.