



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Shelby Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Variations on a Hymn for Lent"* (arr. Wood) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 126:3-6) Claire McCullough

The Lord has done great things for us, and we will rejoice!

**Restore us Lord from exile, like the waters of the streams in the south.**

Those who sow tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

**May those who weep while sowing come home with shouts of joy!**

\*OPENING HYMN #74: *"When God Restored Our Common Life"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Claire McCullough

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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

5 CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Claire McCullough

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 126 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Whispering Hope"* (S. Winner) Laura Wheeler & Choir  
Refrain: *"Whispering Hope, O how welcome thy voice,  
making my heart in its sorrow rejoice."*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSV) Mallory Brown

SERMON "There is Light"

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #314: *"Christ Be Our Light"*

\*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: *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"* (Karvonen) 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 #772: *"Live Into Hope"*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

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

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Elizabeth Couch

\*POSTLUDE: *"Postlude in G Minor"* (J.S. Bach) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** David Grose & Mike Jackson

**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.**



**SCHEDULE**  
**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
APRIL 17 @ 6PM (ELLIS HALL)  
TABLE COMMUNION

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
APRIL 18 @ NOON  
(SANCTUARY)  
A MEDITATION ON THE  
CROSS THROUGH MUSIC

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
APRIL 20 @ 10AM  
(SANCTUARY)  
RESURRECTION  
CELEBRATION

**Shelby Presbyterian  
CHURCH**

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT** is TODAY at 2:00 at the home of Beverly Elmore (121 Lakemont Dr.) **Youth** need to meet at 12:30 to set up.

**THIS WEEK (APRIL 6 - 12, 2025):**

Sunday	2:00 pm	<b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> at Beverly Elmore's house
Monday	9:30 am	<b>Food Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	<b>Discipleship Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	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
	6:00 pm	<b>Fellowship Committee</b> in Back Parlor
Wednesday	11:00 am	<b>Rainbow Committee</b> in F3 Room
	12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Lunch Service</b> at Aldersgate UMC Rev. Carol Ann Hoard/SPC Chancel Choir Menu: Pasta E Fagioli w/Parmesan Breadsticks
	1:00 pm	<b>Clerk's Council</b> in Pastor's Study
	5:00 pm	<b>Property Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b>
	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	12:00 pm	<b>Finance Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	<b>Mission and Ministry</b> in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall & <b>Al Anon</b> in Back Parlor
Saturday	1:00 pm	<b>Ellis Hall Reserved</b> until 5:00

**OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE** will be Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links: To make an appointment:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive>

To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/spcblood22>

**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.



**SENIORS!** Please have your senior photo emailed to Miranda ([miranda@shelbypres.org](mailto:miranda@shelbypres.org)) by Monday, April 14 for the May Newsletter.

**TARTAN ORDERS:** Though the church's Heritage Sunday is not until September, now is the time to order items (ties, sashes, etc.) to wear at the service. Now is also the time to order fabric to have a flag made from your own tartan. If you would like help to find your family's tartan, please contact Mary Conner at 704-300-1109 or let the church office know. To ensure that all materials are here for Heritage Sunday, please have your order in by May 15<sup>th</sup>. (Please contact Mary Conner or the church office for prices.)

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

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the friends and family of Elaine Cerwin in her passing on March 16, 2025. Elaine had been a member of SPC for 9 years.

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, Aaron & Megan Emory, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Joan Hunt, 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, Michelle Woodruff, 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.



**Have you ever** taught a child to hold their fingers inside their hands and say the rhyme, “here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people?” The wiggling fingers teach children, and adults, too, that the church is

not the building – the steeples, windows, or structure – but people gathering to worship God.

There’s something else in the children’s rhyme. As the child breaks open their hands to reveal the people, they move their fingers back and forth, often as fast as they can. This simple move reminds us that the church is the energy and actions that share the love of Christ.

- When disaster strikes, people give, volunteer, and pray so that those impacted receive help and hope, ***this is church.***
- When poverty and violence cause hunger and people join together to respond to the need and address its root causes, ***this is church.***
- When injustice falls on those who are vulnerable and people join hands with one another and lift their voices against the interests of power, ***this is church.***

The church is the Holy Spirit’s transforming power emanating into the world sharing the compassion, justice, love, and peace of Christ. Presbyterians join the movement of the Spirit into every corner of the Earth – and in this season, through our church-wide **One Great Hour of Sharing.**

***We share*** – and church happens with women who were once trafficked for domestic labor and now own their own cooperative business.

***We share*** – and church happens with people through land rights training and improvements to farming methods.

***We share*** – and church happens with those whose homes have been washed away by flood, as the arms of comfort wrap around them, and hands pick up shovels to assist.

Join us for One Great Hour of Sharing [Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.](#)

You can also mail your donation in and put “One Great Hour” in the memo line.