



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Shelby Presbyterian Church
November 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Now Thank We All Our God"* (arr. Kauffman) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP Debra Haddock

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before mountains were brought forth, before the land was formed,
before the earth was made, everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Our God is not bound by time and space, and yet knows our deeds.

Teach us to value our days so that we might gain a wise heart.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #336: *"We Gather Together"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Debra Haddock

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Eternal God, you have given us the treasure of salvation. Forgive us Lord, for too often we bury this gift or dismiss it, rather than participate in your work to reconcile this divided world. Forgive us for when we choose our own peace and security, rather than take up the risk and challenge of restoring relationships and healing divisions. Renew our hearts, O Lord, and make your love pour forth from them freely. Amen. (silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Debra Haddock

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Debra Haddock

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 123

ANTHEM: *“Let All Things Now Living”* (Hymn #37) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30 Drew Mangione

SERMON *“Investing Grace”*

*HYMN #724: *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Bill Jobe and Drew Mangione

Judy Black; Sponsor: Margie Trivett

Duncan and Alyssa Blount; Sponsors: Ben and Mallory Brown

Bill and Tonda Christian; Sponsors: Bill and Gloria Jobe

Tommy and Catherine Tedder; Sponsors: Mike and Marie Jackson

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Betsy Fonvielle and Bill Consolvo; Sponsor: Carolyn Billings

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11): **Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave and being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself, and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the Glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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: *“Prayer”* (Schumann) 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 #295: *“Go to the World”*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *“Numbers 6”* (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Corban Stern

*POSTLUDE: *“Now Thank We All Our God”* (arr. S. Mueller) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley & Joe Petrilli

Ushers: Jennifer Niblack, Claire McCullough, Elizabeth Schweppe,
Lori Wehmuller

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 and is staffed today by Lindsay Carter & Lilly Hamilton

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 gift.**

THE ROSEBUDS are given in honor of James Patrick Yerger and Elliott McCray Goodson both born November 9, 2023. James is the first child for Anna and Jeff Yerger. Overjoyed grandparents are Charles and Anne Langley. Elliott is the son of Molly and Adam Goodson and joins big brother Thomas. Overjoyed grandparents are Richard and Jan Dedmon.

THIS WEEK (NOVEMBER 19 - 25, 2023):

Today	11:15 am	Handbell Rehearsal in Bell Room
	3:30 pm	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal at Aldersgate
	3:30 pm	Catechism & Confirmation F3 & Upper Room
	5:00 pm	Youth Night in Youth Room
Monday	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	
	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Wednesday	SPC Office closes at Noon	
	4:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving at Jefferson Park
Thursday	HAPPY THANKSGIVING! SPC Office Closed	
	12:00 pm	Ellis Hall Reserved
	8:00 pm	AA & AI – Anon in Ellis Hall & Back Parlor
Friday	SPC Office closed	

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING: SPC is coming alongside Feeding Kids Cleveland County and Community Partners for the annual Community Table Thanksgiving Meal on Wednesday, November 22nd at Jefferson Park at 4:00 pm. **We need YOUR HELP to volunteer at Jefferson Park.** Set up is at 2:30. Help needed to set up chairs, tables, receiving food, serving food, decorating and clean up. Food, Fun and Fellowship for everyone! Please contact Marie Jackson, marie@shelbypres.org or 704-466-6065.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON: Your pledge to pray for, serve in, and give to your church will help us live into God's will in this exciting time. As of Thursday, November 16th, 90 families have pledged \$471,500.00. Thank you. If you have not submitted your pledge, please place it in the offering plate or turn it in to Miranda who holds them in confidence and provides aggregate totals to help prepare next year's budget. Last year 112 families pledged \$527,016.00. Thank you. – Stewardship Task Force

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HAPPY EXAMS PACKAGE! Join us in praying and encouraging our college students during their final exams. Bring gift cards & prepackaged snacks on or before **Nov. 29th**. Please contact Carol Ann if you are willing to make a homemade goodie to go in the college boxes.

TURNING POINT ACADEMY ANGEL TREE: We have added additional students to our Angel Tree! This year, we have the opportunity of working with Turning Point Academy to provide their students with Christmas gifts which they would not otherwise receive. The Turning Point Angel Tree, located in the Narthex, has information about the students and how you can go about participating. We are excited about the possibility of helping the school meet the needs of these young people, while bringing them some Christmas cheer at the same time! This is a special chance to choose and shop for a student as a family, a Sunday School class, neighborhood group, or on your own. Please prayerfully consider helping these students have a very Merry Christmas! If you have any questions or would like to get involved with our Turning Point partnership in other ways, please contact Molly Brownlee at 704-477-8947 or brownleemolly@gmail.com

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

John Auten, JoAnn and George Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Debra Blanton, Dick Bowling, J.W. & Pat Brotherton, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Chris Denning, Debbie Ferrell, Susan Grose, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Cheryl Lutz, Brooke McCurry, Marie Patterson, Pauline Persing, the family of Finley Price, Ellen Poston, Clay Pruett, Larry Stern, Liz Turpish, Linda Ware, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and the local homeless; all with respiratory illnesses; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine, Israel-Gaza, and Guatemala; all in military service and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.

POINSETTIAS & WREATHS & TREES

This year you may purchase a tree, door wreaths, or poinsettias, either in memory or in honor of someone.

The Ellis Hall tree is available for purchase (\$68), along with outside door wreaths (\$30 each).

If you would like to purchase a tree or a wreath, please call Miranda in the church office, 704-487-8503 or email miranda@shelbypres.org.

There are poinsettias available for purchase (\$15 each). If you would like to order a poinsettia(s) to be placed in the church for December 17th and the Christmas Eve Services, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that it be made payable to “Shelby Presbyterian Church.” Turn your form and check into the church office **no later than Nov. 26th**.

Yes, I (We) would like _____ poinsettia(s) placed in the church.

Enclosed is \$_____.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

Christmas SERVICES & FELLOWSHIP

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GOD IS WITH US ADVENT CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 26 from 3:00 to 5:00 in Ellis Hall, featuring fun crafts and food for all ages. This is an opportunity for all of us – young and old, families and individuals – to discover new ways to prepare for Jesus’s coming and create crafts to share with others.

HANGING OF THE GREEN

Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 in Ellis Hall. At 6:30 we will have a special worship service after which we will decorate the outside tree! Ornaments will be available for the outdoor tree or you can bring one.
*Children will rehearse at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

FRIENDLY BEAST

There will be 2 shows: one for Rainbow preschool Thursday, December 7 at 11:15 in Ellis Hall, and the second during the Christmas Eve service at 5:00. You can be a part of one or both! I’ll collect names until Friday, December 1. If I have more people than needed I’ll do a lottery (but that has not been the case in the past). Thanks!
Laura Wheeler, lauraew66@gmail.com or text 704-438-0513.

LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS, SHELBY!

A community Christmas cantata will be presented in the Central United Methodist Church sanctuary on Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm featuring choirs from Aldersgate UMC, Central UMC, First Baptist Shelby, and Shelby Presbyterian.

THE LONGEST NIGHT

Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 will be an opportunity to acknowledge stressful experiences and feelings with others who are going through similar emotions and circumstances. In prayer and reflection, with music and Scripture, participants will find a relaxed, friendly environment in Ellis Hall to pause and take a break; to ask God’s help and presence in coping with these often unanticipated and unintended results of the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus with worship and The Friendly Beasts.

Habitat for Humanity
Church Partnership Build
Cheese Ball Fund Raiser

All proceeds from the sale of cheese balls will be matched dollar for dollar and support Cleveland County Habitat in the building of homes for qualified homeowner partners. Choose from three different cheese balls – cheddar cheese, bleu cheese, or orange/date. Cost is \$10.00 each and orders must be received by **November 19, 2023**. Orders will be delivered on December 9, 2023.

Volunteers are needed to assist with making cheese balls on Saturday, December 9th at Eastside Baptist Church on Wyke Road starting at 9:00 am. Please let Richard Hart (229-563-1253) know right away if you would like to help.

Please make checks payable to “Habitat for Humanity”.

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Quantity: Cheddar _____ Bleu _____ Orange/Date _____

Total Cost: \$ _____ Amount Paid \$ _____