



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Consecration Sunday
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Shelby Presbyterian Church
October 8, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"How Firm a Foundation"* (Lau) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Brooks

The faithfulness of Jesus our King, this is God's justification for us.

On the basis of faith, may we regard all else as lost.

Let us forget what is behind us and reach forward to what is ahead.

Let us pursue with haste our upward calling in Christ.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #14: *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Ben Brooks

Whatever good we may have done is nothing compared to the righteousness of Christ. Whatever wrong we may have done is nothing compared to the grace of God. With faith in Christ's righteousness and confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Merciful God, we are made right with you not by our own merit, but by your faithfulness in the Messiah, sent to live, die, and rise again because of your love for us. Forgive us our past mistakes and train our eyes toward making amends and joining in your work that is ahead of us. Amen. (silent confession)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Ben Brooks

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ben Brooks
God of all wisdom, give us your Word and send us your Spirit so that we may know Christ. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 19

ANTHEM: *"The Meditations of My Heart"* (Hagenburg) Chancel Choir
May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock, my strength, my God and Redeemer.

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:1-14 Drew Mangione

SERMON: It's the Effort, Not the Accomplishments

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *"The Wonderful Cross"* (Tomlin/Redman)

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

Chorus: *O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.*

*O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross;
all who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow, and love flow
mingled down; Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Chorus

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too
small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Chorus

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.

CONSECRATION OF OURSELVES AND AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Litany for Consecration Sunday

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come before you in prayer on this Consecration Sunday.

Choir: *We praise your name and remember your faithfulness in every generation.*

Leader: You are our creator and redeemer, the Lord of all of life.

Women: *Our times are in your hands - past, present, and future.*

Men: Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence.

All: ***Help us to live each day for you, in faithfulness to you – to give you the honor and the glory.***

Leader: Consecrate our lives, O Lord, so even our ordinary moments will be holy.

All: ***May our lives be an offering.***

Leader: May our lives be an offering of our acceptable worship.

All: ***All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, O Lord.***

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let us present ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, pleasing to God. Let us bring our hearts and mindset in line with Christ. In transformation and renewal by the Spirit, let us have the confidence to give of ourselves, trusting in the sufficiency of God's grace as proclaimed in Christ's church.

All: ***We confess that in life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the One Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. Amen.***

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: *"Now We Pray Unto Thee"* (Buxtehude) 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 #265: "Jesus Shall Reign, Where'er the Sun"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Avery Moser

*POSTLUDE: "Psalm 19" (Marcello) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley & John Brotherton

Ushers: Debbie Hart, Mary Ann LaSelva, Holly Petrilli, & Lori Wehmuller

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 CHURCH PICNIC IS TODAY from 4:00 to 6:00 at the home of Larry and Kathy Wilson (1111 East Sanders Road). The church will provide fried chicken and biscuits. If you are able please bring a potluck dish to share and lawn chairs or blanket. You may also want to bring yard games and fishing rods. Parents please note there will not be a lifeguard on duty.

YOUTH CREEPER TRAIL Monday, October 16th. Meet at 8:00 in church parking lot. Bring a bag lunch and money for supper on the way home. We have two more spots if you would like to go let Carol Ann know.

THE FALL FESTIVAL will be held in the Courtyard and Ellis Hall Sunday, October 29th from 3:00 to 5:00, for all children through fifth grade. Please drop off candy and prizes to the church office by **Sunday, October 22nd**.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, October 17th 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/find-drive>

•To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/SPCblood22>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: You can pick up your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox in the Narthex AND under the Elder and Deacon mailboxes. Please return your shoebox by Sunday, October 30th.

If you wish to participate but cannot fill a Shoebox, you can donate items which can be packed into Shoeboxes, such as small dolls, balls, stuffed animals, games, puzzles, cards, matchbox cars, cards, picture books, school supplies, craft items, and hygiene items. *Please do not pack liquids, food, or war-related items.*

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to participate in sharing God's love on a personal level through an outreach program.

Thank you, The Mission and Ministry Committee



THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2023):

Today	11:00 am	Handbell Rehearsal in Bell Room
	3:00 pm	Community Cantata Rehearsal in Ellis Hall
	4:00 pm	Church Picnic at the Wilson's
Monday	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	2:00 pm	Clerk's Council in Pastor's Study
Wednesday	11:00 am	Rainbow Committee in F3 Room
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace and Youth
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	12:00 pm	Finance Committee in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	Rainbow Open House
	8:00 pm	AA & AI – Anon in Ellis Hall & Back Parlor

PLEASE KEEP our church in prayer during this stewardship season.

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

Mike Alexander, 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, Pauline Persing, Finley Price, Clay Pruett, Larry Stern, Grace Teddy, Liz Turpish, Linda Ware, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, Teresa Wingo, and the homeless in our community; all with respiratory illnesses; the victims of natural disasters and wars, including the Ukrainian conflict; 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.