



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Shelby Presbyterian Church
February 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Let All Things Now Living"* (Callahan) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 119:1-5) Michelle Moser

Blessed are you whose path is complete and walk in the Lord's ways.

To walk in the Lord's ways creates no injustice.

Blessed are you who keep witness of the Lord, with your whole heart.

We have been commanded to diligently keep the Lord's statutes.

O that our ways were set to keep the statutes of our God.

Let us find our identity in the Lord, worshiping in word and deed.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #15: *"All Creatures of Our God and King"* vs. 1, 4, 6

CALL TO CONFESSION Michelle Moser

Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **In you, O Lord, I find myself. In you, O Lord, we find one another. In you, O Lord, we find your image in us. Too often we resort to judgement, denying the humanity of others and failing to see your image reflected. We reject those who do not fit our mold, and even reject ourselves and our value in your eyes. Remind us of your love and make us whole in your way. 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 Michelle Moser
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Michelle Moser
Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of your realm. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

ANTHEM *"The Greatest Commandment"* (Chopin) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:21-48 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "Our Shared Identity in God's Image"

*HYMN #722: *"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"*

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: Meditation on *"Ubi Caritas"* (Wagner) 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 #316: *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*
tune of *"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Prelude in Classic Style"* (Young) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley and John Brotherton

Ushers: Mary Ann LaSelva, Kyle Aldinger, Thomas Monroe, Jennifer Niblack
CHILDCARE is available each week for infants through preschool in the Nursery (Room 102) and is staffed by Lindsay Carter and Lilly Hamilton. In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied to the nursery 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.**

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AFTER CHURCH TODAY as part of the “Souper Bowl of Caring” drive for SPC’s Food Ministry. Youth will have soup pots for monetary donations and wagons for non-perishable food donations. Specific needs include canned vegetables (especially tomatoes), cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, pasta sauce (ex. Ragu) and Ziploc bags (slide zipper preferred - quart or gallon). Please make checks payable to Shelby Presbyterian Church and noted for "Souper Bowl of Caring." Thank you so much for your generosity and support of need right here in Shelby!

COME PAINT WITH PAUL: Have you ever wanted to try watercolor? On Feb. 26th at 2 p.m. Paul Couey will lead a class and give you pointers. Supplies will be provided, but you must **sign up TODAY**. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Melissa DeVane will be Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please continue to keep her family in prayer.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SOUL FOOD LUNCH and joint service of worship at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, February 19th at Ryburn Memorial Presbyterian Church. Ryburn has invited SPC, Good Hope, and 3rd Street Presbyterian churches. Pastor Drew and Bruce Moser will help lead the service, with a special emphasis on unity for Black History Month.

ARE YOU PART OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS? Each week at 9 a.m., SPC has several options for Adult Sunday School. **The Kerygma Class** in the Narthex is doing a study of the gospel of Mark. The **F3 Class** in Room 203 has begun a study of Adam Hamilton's “24 Hours That Changed the World.” **The Christian Issues Class** is studying Dr. William R. Cook’s course titled, “The Lives of Great Christians.” The **Serendipity Bible Study Class** is finishing a study of Ephesians and will soon begin a study of Genesis and Exodus in Room 201.

SHROVE MONDAY TRIVIA NIGHT? Fluffy Pancakes and bacon will be cooked up for you a day early on Monday, February 20th at 6 p.m. in Ellis Hall to accommodate the blood drive and session meeting. Come mark the start of Lent with a delicious meal prepared for you by the youth of SPC and a fun night of trivia. There is no set cost, but donations will benefit the church’s youth ministry.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, February 21st 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>

THIS WEEK (FEBRUARY 12 - 18, 2023):

Today	11:00 am	Handbells in Bell Room
	11:00 am	Souper Bowl Lunch in Ellis Hall
	5:00 pm	Deacons Meeting in Back Parlor
Monday	9:30 am	Hot Meal 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
	10:30 am	Valentine’s Coffee at Agaat Den Hertog’s
Wednesday		NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	6:00 pm	Mission & Ministry in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor
Saturday	2:00 pm	Celebration of Life Service for Melissa DeVane

SUPPER CLUB: Groups will meet monthly for meals together. Each group will have 6-8 people (families and singles included as well). Use the Google form to sign-up or call the church office.
<https://forms.gle/gJC2w5TL9s8ThgJ16>

THE MISS BLANCHE RAINBOW FUND has been established to honor the teachers of Rainbow and in memory of former teacher Blanche Teele, by her son Rusty Patterson and her family, to provide scholarships and resources for teachers. Donations to this fund can be made to Shelby Presbyterian Church in her memory and in honor of all Rainbow staff.

THE MEDIA COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to run the soundboard and video equipment occasionally on Sunday mornings. Adults, as well as older, responsible youth will work in pairs each Sunday to support this important aspect of our SPC ministry. Training will be provided. If interested, please email Holly Petrilli at hollypetrilli@hotmail.com.

SPC NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Our nursery is growing, and we are blessed to have Lindsay Carter (Nursery Director) and Lilly Hamilton (Nursery Assistant) as part of our church staff. We are also blessed on Sundays to have a growing need for volunteers to help our staff with the caregiving for our little ones.

Sometimes we find little bumps in the road (mysterious ways) where God can use us. Perhaps He wants YOU to help take care of our little ones by being a volunteer to help our staff. **There is a need for volunteers** ...so please consider sharing an occasional Sunday Morning in the nursery as we nurture and tend to our most precious flock. Use the link to sign up!
<https://forms.gle/dCrhJvj4MWbRzMi39>

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

Frank Bonner, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Carolyn Cooper, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Robert Hilton, 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.