



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Shelby Presbyterian Church
February 23, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

- PRELUDE: *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"* (arr. Wagner) Sherry Thomas
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione
- MINUTE FOR MISSIONS Tabatha Coker
- RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 Cor. 15) Lori Wehmuller
All of humanity is from the earth, like the first human being, while to be heavenly is to be like the one from heaven, who is the resurrected Jesus.
As we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly, for Christ is risen! He is the first fruits of the dead.
- *HYMN OF PRAISE #410: *"God is Calling through the Whisper"*
- CALL TO CONFESSION Lori Wehmuller
- UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Lord Jesus, you call us to love as you have loved us. You desire that we love all, even our enemies, since even those who do not know you love family and friends. Lord, this is hard. It is hard to love those we disagree with and those we fear. Forgive our sin and transform our hearts, so that we might better love and serve you by loving and serving our neighbors. Amen. (silent confession)**
- ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Lori Wehmuller
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 Lori Wehmuller
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Nora Monroe

Daughter of Angus and Ally Monroe

Presentation Mary Conner and Drew Mangione

Baptismal Vows and Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving for the Waters

Baptism Carol Ann Hoard

Presentation of Symbols and Welcome

*HYMN #482: "Baptized in Water" verses 1 & 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lori Wehmueller

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

GROWING IN GRACE CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

"God Wants Us to Praise Him" and "God Made Me Wonderfully" (Schram)

"Jesus Loves Me" (Wilkinson) and "Sing with Joy, Children of God" (Bailey)

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:27-49 Drew Mangione

SERMON "True Grace is Unconditional"

ANTHEM: "The Greatest Commandment" (Choplin) Chancel Choir

Love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. Love your neighbor as yourself.

If you love the Lord with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself.

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"* (arr. 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 #756: "O God of Every Nation"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: "1 Corinthians Benediction" (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Josephine Mangione

*POSTLUDE: "God of Grace" (arr. Page) 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, Maggie Hohne, & Heather Johnson

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.**

THIS WEEK (FEBRUARY 23 - March 1, 2025):

Sunday	11:00 am	Handbells in Bell Room
	3:30 pm	Catechism in Youth Room
	5:00 pm	Youth in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
	6:30 am	Media in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Growing in Grace children for leading in worship today: Annie Kate Brown, Victoria Couch, Vivi Dow, Theia Stern, Mills Bryant, Vashti Bryant, River J, Seren Bryant, Elizabeth Couch, Lena Kate Dow, Josephine Mangione, Millie Melton, Annie Moser, Avery Moser, Steele Bryant, Ivie Carter, Harrison Mangione, Grace Melton, Anna Grace McCullough, Thomas Pruitt, Ruby Raudez, Savannah Raudez, Corban Stern, Oliver Stern, and Kesson Warrick **Thank you** to the adults: Tonda Christian, Debbie Hart, Annie Little, Susan Melton, Margie Trivett, Carol Ann Hoard, and Emily Monroe

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP MONTREAT! Your financial gift to Montreat Conference Center will help restore trails, playgrounds, and other repairs not covered by insurance after Helene. You can put your gift labeled "Montreat" in the offering or send it to the office. You can also give at www.shelbypres.org/give as a Special Gift with "Montreat" in the note. Thank you to all who are helping us support a place we love!

SYRUP DONATIONS: This March, we are asking for donations of syrup for Feeding Kids Cleveland County to include in deliveries to 250 families for Spring Break. Rainbow Connection is collecting pancake mix. Thank you for your support! Please bring your gift by Sunday, March 23. Donation boxes will be in the Narthex and outside Ellis Hall.

THE SPC COMMUNITY FRIDGE feeds our struggling neighbors with open access to food 24/7. Donations of any size are always welcome. Stewards are needed to clean and restock it. Sign up at bit.ly/fridgesteward.

EASTER CANDY: SPC's Easter Egg Hunt is at 2 pm on Sunday, April 6. We are asking church members to donate bags of candy for the eggs. Please have candy to the office by Monday, March 24. Our Hen and Rooster Party to stuff eggs will be Monday, March 31 at 10:00 am. Thank you!

THREADS OF GRACE – Prepare your heart this Lent in a six-week Sunday School series to explore how God's grace connects and transforms us. Using the metaphor of threads weaving into a tapestry, we'll explore unique "threads" of grace in scripture through practical insights and engaging discussions. This series is meant for everyone – young and old, members and visitors – to help us reflect on how our lives intersect with others to create something far greater than we could imagine alone by encouraging us to grow in faith and connection. Whether you attend all six sessions or just one, you're invited and welcome on this journey.

March 9: *The Thread Begins – Introduction to the Series*

March 16: *The Gaze Thread – Seeing Others Through Grace*

March 23: *The Listening Thread – Hearing the Voice of the Other*

March 30: *The Breaking Thread – Tearing Down Barriers with Grace*

April 6: *The Weaving Thread – Grace in Action, Building Connections*

April 13: *The Tapestry Thread – The Vision of Grace in God's Kingdom*

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

Our prayers and sympathy go out to JoAnn Callahan and family in the passing of Allen Callahan on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Allen had been a member of SPC for 2 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, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, Byron Hendrick, August Hohne, Joan Hunt, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Doug Little, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Michael Southard, Bill & Patty Thorne, Tiffany Timson, Linda Ware, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Teresa Wingo, 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS – ELDER AND DEACON

The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for four Elders and four Deacons to serve in the Class of 2028. Officers must be:

- Persons of faith, dedication and good judgment, whose life strives to demonstrate the gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Church members who are knowledgeable about SPC because they have been active in the life of our church for two years.
- Able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please prayerfully consider making your recommendation(s), which will be reviewed by the committee to nominate candidates to be elected by the church. It is best not to contact the person you have recommended.

Please use this format to send your recommendation(s) to the office by mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) by Monday, February 24th.

Nomination for Elder – _____

I believe this person would be a dedicated and effective Elder because:

Nomination for Deacon – _____

I believe this person would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because:

Current Officers: ELDERS: Richard Dedmon, Bill Jobe, Laura Lampley, Tom Martin, Carolyn Billings, Mystie Brotherton, Carolyn Jackson, Dan McLaurin, Mike Alexander, Molly Brownlee, Mary Conner, Mary Raudez. DEACONS: Debbie Hart, Thomas Monroe, Michelle Moser, Trey Warrick, Mike Jackson, Alison Moore, Michael Pruitt, May Reed, Susan Grose, Beth Phillippi, Zion Roberts, and Lucas Stern.