



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Reformation Sunday

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Shelby Presbyterian Church

October 26, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Now Thank We All Our God"* (Kaufmann) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

MINUTE FOR MISSION Marie Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 46) Ben Brooks

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.

We shall not fear for the Lord is with us even as the earth changes, and even if mountains shake the depths of the sea. God is our refuge.

Be still and know that the Lord is your God.

The Lord, who is higher than any nation and all the earth, is our refuge.

*HYMN #275: *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* (Luther, based on Psalm 46)

CALL TO CONFESSION Ben Brooks

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Holy God, you see the depths of our hearts and know our sins. In our confession, we find what you already know is there, and we turn to your loving embrace for help. Lord, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner. Forgive us for when we take, when we go our own way, when we are unfaithful, and when we support what we know is wrong. Forgive us for the times we exalt ourselves, by putting others down. Reform us to your way and transform our hearts and minds to know your love for us and share it with others. 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!**

GROWING IN GRACE: *"I Have A Song"* (Tracey) Growing in Grace Children

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ben Brooks

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 31:27-34

ANTHEM: *"Thanks Be to God"* (Curry) Chrissy Holiday-Fitzgerald, Flute

*There is a hand whose touch creates all beauty;
the snow-capped height, the river's gentle flow;
And that same hand, which fashioned all the universe,
calms troubled hearts and soothes the wounded soul.
Thanks be to God whose mercy knows no measure,
Whose righteous way His wondrous works applaud,
whose loving kindness bears our every weakness;
For such a sure and steadfast love, thanks be to God.
There is a Shepherd for each valley's shadow;
Unfathomed grace joins every trial we meet.
Ultimate One, whose presence we most long for,
to You, in gratitude, we humbly sing.*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:9-14

Drew Mangione

SERMON: *"A Never-Ending Need for Reform, Meets Never-Ending Love"*

*HYMN #833: *"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (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 is seated on 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: *"Be Thou My Vision"* (Purifoy)

Emily Monroe

Chrissy Holiday-Fitzgerald

*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 #649: *"Amazing Grace"*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"Jeremiah 31 Benediction"* (Moser)

*Write it on our hearts, write it on our minds,
your covenant made new through the love of Christ.*

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"A Mighty Fortress"* (Young)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: David Grose & Joe Petrilli

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 the Nursery (Rm 102) and is staffed by Lilly Hamilton and Maggie Hohne. Please be sure your child is accompanied to the nursery by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.

ALL ARE WELCOME! If you are visiting with us this morning, please be sure to fill out one of our visitor/prayer request cards and put it in the offering plate as your gift. Don't worry, this is not for marketing. We just want to say hello and get to know you. **Is this your first time at SPC? Be sure to see an usher after the service and get a special gift!** If you have questions, ask a member, an usher, a pastor, or contact the church office Monday-Thursday, 9:00-4:00 and Friday, 9:00-12:00.

THE FLOWERS ARE GIVEN to the glory of God by Richard and Ellen Fletcher in memory of their grandson Shields Fletcher and in honor of their son Tom Fletcher on his birthday.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD & THE PRESBYTERIAN GIVING CATALOG are two amazing ways to share Christmas joy around the world.

□ Get your OCC shoebox by Ellis Hall and fill it with small toys, craft items, games, puzzles, picture books, school supplies, and hygiene items, or just donate these items, all by **Sunday, Nov. 9th**. *Please, do not pack liquids, food, or war-related items.* See Debbie Hart for more details.

□ The Giving Catalog lets you fund livestock, tools and training for farms, and clean water equipment! Go to pcusa.org/giving/giving-catalog/gifts to give and list Shelby Presbyterian Church as your congregation. For more details see the bulletin board outside the office.



THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1, 2025):

Today	11:00 am	Handbell Rehearsal in Bell Room
	1:30 pm	Youth arrive for Fall Festival set up
	3:00 pm	Fall Festival in Ellis Hall
Monday	11:00 am	Food Ministry at Harrill House
	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 pm	Media in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	8:00 pm	AA/AI- Anon in Ellis Hall/Back Parlor

ALL SAINTS' DAY: On Sunday, November 2nd, the names of all Shelby Presbyterian Church members and SPC member's children who have died since November 1, 2024 will be read during the worship service. **We remember:** John Auten, Allen Callahan, Elaine Cerwin, Joyce Couey, George Cribb, Sandra Dwork, Shields Fletcher, Ina Harrington, George Rolling, Beverly Styers, Hailey Venable, Pat Wilkison.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS will meet for lunch Thursday, November 20th at 11:30. The location will be announced closer to the date.

COLLEGE STUDENTS' ADDRESSES: Parents, please send in your **student's current college address** so we can include them in our upcoming care package mailings! We want every student to feel connected to their church family, no matter how far away they are. **We need these by November 12th. If we do not have the address, we cannot send a box.**



HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE TO SPC? Last month, the Stewardship Task Force sent a letter and materials asking for your pledge to pray, serve, and give financially to SPC. **What we give is a promise we make to God and to the present and future of our church.** Please fill out your pledge, send your interest form, and put your prayer card in a prominent place at home. If you did not receive one, Miranda can send it to you. Your financial pledge of any amount is seen only by her, and the total of all pledges is used to help make next year's budget. As of October 23rd, 41 families have pledged \$207,600.00. Last year 113 families pledged \$543,236.000. Thank you.

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

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Tonya Beam and her family on the passing of her father, Roger Whitley, on October 16, 2025.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Shields Fletcher, who was a baptized member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, and grandson of Richard and Ellen Fletcher, on his passing on October 5, 2025. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at 12:00 pm at Tryon International with a light lunch. The family kindly request RSVPs via this link <https://everloved.com/life-of/thomas-shields-fletcher/obituary/> or by contacting Richard (704-418-4095) or Ellen (704-418-4137) Fletcher.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Joyce Couey, wife of Paul Couey, who passed away on October 13, 2025. Joyce had been a member of SPC for 36 years. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at SPC. Following the service, the family will host a light reception in Ellis Hall.

JoAnn Beattie, Kim Blackburn, Charlie Jo Botts, Sid Bridges, Robert Burns, JoAnn Callahan, Joe Carpenter, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Wade & Cindy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Randy Clark, Chip Cloninger, Rita Consolvo, Lou and Judy DuBois, Debbie Ferrell, Melton Gardner, Erin Hines, August Hohne, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, David LeGrand, Rhonda Lingerfelt, Frances Greer Malcolm, Brooke McCurry, Camille McGeachy, Samantha Moss, Pauline Persing, Graham Phifer, Ellen Poston, Jennifer Price, Clay Pruett, Tina Richardson, Lin and Blannie Robinson, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Theo Small, Larry Stern, Sharon Sundquist, Bill & Patty Thorne, Tiffany Timson, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Brenda Wilson, 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; Christians worldwide who are persecuted for their faith.