



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Shelby Presbyterian Church

August 17, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Jesus Shall Reign"* (arr. W. Held)

Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 80:17-19)

Claire McCullough

O God, let your hand be upon the one at your right hand in your power.

May we never turn away from you. Give us your life!

Call upon the name of the Lord and know who our God is.

Restore us, O God of creation. Let your face shine, so we may be saved.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Claire McCullough

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Eternal God, have mercy on us, for we are all sinners. In what we have done and what we have failed to do, we have been tempted to seek victory, rather than faithfulness. We seek the answers we want to hear, justifying and excusing injustice. Forgive us Lord. Transform our minds so that our lives will reflect your Son Jesus, who redeems us by his self-giving love. 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!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Claire McCullough

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 23: 23-32

ANTHEM: *"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"* (Althouse)

*Lord, I stretch my hands to You; no other help I know.
If You should leave me all alone, where, then, shall I go?
Lord I give my soul to You; I seek Your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from You above.
Lord, I ask You: Give me faith and help me understand,
And Lord when I this life shall leave, just hold me in Your hand.*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:49-56

Drew Mangione

SERMON: "A Harsh Reality and Assurance"

*HYMN #718: *"Take Up Your Cross"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Colossians 1:15-20): **Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him, God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. 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: *"Andante"* (Hesse)

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 #463: *"How Firm a Foundation"*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"Linked By Love"* (Bryan, Hoard/arr. Moore)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Lena Kate Dow

*POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Voluntary"* (G. Young)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Patrick Glenn & 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 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.

THIS WEEK (AUGUST 17 - 23, 2025):

Monday	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
	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
	1:00 pm Blood Drive in Ellis Hall
	5:30 pm Personnel in Back Parlor
	6:30 pm Session in Back Parlor
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	6:00 pm Rainbow Connection Orientation
	8:00 pm AA/Alanon in Ellis Hall/Back Parlor
Friday	Church Closed – Carpet Cleaning

THERE IS STILL TIME to sign up for the churchwide retreat at Montreat! If you'd like to go, just email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org). Payments are due by Sunday, August 31st.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, August 19th, 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 appointment: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood>

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

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! The Shelby Presbyterian Church's Heritage Service, featuring the **Kirkin O' The Tartan**, will take place on Sunday, September 28, 2025. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to the church office or contact Mary Conner at (704) 300-1109, so we can ensure your involvement in the planning process.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due to Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) Monday, August 18th.

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

JoAnn Beattie, Kim Blackburn, Sid Bridges, Robert Burns, JoAnn Callahan, Boyce Carpenter, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Randy Clark, Lou and Judy DuBois, Debbie Ferrell, Melton Gardner, Erin Hines, August Hohne, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, David LeGrand, Frances Greer Malcolm, Brooke McCurry, Yvonne Couey Miller, Samantha Moss, Pauline Persing, Graham Phifer, Ellen Poston, Clay Pruett, Tina Richardson, Lin and Blannie Robinson, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Beverly Styers, 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.