



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter

Shelby Presbyterian Church
April 16, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"This Joyful Eastertide"* (arr. Benkhe) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP Marlene Lovelace

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love Him;

and although we have not seen Him, we believe in Him.

For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #250 *"Hymn of Promise"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Marlene Lovelace

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders,
and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Acts 2 & Psalm 16)

God, You have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above You and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into Your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. 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 Marlene Lovelace
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN: “What Has God Called You to Do?”
Anne Langley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Marlene Lovelace
Guiding God, send Your Holy Spirit upon the reading of Your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into Your presence where there is fullness of joy. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:11-31

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Because He Lives”* Bruce Moser, piano

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20: 1-21 Bill Jobe

SERMON: *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

*HYMN #462 *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed): **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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: *“Pastorale”* (Wesley) 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 #248 *“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Steele Bryant

*POSTLUDE: *“The Strife is O’er”* (arr. Childs) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: John Brotherton & Patrick Glenn

Ushers: Jennifer Niblack, Andy Brown, Debbie Hart, Elizabeth Schwappe
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 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.**

THANK YOU to Bill Jobe for bringing the message this morning. Bill was born in Rutherford County to well-educated, community leaders Ruth and Allen Jobe. He spent almost every Sunday in a small Methodist church and at his paternal grandparents with his extended family and most noted his storytelling grandfather Bob Jobe. Married to his bride of 37 years Gloria. They have two daughters, Lisa and Stephanie, and two grandchildren Sheridan and Zack. Bill studied theater and UNC Asheville. He has acted like a telephone man for over forty year. Bill volunteers with several organizations and fixes stuff for friends, neighbors, and family. Bill's speaking career spans over twenty years but the best he can remember, this is his forth engagement.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS are scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd for Nominating Committee to present candidates for 2026 class of officers and on Sunday, April 30th for congregation to elect officers.

PLANTS OF THE BIBLE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH: SPC's own Dr. Gebel, who owned and operated Shagreen Nursery and Arboretum for 32 years, will lead a class in the SPC Courtyard (chapel in case of rain) on plants in the bible, and attendees will receive their own Castor Bean Plant like in the Book of Jonah.

GROWING IN GRACE Please mark your calendars: "In the Image" rehearsal in Ellis Hall from **3:00-5:00** on Sunday, April 30th. Regular rehearsals will happen on Wednesday, April 19th and 26th. Each of these rehearsals are very important as the musical will be presented on Wednesday, May 3rd in Ellis Hall.

OUR NEXT SPC BLOOD DRIVE is April 18th. We already have 31 blood donors and a great team of volunteers signed up. We need 20 more donors. Visit <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> to make an appointment to donate. The next drive is Tuesday, June 20th.

SPC AT MONTREAT: Join your church family for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! Enjoy a weekend of activities together in a beautiful, relaxing setting **September 15-17**. Weekend activities will begin with dinner on Friday and will conclude after worship on Sunday.

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.

NEWS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS is excited to celebrate the completion of the 34th home for Shakena Ferrell and family. All are invited to celebrate God's faithfulness in this home completion on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm at 814 Churchill Drive.

Our Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity plans to sponsor the Annual Women's Build again this year. Construction will be at "Young Oak Square" on the corner of Young and Oak Streets near the location of the former Graham Elementary School. The specific date has not been set yet, but should occur sometime in the next two months. Likely two Saturdays will be devoted to framing the house. Details and dates will be announced soon. Plan now to be part of this local mission project.

Planning continues for our Church Partnership Build. Details will be announced soon. This will be the second house built at "Young Oak Square." Five congregations have agreed to participate. They are Eastside Baptist Church, New Creation Church, Ryburn Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Shelby Presbyterian Church.

For more information about these mission projects, or about Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity, please contact Richard Hart at (229) 563-1253 or by e-mail at rchart1121@gmail.com or Amy Allen at 704-482-6200 or email her at amyallenhfh@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK (April 16 - 22, 2023):

Monday	Newsletter articles due
	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 Ellis Hall
	1:00 pm Blood Drive in Ellis Hall
	5:00 pm Habitat Home Dedication at 814 Churchill
	5:30 pm Personnel in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm Fellowship Committee in Conference Room
	6:30 pm Session in Back Parlor
Wednesday	11:30 am Rainbow Committee in F3 Room
	6:00 pm Plants in the Bible w/Emile Gebel in Courtyard
	6:00 pm Growing in Grace in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	6:00 pm Mission & Ministry in Back Parlor
	7:00 pm GWU Concert for a Cause in Sanctuary
	8:00 pm AA & AI-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Steve Sisk and family on the death of his wife Cheryl on April 13, 2023. Cheryl had been a member of SPC for 32 years.

JoAnn Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Debra Blanton, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Curt Collins, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Joel Hoard, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Pauline Persing, Finley Price, Clay Pruett, Patty Thorne, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, 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.