



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
March 26, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"* (Fedak) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ezek 37:11-14, Rom 8:11-12) John Schweppe, III

Are we to think that our bones are dried up, and that hope is lost?

**The Lord God opens graves and brings us back from exile. By the breath of God within us, we shall live.**

If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**By this we are not in debt to our flesh, but have life by the Spirit.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #286: *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

CALL TO CONFESSION John Schweppe, III

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

UNISON SONG OF CONFESSION (Tune from Hymn #434: *"Restore In Us, O God"*):

***O Spirit, wake in us, the wonder of your pow'r; from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flow'r.***

***Though sin and death we fear, and you seem far away, in your compassion you forgive, and give us life today. (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 John Schweppe, III  
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION John Schweppe, III  
O Lord, we wait for You, and in Your Word we trust. By the power of Your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 130

ANTHEM: *"Canticle of Hope"* (Hallquist) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 11:1-53 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "If You Had Been Here"

\*HYMN #796: *"We Come To You For Healing, Lord"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8:1-4): **We believe there is no condemnation for those who walk in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

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: *"Hymne"* (Young) 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 #688: *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* vs. 1 & 4

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Anna Grace McCullough

\*POSTLUDE: *"Chorale"* (Young) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** Patrick Glenn & David Grose

**Ushers:** Elizabeth Schweppe, Claire McCullough, Holly Petrilli, Trey Warrick  
**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.**

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR LENT:** Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm Table Communion in Ellis Hall. Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm A Meditation on the Cross through music in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School at 9:00 am, Worship at 10:00 in the sanctuary.

**GROWING IN GRACE** "In the Image" rehearsal TODAY in Ellis Hall from 11:15 to 1:30. Lunch is provided.

**HEN & ROOSTER PARTY** this Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Conference Room. Come and help us stuff eggs with prizes and candy for the egg hunt April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lunch will be provided.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES** are being held each Wednesday of Lent at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 12:00-12:30. The speaker this week is Bishop Carolyn Briggs, Living Waters Christian Ministries. A light lunch (sandwich, side item, drink, and dessert) will be served each Wednesday at 12:30 in the Epworth Building for \$7.00. If you are on a tight schedule, please feel free to go to the front of the line.

**THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND ART** each Wednesday until March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in Ellis Hall led by Susan Bell. We will study the Scriptures using art across the centuries to help illuminate our understanding of the Word and the Lord. **There will not be food provided for this series, but you are welcome to bring your own dinner if you so choose, as the tables will be set up.**

**THE MEDIA COMMITTEE** is updating SPC's Online Directory and would love to refresh your family's photo if you'd like. Elizabeth Schweppe will have her camera and can quickly take your picture before or after worship today, March 26<sup>th</sup>. David Grose will be available before and after worship on Easter Sunday, April 9. In addition, if you have printed edits that need to be made please submit those to [bit.ly/SPCdirectoryupdate](http://bit.ly/SPCdirectoryupdate).

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE** is partnering with Rainbow Connection Preschool in collecting food for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. For the month of March, the Mission and Ministry Committee is asking for syrup donations. Our goal this year is to collect 100 bottles of syrup! Thank you for your support.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Beverly Elmore's house, 121 Lakemont Drive. YOUTH will need to meet at 1:30 at Mrs. Elmore's home to hide the eggs.

**OUR NEXT SPC BLOOD DRIVE** is April 18<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Next drive: Tuesday, June 20

**NEW MEMBERS AND SPONSORS** save the date for the New Member Luncheon, on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, in Ellis Hall following the church service. This includes all new members from this spring and last fall, along with their sponsors. Please RSVP to Lori Wehmuller at 704-472-5253 or [loriwehmuller@gmail.com](mailto:loriwehmuller@gmail.com).

**FAITH SHARING:** Faith sharing is just what it sounds like -- sharing our life experiences from our unique perspective as a believer and member of the body of Christ. Being encouraged and inspired on our faith journey by members of our own church family has become a tradition of summer worship at SPC.

This spring, please pray specifically about this important opportunity, and if you feel the Spirit leading you to share your perspective, please contact Mystie Brotherton at 704-473-7525 or [uncmystie@gmail.com](mailto:uncmystie@gmail.com) to sign up for a Sunday between May 28<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **THIS WEEK (MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2023):**

Today	11:00 am	<b>Handbells</b> in Bell Room
	11:00 am	<b>Growing in Grace</b> lunch/play preparation in Ellis Hall until 1:30 pm
	5:00 pm	<b>Youth Night</b> in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	<b>Hot Meal Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall
	10:00 am	<b>Hen &amp; Rooster Party</b> in Conference Room
	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scouts</b> in Scout House
	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm	<b>Media Committee</b> in Back Parlor
Wednesday	12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service/Lunch</b> at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	<b>Passion &amp; Resurrection w/Susan Bell</b> in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b> in Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir</b> Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	8:00 pm	<b>AA &amp; AI-Anon</b> in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

**THESE DAYS** devotional books for April-May-June are available in the narthex. Please take one for your family.

**NEWS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** 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](mailto:rchart1121@gmail.com).

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Marty Allen and family on the death of his mother Harriett Allen on March 22, 2023.

Debra Blanton, Pat Birmingham, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Curt Collins, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Robert Hilton, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Rick Steeves, Patty Thorne, Doreen Wacaster, 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.