



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Shelby Presbyterian Church
September 17, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Praise the Lord, the Mighty King of Honor"* (Walther)

Pam Dennis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cathy Burns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #1: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cathy Burns

Even though we continually turn away from God, the Lord is eager to forgive. Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cathy Burns

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:30-31 (NRSV)

ANTHEM: *"Prelude"* (Bach/Gounod) Paul Couey & Joy Cushman

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 2:1-21 (NRSV)

SERMON "I Know" Dan McLaurin

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #649: *"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed): **I 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; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I 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: *"Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* (Wood) Pam Dennis

*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 #625: *"How Great Thou Art"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Fugue en sol mineur"* (Krieger)

Pam Dennis

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

Sound Board: Patrick Glenn **Ushers:** Kyle Aldinger & volunteers

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 Tisha Dedmon. 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.**

DAN MCLAURIN is a native of Rockingham NC. While in Rockingham he attended First Presbyterian Church where John Auten was his youth leader. Dan has been a member of SPC for 21 years, and has served as a Deacon, Elder, and currently teaches Sunday School. In the past he attended our Presbytery school of Lay ministry, been on mission trips to the Gulf Coast and taught Disciple Bible study thru the Methodist church. Currently he works at Gaston College as a locksmith. Dan is married to Lisa who attends Kadash Church in Belwood and has three children and two bonus children, six grandchildren and three bonus grandchildren. In his spare time, he likes spending time with his family, his four-legged friend Charly and reading.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT IS NOVEMBER 4th & 5th. SPC's Middle School students have the opportunity to spend the weekend with their peers from throughout the Presbytery of Western North Carolina for an overnight retreat at Camp Grier. Deadline to sign up is September 24th.

KIRKIN O' THE TARTAN: The Kirkin O' The Tartan and Heritage Sunday service is NEXT Sunday, September 24th. If you have an interest in participating by bringing your tartan or carrying one for another family name, please let the church office or Mary Conner (704-300-1109) know by Monday, September 18th.

THIS WEEK (September 17-23, 2023):

Sunday	3:00 pm	Choir Cantata rehearsal @CUMC
Monday		Newsletter articles due!
	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	9:00 pm	Rainbow Picture Day in Ellis Hall
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	5:30 pm	Personnel Committee in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	Fellowship in Conference Room
	6:30 pm	Session in Back Parlor
Wednesday	9:00 pm	Rainbow Picture Day in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room
Thursday	9:00 am	Rainbow Connection Parent Coffee
	6:00 pm	Mission and Ministry in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall & Al-Anon in Back Parlor

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN? In October, Pastor Drew will be offering a new member class during Sunday School at 9 am in Ellis Hall. Find out what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of SPC. This class is open to anyone considering membership and also current members wanting a refresher on our faith, our tradition, and our church.

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Len and Pat Byers and family in the passing of her son Matthew Libby, September 9, 2023.

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Marie Jackson and family in the passing of her aunt Wilma Lail, September 7, 2023.

JoAnn and George Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Debra Blanton, Dick Bowling, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Nancy Davis, Chris Denning, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Brooke McCurry, Pauline Persing, Finley Price, Clay Pruett, Diane Richards, Steve Sisk, Grace Teddy, Linda Ware, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, Teresa Wingo, and the homeless in our community; all with respiratory illnesses; the victims of natural disasters and wars, including the Ukrainian conflict; all in military service and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.