

ORDER OF WORSHIP Fifth Sunday of Easter

Shelby Presbyterian Church May 18, 2025 10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: "Let All Things Now Living" (arr. Callahan) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 148) Marlene Lovelace Hallelujah! Let all the angels and emissaries of heaven praise the Lord! In the highest heavens, praise the Lord who commands and creates! Hallelujah! Let all the creatures of the earth and sea praise the Lord! In all the earth and sea, praise the Lord who commands and creates! Hallelujah! Let all the kings, rulers and judges, every people and nation, the women and men, young and old, all praise the Lord together! In all the world, let us praise the Lord who commands and creates!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #15: "All Creatures of Our God and King" vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

CALL TO CONFESSION

Marlene Lovelace

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Holy Lord, you are the God of all creation, and in every realm, you command, and you create. You have demonstrated your love for all people, and you call people of every nation and culture, gender and age to sing your praise. Forgive us for when we think we can or need to limit your grace, and reveal in us the truth of your love and justice. May we see your Spirit at work in this world, and may your Spirit be seen, in and among us. 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

Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marlene Lovelace

FIRST SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

ANTHEM: "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" (Manz)

Chancel Choir

Peace be to you and grace from him, who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood, that we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-18

Drew Mangione

SERMON

"Who Are We to Hinder God?"

*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 born 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 at 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: "Morning Prayers" (S. Jarrell)

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.**

Vashti Bryant

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 <u>infants through preschool</u> 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.

^{*}HYMN OF RESPONSE #767: "Together We Serve"

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

^{*}CLOSING HYMN #769: "For Everyone Born"

^{*}CHARGE & BENEDICTION

^{*}CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Eastertide Benediction" (Moore)

^{*}CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

^{*}POSTLUDE: "Let All Things Their Creator Bless" (Fedak) Emily Monroe

WE WELCOME all who worship with us this morning. 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.



CHIMER SIGN UP: Calling all kids! Here's your chance to be part of our church service in a special way with the Chiming of the Trinity! You can sign up using the QR code. Come up during the final hymn and ring the chime after the benediction at the end

of each service. Questions: Contact Emily Monroe.

THIS WEEK (MAY 18 - 24, 2025):

Today 5:00 pm Youth Dinner & Bible Study in Youth Room

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 10:45 am Holmes Hotdogs Road Trip

6:00 pm Rainbow Graduation in Ellis Hall & Sanctuary

Wednesday 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** in Choir Room Thursday 8:00 pm **AA & Al-Anon** in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

COLLEGE GRADUATES: Please let the church office know if you have someone graduating from college this Spring. We would like to congratulate them in the June newsletter. Email Miranda (miranda@shelbypres.org) by **Monday, May 19**th.



SIGN UP FOR MONTREAT before May 25th to receive the <u>Early Bird Discount</u>. Brochures are in the narthex and your registration may be dropped off at the Church Office, mailed, or put in the offering plate.

MAY MISSION FOCUS: This month, the Mission and Ministry Committee is highlighting the Abuse Prevention Council - a local organization that assists women and children who are victims of abuse. APC needs supplies to provide care and comfort for its shelter guests. We are collecting items to help stock the shelter with necessary goods. Collection baskets are located in the narthex and outside of the office/Ellis Hall. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase items.

This is what is needed:

- Sports bras various sizes
- Women's underwear various sizes
- Women's deodorant
- Women's body wash
- Women's shampoo and conditioner

There are many ways that you can support the Abuse Prevention Council, and the women and children they serve. For more information, please check out their website: https://www.abusepreventioncouncil.org/

NEWS FROM CLEVELAND COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Our Affiliate has three houses in various stages of construction on East Warren Street. The first of those three was begun as our Annual Women's Build in December 2024. Five local congregations have formed a second Church Partnership, and framed the second of those houses in March. They began framing the third house last Saturday. If we complete this project by November, we will have built three homes within one calendar year - a first for our Affiliate. The third house at 601 E. Warren Street will be the 40th house built by our Affiliate since its beginning. We celebrate these accomplishments by our community and are especially grateful for the leadership and hard work of our Executive Director, Amy Allen, and our Construction Manager, Scott Mull. Take time to ride by and see the progress being made. Volunteers are welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week and on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. For more information about volunteering, please contact Richard Hart.

An Afternoon at Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard & Winery

All SPC ladies (including spouses, partners, and children of all ages) are invited to join together for the afternoon at Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard and Winery on Sunday, June 1 at 2:30pm-until. Bring a snack to share and a chair or picnic blanket.

Again, all SPC ladies are welcome, including spouses, partners, and children for this outing. This winery is very family friendly. Contact Mallory Brown with questions at 704-477-3349.

Sunday, June 1 at 2:30pm Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard & Winery 3521 Fallston-Waco Road, Lawndale, NC

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

John Auten, Sid Bridges, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Randy Clark, Lou and Judy DuBois, Al Eatmon, Aaron & Megan Emory, Debbie Ferrell, Melton Gardner, Patrick Glenn, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Frances Greer Malcolm, Yvonne Couey Miller, Pauline Persing, Graham Phifer, Clay Pruett, Lin and Blannie Robinson, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Tiffany Timson, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, 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; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians worldwide persecuted for their faith.