



ORDER OF WORSHIP
First Sunday of Christmas

Shelby Presbyterian Church
December 31, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" (arr. Christopher)
Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Ann Hoard, Minister
Christian Education and Families

CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Sisk
We gather to celebrate God's redemptive plan for all creation!
From creation and incarnation to heaven and earth united in a new creation, the Word of God reigns –Jesus our brother is Christ the King, our Lord and our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #132: "Good Christian Friends"

CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Sisk

SILENT PRAYER OF 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 Steve Sisk

LESSONS & CAROLS: Carol Ann Hoard & Steve Sisk

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 1:1-4, John 1:1-5

HYMN #664: *"Morning Has Broken" (verses 1 and 3)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 22:15-18, Acts 3:22-25

HYMN #82: *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

THIRD SCRIPTURE READINGS: Genesis 17:15-19, Luke 1:27-33

HYMN #129: *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Micah 5:2, Luke 2:1-5

HYMN #123: *"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (verses 1, 3, 5)*

FIFTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Isaiah 9: 6-7, Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN #145: *"What Child is This?"*

SIXTH SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 23, Luke 2:6-20

*HYMN #119: *"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"*

*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.

CHRISTMAS LITANY

Carol Ann Hoard

To my enemy, **I give you forgiveness.**

To my opponents, **I give you the benefit of the doubt.**

To my family and friends, **I give you my faithfulness.**

To my neighbors, **I give you my kind service.**

To every child, **I give you a good example.**

To all I meet, **I give you my love and grace.**

To myself, **I give patience and perseverance.**

To you O Lord, **I give you my whole self, all that I am.**

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: *"I Wonder as I Wander"* (arr. Niles & Horton)

Mary Conner

*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 #136: *"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Carol Ann Hoard

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (arr. G. Young)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Patrick Glenn & David Grose

Ushers: Thomas Monroe, Holly Petrilli, Kyle Aldinger, Mary Ann LaSelva

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 Room 102, staffed by

Lindsay Carter, Lilly Hamilton, and Holly Conner

In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied at all times 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.**

GIFT CARD OFFERING FOR TURNING POINT ACADEMY: On Epiphany Sunday (Jan. 7) we will have a Gift Card Offering. Please bring \$10 gift cards to place in the offering plates. These cards will be used for motivational events for the students, for good attendance, good behavior, and good work. The students love this, and it is a great reward for them. Some suggested locations for gift card purchasing are Chic-fil-A, Cook Out, Dominos, Wal-Mart, and Sonic.

THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6, 2024):

Monday **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
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
Wednesday 11:00 am **Member Life** in Back Parlor
5:00 pm **Property Committee** in Back Parlor
Thursday 7:00 am **Men's Breakfast** at Ken and Mary's
8:00 pm **AA** in Ellis Hall/**AI Anon** in Back Parlor

REMEMBER IN PRAYER (also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter) . . .
John Auten, JoAnn and George Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Debra Blanton, Dick Bowling, J.W. & Pat Brotherton, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Chris Denning, Debbie Ferrell, Susan Grose, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Andi Houser, Cheryl Lutz, Shayvonne Maddox, Faye McCants, Brooke McCurry, Marie Patterson, Pauline Persing, Ellen Poston, Clay Pruett, Larry Stern, Linda Ware, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; all with respiratory illnesses; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine, Israel-Gaza, and Guatemala; 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.