



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Shelby Presbyterian Church
February 2, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Lord, When I Came into This Life"* (Callahan) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Mystie Brotherton

The Lord is our refuge, in whom we shall not be put to shame.

In your justice, Lord, deliver and rescue us. Lord, hear us and save us.

The Lord is our rock and our fortress.

Rescue us from evil's hand, from the reach of injustice and cruelty.

The Lord is our hope, our trust, from our youth to now.

We shall lean on the Lord, our protector. Praise the Lord!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION Mystie Brotherton

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of redemption, you have loved your people with an everlasting love. Yet we are still sinners. We have not loved one another as you have loved us. Forgive us, Lord. Transform us, so that by an encounter with your love, we will trust your grace and share your love and mercy in the world. 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!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

FIVE CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mystie Brotherton

FIRST SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV

ANTHEM: *"The Greatest of These"* (Wordsworth/Marshall) Chancel Choir

Love is kind and suffers long; love is meek and thinks no wrong;

Love than death itself more strong; therefore give us love.

Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day;

Love will ever with us stay; therefore give us love.

Faith will vanish into sight; hope be emptied in delight;

Love in heav'n will shine more bright; therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see joining hand in hand agree;

But the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Psalm 148 NRSV

SERMON

"What is Worship?"

Drew Mangione

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #308: *"O God, in Whom All Life Begins"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Colossians 1:15-20): **Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. In him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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: *"The Gift of Love"* (arr. Carter)

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table and Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...Therefore, with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Acclamation of Faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution and Communion

Prayer after Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #649: *"Amazing Grace"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"Arise! Your Light has Come!"* (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"With Praises All Unite"* (Sweetlink)

Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: John Brotherton & Mike Jackson

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

Lilly Hamilton, Maggie Hohne, & Heather Johnson

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. 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 greeting.**

WHAT IS A PRESBYTERIAN? If you've been visiting and would like more information about what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, Pastor Drew will be leading a new member this month at 9 am in Ellis Hall. Current members are also invited for a refresher on what makes our theology and traditions distinct.

THIS WEEK (FEBRUARY 2-8, 2025):

Sunday	11:00 pm	Handbells in Bell Room
	3:30 pm	Catechism
	5:00 pm	Youth in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Discipleship in Back Parlor
	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
	7:00 pm	Worship & Music in Back Parlor
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Property in Back Parlor
	5:45 pm	Growing in Grace Children eat supper
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Supper
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room
Thursday	7:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Ken and Mary's
	11:00 am	Member Life in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall AI – Anon in Back Parlor
Friday	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts in Ellis Hall and Kitchen

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, February 5th at 6:00 (children at 5:45) in Ellis Hall. This month's Wednesday night meal will be soups, salad, and dessert provided by our Fellowship Committee. Peter Bagley, Executive director of The Children's Home for Cleveland County will present the program. Donations for SPC Food Ministry will be collected (cream of mushroom, celery, or chicken soup, butter, mayonnaise, vegetable or chicken broth and canned vegetables).

SOUPE BOWL OF CARING Sunday, February 9th. Join the youth for a bowl of soup in Ellis Hall after worship. Monetary and food donations will be collected.

VALENTINE'S DAY COFFEE for all single women of SPC at the home of Agaat Den Hertog (402 Fairview Dr.) at 11:00 Friday, February 14th. Please RSVP Agaat at 704-661-0318.

NEED A BREAK? COME HANG OUT AND PLAY GAMES! SPC will host a game night on Saturday, February 22, from 6 to 8 pm in Ellis Hall. Come out for a low-pressure chance to bond in fellowship and have fun!

MYSTERY LUNCH on Tuesday, February 18. Carol Ann is taking the adults on a mystery lunch trip. Where will we go? Carol Ann knows but she isn't telling. First 10 people to sign up get a seat on the van!

MONTREAT NEEDS OUR HELP! This February, Mission and Ministry Committee is asking our congregation to help a place near and dear to our hearts – the Montreat Conference Center. Helene caused major damage and while insurance will cover many of the repairs of the facility, much is not covered. We are asking for financial gifts to pool from SPC to help fund the cleanup, restoration, and repair of the center, as well as the trails, playgrounds, and more. Much is needed, but we can help make an impact for a place that has ministered to so many of us. Please mark your gifts to SPC as designated for Montreat and put them in the offering or send them to the office. In addition, if you are interested in volunteering, Chuck Lampley has been volunteering to restore the trails and can connect SPC members to volunteer opportunities.



BUDDIES ON THE BENCH SIGN UP: Children in grades 1 to 5 can sign up and join Ms. Emily at the organ on a Sunday Morning at 10:50 before the prelude and have an engaging and age-appropriate experience at the beginning of the service to see how the organ works and is used in the service each week. After the children's moment they will return to sit with their families. Sign up with the QR code! Questions: Contact Emily Monroe.



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.

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out Becky Boinest and family in the passing of her mother Lois Florette Peele Moore on January 8, 2025.

Lyric Atkins, John Auten, Sid Bridges, Allen Callahan, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Rylan Carter, Lou and Judy DuBois, Al Eatmon, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Joan Hunt, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Doug Little, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Linda Ware, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine and Gaza; 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2028, and Deacon, Class of 2028. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason, it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Please mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) your recommendation(s) in to the office by **Monday, February 24th**.

Nomination for Elder – Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because:

Nomination for Deacon – Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because:
