



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday in Advent

Shelby Presbyterian Church
December 4, 2022
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Scholes)

"The Bells of Christmas" (Moklebust)

Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew Mangione, Pastor

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT: PEACE The Steeves Family
David, Heidi, & Dylan

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in HOPE. (pause for lighting of HOPE candle)

We light this candle for PEACE. (pause for lighting of PEACE candle)

Hear God's promise of peace from Isaiah 11:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the viper's den.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of Him, and His dwelling shall be glorious.

PRAYER

*RESPONSE #89: *“For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits”*

(Heidi will sing the 4th verse, with congregation joining on the beginning and ending Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beth Phillippi

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Gracious and welcoming God, you lead us to reconciliation by humbling the proud and exalting the lowly. In you, enemies find peace. Forgive us Lord. We confess this truth: We are sinners, who do not love you or our neighbors as we should. Help us to lay down our excuses, so that our repentance might bear fruit for your present and coming Kingdom. Free us from pride in our status or our accomplishments. Make us children of Abraham by faith and bring us to life by your Spirit in 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

Beth Phillippi

The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

5 CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beth Phillippi

Your word, Holy God, was written for our instruction. By your Holy Spirit open our ears and fill us with the mysteries of your ancient love, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-10

ANTHEM: *“Creation Will Be at Peace”* (Page) Chancel & Handbell Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:1-12

Drew Mangione

SERMON:

“Telling the Truth, and Bearing Fruit”

*HYMN #96: *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lori Wehmuller and Drew Mangione

Ben and Mallory Brown; Sponsors: Thomas and Catherine Couch

Bill and Carolyn Cooper; Sponsors: Charles and Anne Langley

David and Susan Grose; Sponsors: David and Heidi Steeves

Fred and Jennipher Harrill; Sponsors: Caja and Jennifer Ormand

Jim and Susan McConnell; Fred and Nancy Blackley

Zelma Whitney; Sponsor: Melissa DeVane

*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.

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: *"I Wonder As I Wander"* (Howland)

*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 #93: *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Prince of Peace"* (Ingram) Handbell Choir

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

Sound Board: John Brotherton

Ushers: Jennifer Niblack, Mary Ann LaSelva, Caja Ormand,
Elizabeth Schweppe

CHILDCARE is available for infants through preschool in Room 102.

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.**

THE ADVENT WREATH is placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Ferry E. "Ace" Richards by family and friends.

THIS FALL, the preschool and elementary children of Shelby Presbyterian who participate on Wednesday evenings worked together to color four collaborative Advent posters from Illustrated Ministries. There is one for each Sunday in Advent displaying the words Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each poster will be displayed throughout the season. We are thankful for these beautiful works of art from our children!

ON BEHALF OF FEEDING KIDS CLEVELAND COUNTY thank you to the congregation of Shelby Presbyterian Church for your support of our Community Table Thanksgiving Meal at Jefferson Park on November 23. Your donations of desserts and water, the hard work of many volunteers, and the community spirit you showed made this event both meaningful and enjoyable. The Church also provided tables, chairs, paper & plastic products, eating utensils, ice, and other important items for the event. We are most grateful to the congregation and all who contributed to the success of our Thanksgiving celebration.

SPC IS HIRING – Choir Director. With the retirement of our beloved Amy Allen at the end of the year, your church needs a new choir director. **Nursery Coordinator.** Our beloved Tricia Butler is retiring at the end of the year as well. Your church needs a new coordinator and assistant. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in joining SPC's staff, please have them call the office or email miranda@shelbypres.org.

SOUP LUNCH is serving approximately 30 guests each week with food distribution serving perhaps more. Your help is needed to continue this important mission service to the community!

Please consider joining us any Monday from 9:00 to 12:30 to open cans, cook, serve (either with food distribution or on the serving line) and of course washing pots, pans, and trays. You do not have to commit to come weekly or for the entire time. Please give what you are able.

We also request household items and clothing not be brought for distribution as we are not set up for this or storing the items not taken. We can however offer winter items such as winter coats, gloves, scarves, and hats (please no socks).

Thank you, Mission and Ministry Committee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER AND CAROLING Wednesday, December 7th, at 6:00 in Ellis Hall. Dinner is from Hoshi Express and then we will climb on to Trey and Larry's Hayless Hayride trailers, to sing Christmas Carols on the streets of Shelby. We will be taking up donations for Feeding Kids Cleveland County, so please bring sugar cookies, icing, and hot chocolate. To accommodate this event, **GROWING IN GRACE** the weekly children's program, will start at 5:30 in the sanctuary to practice for December 11th. Children and Youth will eat at 6:15 before caroling.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available for you to pick up at the church beginning Sunday, December 11th, in the hallway behind the sanctuary (across from the conference room). Be sure to get your box - they will be arranged in alphabetical order. If you use offering envelopes and cannot find your box, please let the church office know.

HAPPY RETIREMENT AMY & TRICIA Sunday, December 18th after the worship service in Ellis Hall. There will be light refreshments along with an opportunity for the congregation to bring cards and contribute to a love offering. A basket will be available for cards and gifts at the reception. Any monetary contributions must be in cash or a check made out to the person to whom you wish the gift to go. **DO NOT MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO THE CHURCH.** If no name is on an envelope, the money will be divided evenly between the two retirees.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, December 20th from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

To make an appointment: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive

To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/SPCblood22>

OUR TURNING POINT PARTNERSHIP TEAM is planning for the Christmas season. Here's how you can help!

- Turning Point Staff Christmas Party - we will be providing food/snacks for teachers and staff on December 21st.
- Adopt a Student - if your family, Sunday School class, workplace, organization, etc. is interested in "adopting" a student for Christmas, please consider choosing a student from Turning Point!
- Gift Card Offering - On Epiphany Sunday, January 8th, we will collect a Gift Card Offering for Turning Point students. These will be used for motivational events for the students, for good attendance and good work. Please bring \$10 gift cards to place in the offering plates. Some suggested locations for gift card purchasing are Chic-fil-A, Cook Out, Dominos, Wal-Mart, and Sonic.

Contact Molly Brownlee (704-477-8947 or brownleemolly@gmail.com) for more information

THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 4 - 10, 2022):

Today	5:00 pm	Youth Painting w/Paul Couey in Youth Rm.
Monday	9:30 am	Soup Kitchen in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	2:00 pm	Clerk's Council in Pastor's Study
	7:00 pm	Worship and Music in Back Parlor
Wednesday	11:00 am	Member Life in Back Parlor
	5:00 pm	Property Committee in Back Parlor
	5:30 pm	Growing in Grace – Kids Mission & Music
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Supper in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	"City of Hope" Rehearsal at CUMC
Thursday	12:00 pm	Finance Committee in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA & AI – Anon in Ellis Hall & Back Parlor
Friday	7:00 pm	Merry Christmas, Shelby & Cantata Uptown

PLEDGE UPDATE: As of Thursday, December 1st, 106 families pledged \$508,016.00. Thanks to all who have turned in your pledge. If you have not completed your pledge, please place it in the offering plate or turn it in to Miranda. All pledges are held in confidence by Miranda. Last year 114 families pledged \$497,432.00. Thank you. Stewardship Task Force

STEWARDSHIP SEASON: Your pledge to pray for, serve in and give to your church will help us live into God's will in this exciting time.

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

Amy Brown, Ann Brown, Janet Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Melissa DeVane, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Cheryl Sisk, Rick Steeves, 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.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICERS

SESSION

Class of 2022

Ben Brooks
Richard Fletcher
Darlene Gravett
Nancy Hendrix

Class of 2023

Fred Blackley
Kimberly Dixon
Scoot Dixon
Roger Holland

Class of 2024

Susan Bell
John Schweppe Jr.
Cheryl Sisk
Larry Wilson

DIACONATE

Class of 2022

Ann Brown
Joyce Couey
Debra Haddock
Caja Ormand
Mary Raudez

Class of 2023

Kyle Aldinger
Mary Ann LaSelva
Elizabeth Schweppe
Lori Wehmuller

Class of 2024

Andy Brown
Claire McCullough
Jennifer Niblack
Holly Petrilli

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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