



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
April 30, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing"* (Callahan) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 95:1-7)

Bly Borders

Sing to the Lord! Shout out to the Rock of our Salvation.

**We enter the Lord's presence to give thanks and shout out in song.**

For the Lord is a great God and King, greatest of all, the Creator!

**Let us worship and be humbled, kneeling before the Lord our maker.**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

**The Lord is God, and we are his people, the sheep he holds.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #240: *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bly Borders

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Good Shepherd, by your voice, you call us. In your Word, you humble the proud and expect much from your people. Often, we respond by listening instead to what we want to hear. In your Word, you raise the lowly and restore the downtrodden. Often, we respond by speaking words of judgement, as if we speak for you. O Shepherd, help us to hear your voice with soft hearts. Grant us to see the whole of your Word for its faithful love. Help us respond with love and welcome for our fellow sinners, just as you love and welcome 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 Bly Borders  
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Bly Borders  
Loving God, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of Your Word, that through it we may hear Your voice and follow it into eternal life. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: 1 Samuel 16:10-13

ANTHEM "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (Wood) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-6 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "Recognizing the Shepherd's Voice"

\*HYMN #523: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" verses 1,4,5

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Bill Jobe and Drew Mangione  
Christopher & Carol Dow; Sponsors: Trey & Tara Warrick  
Florence Brooks; Sponsor: Margie Trivett  
Zion Roberts; Sponsor: Michael Pruitt  
David & Susan Melton; Sponsors: Don & Kathryn Bridges

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: "The Lord's My Shepherd" (McDonald) 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

\*CLOSING HYMN #720: "Jesus Calls Us" verses 1,2,4

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Seren Bryant

\*POSTLUDE: "Morning Song" (Young) Emily Monroe

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING John Schweppe II, Clerk of Session

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

**Sound Board:** John Brotherton & Joe Petrilli

**Ushers:** Jennifer Niblack, Andy Brown, Debbie Hart, Holly 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 each week for infants through preschool in the Nursery (Room 102) and is staffed by Lindsay Carter and Lilly Hamilton. 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.**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL HAPPEN TODAY** immediately after worship to vote for Elders and Deacons for the class of 2026.

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON** for new members and their sponsors will be today in Ellis Hall following the Congregational Meeting.

**GROWING IN GRACE** "In the Image" rehearsal in Ellis Hall from **3:00-5:00 TODAY**. Practice Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be at 4:30 in Ellis Hall.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER:** SPC's Growing in Grace will present "In the Image" a musical by Mark Burrows **Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00** in Ellis Hall. Join us for Jammin' J's pizza and salad, with ice cream sandwiches at the end. \*Everything will be provided, no need to bring sides or desserts. There is no set price for the meal, but donations will be collected.

**TUESDAY LUNCH:** All are invited to a BBQ lunch on May 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 1:00 in Ellis Hall cost is \$7.00. Come and fellowship with your friends and make some new ones. Sign up by calling the church office (704-487-8503) or emailing Miranda ([miranda@shelbypres.org](mailto:miranda@shelbypres.org)) by Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SPC AT MONTREAT:** Join your church family for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! Enjoy a weekend of activities together in a beautiful, relaxing setting **September 15-17**. Weekend activities will begin with dinner on Friday and will conclude after worship on Sunday. Register with \$100 deposit **only** by May 26<sup>th</sup> for Early Bird Rates, which will be: \$225 Single with Queen bed or Single with 2 Twin beds, \$385 Two-Room Suite (Queen and 2 Twins), \$450 Apartment. If you place your deposit in the offering plate, please note which type of room and shirt sizes are needed.

**NEWS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Announcing two important projects at Young and Oak Streets in Shelby:

1 - Our **Annual Women's Build** will be held on two consecutive Saturdays in May. The number of volunteers on each day will be limited so participation will be first-come-first-served. The dates are **Saturday, May 20 and Saturday, May 27**. You may call the Habitat office to put your name on the list, indicating which day you wish to work. The number is 704-482-6289.

2 - **The Habitat Church Partnership Build** is scheduled for two consecutive Saturdays in June. Our Shelby Presbyterian Church representatives on the Steering Committee are Susan Grose and Bill Jobe. The dates are **Saturday, June 10, and Saturday, June 17**. Again, the number of volunteers will be limited each day, so plan to sign up as soon as registration opens on May 14. Susan Grose and Bill Jobe have information and will share it with anyone who is interested. Five congregations have partnered together to build this house. You may also contact Richard Hart, 229-563-1253, or [rchart1121@gmail.com](mailto:rchart1121@gmail.com) about either of these exciting projects.

**FAITH SHARING** is just what it sounds like -- sharing our life experiences from our unique perspective as a believer and member of the body of Christ. Being encouraged and inspired on our faith journey by members of our own church family has become a tradition of summer worship at SPC.

This spring, please pray specifically about this important opportunity, and if you feel the Spirit leading you to share your perspective, please contact Mystie Brotherton at 704-473-7525 or [uncmystie@gmail.com](mailto:uncmystie@gmail.com) to sign up for a Sunday between May 28<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**WE NEED YOU!** Please consider sharing an occasional Sunday morning in the nursery as we nurture and tend to our most precious flock. Let Carol Ann know if you are available to assist and be a fill-in when needed.

**MEDIA COMMITTEE UPDATES:** Photo Policy: The SPC Media Committee recognizes that while sharing photographs of public worship is an important part of our mission to help spread the message of the Gospel and commemorate special occasions, we must also protect the sanctity of private worship. Any photography taken during worship will be done with this in mind.

**THE MEDIA COMMITTEE** is looking for volunteers to run the soundboard and video equipment occasionally on Sunday mornings. Adults, as well as older, responsible youth will work in pairs each Sunday to support this important aspect of our SPC ministry. Training will be provided. If interested, please email Holly Petrilli at hollypetrilli@hotmail.com.

**THIS WEEK (April 30 - May 6, 2023):**

Today	11:00 am	<b>Congregational Meeting</b> in Sanctuary
	11:15 am	<b>New Member Luncheon</b> in Ellis Hall
	3:00-5:00 pm	<b>“In the Image” rehearsal</b> in Ellis Hall
	5:00 pm	<b>Youth Night</b> in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	<b>Hot Meal Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scouts</b> in Scout House
	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	<b>Worship and Music</b> in Back Parlor
Wednesday	11:00 am	<b>Member Life</b> in Back Parlor
	4:30 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b> in Ellis Hall
	5:00 pm	<b>Property Committee</b> in Conference Room
	6:00 pm	<b>Wednesday Night Supper</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	7:00 am	<b>Men’s Breakfast</b> at Ken and Mary’s
	1:00 pm	<b>Rainbow Teacher Appreciation Lunch</b> in Ellis Hall
	3:00 pm	<b>Cecelia Music Club</b> in Sanctuary & Ellis Hall
Friday	8:00 pm	<b>AA &amp; AI-Anon</b> in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	<b>Youth Night</b> in Youth Room

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

JoAnn and George Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Debra Blanton, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Curt Collins, Joyce Couey, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Joel Hoard, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Pauline Persing, Finley Price, Clay Pruett, Steve Sisk, Patty Thorne, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, 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.