



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Shelby Presbyterian Church
February 16, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE *"How Happy Are the Saints of God"* (arr. Martin) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremiah 17:5-8) Carolyn Jackson
Those who put their trust in humanity, making flesh their strength, and diverting their hearts and minds from the Lord are like shrubs in a desert, that cannot find relief in parched wildernesses.

Those who trust in the Lord and put their hope in the Lord are blessed. They will be like trees planted by water, sending roots into the stream, so that when the heat comes, they will not fear, growing to bear fruit.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #667: *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Carolyn Jackson

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Holy God, great is your compassion, for your Son, fully one with you, humbly shared in our humanity to die for us. Forgive us Lord, for too often we are tempted to think success in this world is your blessing. Too often we miss how you draw nearest to the lowly, the hungry, the suffering, and the mourning. Humble us to put our trust in you so that rooted in your living water, we might bear fruit that shares your love and grace. 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Winston Childers

Son of Kyle and Raven Childers

Presentation Carolyn Jackson

Baptismal Vows and Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God?

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Waters

Baptism

Presentation of Symbols and Welcome

*HYMN #482: *"Baptized in Water"* verses 1 & 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Carolyn Jackson

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1

ANTHEM: *"Since by Man Came Death"* (Handel) Chancel Choir

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 6:17-28 Drew Mangione

SERMON "Taking Jesus Seriously: Blessings and Woes"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #729: *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

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 Peaceable Things"* (Christiansen) 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 #815: *"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"1 Corinthians Benediction"* (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Savannah Raudez

*POSTLUDE: *"Prelude in Classic Style"* (G. Young) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Chip Blackley & John Brotherton

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 and gift.**

THE ROSEBUD is given in honor of Oliver Gregory Reagan, born January 29, 2025 to Sara and Greg. Overjoyed grandparents are Russ and Sandy Cheaney.

MONTREAT NEEDS OUR HELP! Mission and Ministry is seeking financial gifts to send as a church to Montreat Conference Center to help pay for trails, playgrounds, and other repairs not covered by insurance. Please mark your gifts as designated for Montreat and put them in the offering or send them to the office. If you are interested in volunteering, Chuck Lampley has been working to restore the trails and can connect SPC members to this and other volunteer opportunities.

THIS WEEK (FEBRUARY 16 - 22, 2025):

Sunday	11:00 am	Handbells in Bell Room
	5:00 pm	Youth in Youth Room
Monday		NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE to Miranda
	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	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
	10:30 am	Mystery Lunch
	1:00 pm	Blood Drive in Ellis Hall
	5:30 pm	Personnel in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	Session in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room
Thursday	11:00 am	Women's Circle at Pfeiffer's Cafe
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall AI – Anon in Back Parlor
Saturday	6:00 pm	Game Night in Ellis Hall

MYSTERY LUNCH on Tuesday, February 18th, 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! Meet at the church at 10:30 and join in on the fun.

LADIES OF SPC: Circle of Friends will meet in the private dining room at Pfeiffer's Café for lunch Thursday, February 20th at 11:00! If you can attend, please call or text Nancy Blackley at 704-692-8095.



BLOOD DRIVE: We have filled 53 of 67 appointments for our American Red Cross blood drive on Feb. 18. We are especially in need of a 5 pm Power Red donor and African American donors to grow the amount of well-matched blood to help those with sickle cell disorder. There are many roles in which you can serve if you can't donate blood. To volunteer for one of our 2025 drives (April 15, June 17, Aug 19, Oct 21, Dec 16) visit, bit.ly/spcblood22

NEED A BREAK? COME HANG OUT AND PLAY GAMES! Game Night will be 6 to 8 pm, this Saturday, February 22nd for a low-pressure chance to bond in fellowship and have fun! Childcare will be available!



COMMUNITY FRIDGE: Our fridge and its stewards provide for the food insecure in our area. This borderless access available 24/7 is a gift to many. February volunteers to clean and restock the fridge and/or pantry are needed. Sign up here: bit.ly/fridgesteward Questions? Call Anna @ 704-466-0026.

THREADS OF GRACE – Prepare your heart this Lent in a six-week Sunday School series to explore how God's grace connects and transforms us. Using the metaphor of threads weaving into a tapestry, we'll explore unique "threads" of grace in scripture through practical insights and engaging discussions. This series is meant for everyone – young and old, members and visitors – to help us reflect on how our lives intersect with others to create something far greater than we could imagine alone by encouraging us to grow in faith and connection. Whether you attend all six sessions or just one, you're invited and welcome on this journey.

- March 9:** *The Thread Begins – Introduction to the Series*
- March 16:** *The Gaze Thread – Seeing Others Through Grace*
- March 23:** *The Listening Thread – Hearing the Voice of the Other*
- March 30:** *The Breaking Thread – Tearing Down Barriers with Grace*
- April 6:** *The Weaving Thread – Grace in Action, Building Connections*
- April 13:** *The Tapestry Thread – The Vision of Grace in God's Kingdom*

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS – ELDER AND DEACON

The Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for four Elders and four Deacons to serve in the Class of 2028. Officers must be:

- Persons of faith, dedication and good judgment, whose life strives to demonstrate the gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Church members who are knowledgeable about SPC because they have been active in the life of our church for two years.
- Able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please prayerfully consider making your recommendation(s), which will be reviewed by the committee to nominate candidates to be elected by the church. It is best not to contact the person you have recommended. **Please use this format to send your recommendation(s) to the office by mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) by Monday, February 24th.**

Nomination for Elder – _____

I believe this person would be a dedicated and effective Elder because:

Nomination for Deacon – _____

I believe this person would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because:

Current Officers: Richard Dedmon, Bill Jobe, Laura Lampley, Tom Martin, Carolyn Billings, Mystie Brotherton, Carolyn Jackson, Dan McLaurin, Mike Alexander, Molly Brownlee, Mary Conner, Mary Raudez, Debbie Hart, Thomas Monroe, Michelle Moser, Trey Warrick, Mike Jackson, Alison Moore, Michael Pruitt, May Reed, Susan Grose, Beth Phillippi, Zion Roberts, and Lucas Stern.

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

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, Tiffany Timson, 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.