



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Christ the King Sunday

Shelby Presbyterian Church
November 26, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Processional on LAUDA ANIMA"* (Hustad) Pam Dennis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Ann Hoard

CALL TO WORSHIP Mike Jackson

The Lord God is our shepherd.

We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #367: *"Come Ye Thankful People Come"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Mike Jackson

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. 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 Mike Jackson

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Mike Jackson

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 100 NRSV

SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46 June Hobbs

SERMON: "Sheep of His Pasture"

*HYMN #186: "Come Now You Blessed"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11): **Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave and being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself, and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the Glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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: "Three Canons on DIX" (Hustad) Pam Dennis

*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

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "At the Table of the Lord" (Althouse)

Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God...

With the great cloud of witnesses and all creation singing 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 – Sharing of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

*CLOSING HYMN #385: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Numbers 6" (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Oliver Stern

*POSTLUDE: "Voluntary in C Major, Op. 5" (Stanley) Pam Dennis

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

Sound Board: John Brotherton & David Grose

Ushers: Jennifer Niblack, Claire McCullough, Elizabeth Schweppe,
Lori Wehmuller

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 and is staffed today by Lindsay Carter, Holly Conner, and Lily Hamilton

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 gift.**

JUNE HADDEN HOBBS is Professor of English at Gardner-Webb University, where she teaches American literature, composition, and classical rhetoric. She grew up playing the piano in a small Baptist church in Oklahoma; moved to Boiling Springs in 1994; and joyfully joined Shelby Presbyterian Church in 2021. She has written articles and books on popular culture topics such as hymns and tombstones and recently published *Tales and Tombstones of Sunset Cemetery*, co-written with Joe DePriest and featuring photos by Hal Bryant. June has three interesting children and four perfect grandchildren.

THE FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betsy Martin on her birthday November 25th, by Tom and Mimi Martin and Alex, Stephanie, and Brent Martin.

THIS WEEK (November 26 - December 2, 2023):

Today	Wreath and Poinsettia orders due TODAY.
	11:15 am Handbell Rehearsal in Bell Room
	3:00 pm God is With Us Advent Celebration
Monday	9:30 am Food Ministry 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 Ellis Hall
	6:30 pm Media Committee in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm Growing in Grace/Hanging of the Green
	6:30 pm Hanging of the Green Worship Service
Thursday	8:00 pm AA & AI – Anon in Ellis Hall & Back Parlor

GOD IS WITH US ADVENT CELEBRATION TODAY from 3:00 to 5:00 in Ellis Hall, featuring fun crafts and food for all ages. This is an opportunity for all of us – young and old, families and individuals – to discover new ways to prepare for Jesus’s coming and create crafts to share with others.

HANGING OF THE GREEN Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 in Ellis Hall we will gather to decorate the church. At 6:30 we will have a special worship service after which we will follow the kids to decorate the outside tree! Ornaments will be available for the outdoor tree or you can bring one. *Children’s choir will rehearse at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

HAPPY EXAMS PACKAGE! Join us in praying and encouraging our college students during their final exams. Bring gift cards & prepackaged snacks on or before **Nov. 29th**. Please contact Carol Ann if you are willing to make a homemade goodie to go in the college boxes.

TURNING POINT ACADEMY ANGEL TREE (located in the narthex) — There are still a few different options for you to help provide some Christmas cheer for a Turning Point student on the Angel Tree. If you have already chosen a student's ornament from the tree, please remember all items are due back to the church office by **December 10th**.

CALLING ALL BAKERS AND HOLIDAY TREAT MAKERS! We are hosting a Christmas Cookie Exchange for Turning Point teachers and staff on Monday, December 4th. If you love to bake or cook, we’d love for you to share some of your favorite holiday treats with our Turning Point friends! Please call or text Molly Brownlee (704-477-8947) to sign up!

ADVENT VIDEO REFLECTIONS: Videos will be posted Monday through Friday at 12:15 pm December 4th – 22nd on Facebook and YouTube. Each video reflection is about 10 to 15 minutes long and includes a poem, scripture, art and prayer, for you to encounter the season in a new way.

COMMUNITY REFRIGERATOR: If you would be willing to wipe down and restock (suggested items: 1/2 gallon of milk, 1/2 dozen eggs, individual yogurts, tuna packets, apples, clementines, veggies, string cheese, bottles of water, bread, nuts, etc.) our Community Fridge in the weeks to come please sign up for a date: <https://bit.ly/fridgesteward> Contact Anna with questions: annaschweppe29@gmail.com

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. As of Tuesday, November 21st, 91 families have pledged \$473,300.00. Thank you. If you have not submitted your pledge, please place it in the offering plate or turn it in to Miranda who holds them in confidence and provides aggregate totals to help prepare next year’s budget. Last year 112 families pledged \$527,016.00. Thank you. – Stewardship Task Force

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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, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Chris Denning, Debbie Ferrell, Susan Grose, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Cheryl Lutz, Brooke McCurry, Marie Patterson, Pauline Persing, the family of Finley Price, Ellen Poston, Clay Pruett, Larry Stern, Liz Turpish, Linda Ware, Doreen Wacaster, Jackie Weathers, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and the local homeless; 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.

POINSETTIAS & WREATHS

This year you may purchase door wreaths, or poinsettias, either in memory or in honor of someone.

If you would like to purchase a wreath (\$30), please call Miranda in the church office, 704-487-8503 or email miranda@shelbypres.org.

There are poinsettias available for purchase (\$15 each). If you would like to order a poinsettia(s) to be placed in the church for December 17th and the Christmas Eve Services, either in memory or in honor of someone, we ask that your check accompany the order form below and that it be made payable to "Shelby Presbyterian Church." Turn your form and check into the church office **no later than TODAY.**

Yes, I (We) would like _____ poinsettia(s) placed in the church.

Enclosed is \$_____.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

Christmas SERVICES & FELLOWSHIP

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FRIENDLY BEAST

There will be 2 shows: one for Rainbow preschool Thursday, December 7 at 11:15 in Ellis Hall, and the second during the Christmas Eve service at 5:00. You can be a part of one or both! I'll collect names until Friday, December 1. If I have more people than needed I'll do a lottery (but that has not been the case in the past). Thanks!
Laura Wheeler, lauraew66@gmail.com or text 704-438-0513.

LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS, SHELBY!

A community Christmas cantata will be presented in the Central United Methodist Church sanctuary on Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm featuring choirs from Aldersgate UMC, Central UMC, First Baptist Shelby, and Shelby Presbyterian.

THE LONGEST NIGHT

Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 will be an opportunity to acknowledge stressful experiences and feelings with others who are going through similar emotions and circumstances. In prayer and reflection, with music and Scripture, participants will find a relaxed, friendly environment in Ellis Hall to pause and take a break; to ask God's help and presence in coping with these often unanticipated and unintended results of the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus with worship and The Friendly Beasts.