



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"In the Cross of Christ, I Glory"* (arr. Carter) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Marlene Lovelace

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world.

**But to us it is the power of God!**

We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

**The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION Marlene Lovelace

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Merciful God, your commandments guide us to focus first on you and to also love our neighbors. Yet too often we spurn these commands and instead lose our freedom to the false gods of greed, ambition, lust, and jealousy. These demand from us much more than they give. Forgive us, Lord. For in service to you, we are restored. By your Spirit, help us to respond to your love for us, by loving you and our neighbors afresh. Amen. (*silent confession*)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*RESPONSE (sung): ***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.***

\*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 Marlene Lovelace

FIRST SCRIPTURE John 2:13-22

ANTHEM: *"If You Love Me"* (John Ness Beck) Chancel Choir  
*If you love me, keep my commandments, heed my law.  
If you seek me, you shall surely find me,  
if you search for me with all your heart.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-17 Drew Mangione

SERMON "Free to Trust God"

\*HYMN #61: *"Your Law, O Lord, is Perfect"*

\*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 born 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 at 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 : *"My Song is Love Unknown"* (arr. Wood) 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 #697: *"Take My Life"* verses 1,5,6

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: *"These Forty Days"* (Moser) Chancel Choir

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Mills Bryant

\*POSTLUDE: *"Chorale"* (G. Young) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** David Grose, Joe Petrilli

**Ushers:** Holly Petrilli, Michael Pruitt, Alison Moore, Trey Warrick

**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 Lindsay Carter, Lilly Hamilton, and Holly Conner

\*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.**

**EASTER CANDY:** This year’s Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We are asking church members to donate bags of candy for the eggs. Please have candy in to the office by Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Hen and Rooster Party to stuff eggs will be Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00. Thank you!

**LABYRINTH PRAYER WORKSHOP** Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 in Ellis Hall. All ages are invited to create and decorate your own hand-held labyrinth that you can use to help you pray or just relax.

**THIS WEEK (MARCH 3 - 9, 2024):**

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| Today     | 11:00 am | <b>Handbells</b> in Bell Room                             |
|           | 11:00 am | <b>Catechism &amp; Confirmation</b>                       |
|           | 12:30 pm | <b>Youth</b> Lunch  |
| Monday    | 9:30 am  | <b>Food Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall                        |
|           | 6:00 pm  | <b>Discipleship Ministry</b> in Back Parlor               |
|           | 6:00 pm  | <b>Nominating Committee</b> in Conference Room            |
|           | 7:00 pm  | <b>Boy Scout Troop 100</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 &amp; Music</b> in Back Parlor                 |
| Wednesday | 11:00 am | <b>Member Life</b> in Back Parlor                         |
|           | 12:00 pm | <b>Lenten Service</b> at Aldersgate UMC                   |
|           | 5:00 pm  | <b>Property Committee</b> in Back Parlor                  |
|           | 6:00 pm  | <b>Wednesday Night Supper</b> in Ellis Hall.              |
|           | 6:00 pm  | <b>Growing in Grace</b>                                   |
|           | 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                  |
|           | 8:00 pm  | <b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall & <b>AI – Anon</b> in Back Parlor |

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER** March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 (children eat at 5:30) in Ellis Hall. This month the F3 class will provide tacos and all the toppings. Our program will be on Guardian Ad Litem with Tabatha Coker presenting. We will be collecting monetary donations to support Champions for Children. Please make checks out to SPC and in the memo “Champions for Children”.

**ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST LENTEN LUNCHTIME WORSHIP** Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person. If you are on a tight schedule, please feel free to go to the front of the line. Amy Vaughan from Lakeshore Collective will preach and lunch is Broccoli Cheddar Soup with Egg Salad Sandwich.

**HABITAT WORKDAYS IN MARCH** Saturdays, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, are workdays this month. Each day will start at 8:00 and conclude at 12:00. On March 9<sup>th</sup> we will likely be painting walls in both houses. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we might be ready to start installing flooring and possibly wiring electric outlet boxes and switch boxes. Anyone interested in volunteering on one or both of these days should contact Richard Hart to sign up. The number of volunteers will be limited each day, so please indicate your interest as soon as possible. Please call (229)563-1253 or send a message to [rchart1121@gmail.com](mailto:rchart1121@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our Habitat affiliate.

**COMMUNITY FRIDGE SHELBY:** Thanks to those whose hearts are with our neighbors who are food insecure, our Community Refrigerator is being generously stocked daily. The people with whom we cross paths are grateful for the 24/7 accessibility for assistance without stigma. To sign up for a day to fill the fridge: [bit.ly/fridgesteward](http://bit.ly/fridgesteward) If you would prefer to donate and have a Fridge Volunteer grocery shop & restock for you, you can drop a check by the church office or give online. Ideas for fridge filling: bananas, Halos (small, easy-to-peel oranges), apples, baby carrots, individual yogurts or cottage cheese, string cheese, 1/2 gallon of milk, 1/2 doz. eggs, tuna packets, packages of luncheon meat, cherry tomatoes, bread, snack-size ziplock bags of berries/grapes/pepper strips/broccoli/celery/etc., and premade salads. Ideas for freezer filling: waffles, pancakes, sausage biscuits, snack-size ziplock bags of frozen berries, frozen meals/pizzas. Ideas for cabinet: bottled water, canned soup with pull tab lid, canned veggies/fruit/beans, small packages of nuts, peanut butter, dried fruit, beef jerky, small containers of fruit or applesauce, bars of soap, feminine hygiene supplies, toilet paper, and packaged silverware. Thank you SPC for hosting the Community Fridge. Questions? Email [annaschweppe29@gmail.com](mailto:annaschweppe29@gmail.com).

### Easter Lilies Order Form



As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> (after which you may take yours home). If you would like to order a lily(ies) - \$15 each - to be placed in the church, 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 by March 11<sup>th</sup>

or drop it in the offering plate by then.

I (We) would like \_\_\_\_\_ lily(ies) placed in the church on Easter.  
 Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 each payable to SPC).  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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 In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 By \_\_\_\_\_

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Jim McConnell and family in the passing of his father, James Russell McConnell on February 25, 2024.

John Auten, JoAnn and George Beattie, Pam Birmingham, Dick Bowling, J.W. & Pat Brotherton, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Chris Denning, Judy DuBois, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Andi Houser, Alene Lang, Chuck Laughlin, Kobe Lawrence, Cheryl Lutz, Shayvonne Maddox, Brooke McCurry, Lisa Perkins – Dodrill, Pauline Persing, Ellen Poston, Clay Pruett, Dot Roark, Larry Stern, Melanie Vance, Linda Ware, Jackie Weathers, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; 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.

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 417

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7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of  
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er  
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est  
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter  
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and

help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.