



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
March 19, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Ann Hoard,  
Minister of Christian Ed. & Families

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23) Ellen Fletcher

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

**God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.**

God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

**Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #32: *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

UNISON SONG OF CONFESSION (Tune from Hymn #434: *"Restore In Us, O God"*):

***Restore in us, O God, awareness of your grace, renew your image in our hearts, so we might see your face.***

***Forgive us Christ, to know, that you alone are judge and you who died and rose again, give healing in your love. (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 Ellen Fletcher  
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Steve & Cheryl Sisk

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Ellen Fletcher  
Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of Your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to You, so that Your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23 Ellen Fletcher

ANTHEM: "*The House of God Forever*" (Foreman/Moser) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 9:35-41 Tabatha Coker

SERMON: "Recognizing Our Blind Spots"

\*HYMN #451: "*Open My Eyes, That I May See*"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Romans 8:1-4) Carol Ann Hoard  
**We believe there is no condemnation for those who walk in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

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 Carol Ann Hoard  
Offertory: "*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*" (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 #649: "*Amazing Grace*"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Carol Ann Hoard

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE: "*Postludio Maestoso*" (Lorenz) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** Chip Blackley and John Brotherton

**Chimer:** Anna Grace McCullough

**Ushers:** Elizabeth Schweppe, Lori Wehmueller, Holly Petrilli, Trey Warrick  
**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.**

**REV. TABATHA COKER** was born and raised in Florence, SC. She attended Winthrop University earning a BS in Early Childhood Education in 2010. She later attended the School of Divinity at Gardner-Webb University earning a M. Div. with an emphasis in Christian Education in 2015. She was ordained at Oakland Baptist Church, affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, in 2017. She has served in a variety of churches both on staff and as a lay leader in North and South Carolina. She moved to Cleveland County in 2014 and is currently serving as a Guardian ad Litem Supervisor in Cleveland and Lincoln Counties where she advocates for abused and neglected children who are in foster care.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED** to Youth tonight at 5:30! The Youth are cutting potatoes for Cleveland County Potato Project and would love for you to come help out! Join them for fun and fellowship as they do their part to help the Potato Project. Don't forget to bring a knife.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES** are being held each Wednesday of Lent at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 12:00-12:30. The speaker this week is Rev. Betty Brown from St. Paul & Galilee UMCs. A light lunch (sandwich, side item, drink, and dessert) will be served each Wednesday at 12:30 in the Epworth Building for \$7.00. If you are on a tight schedule, please feel free to go to the front of the line.

**THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS IN SCRIPTURE AND ART** each Wednesday until March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in Ellis Hall led by Susan Bell. We will study the Scriptures using art across the centuries to help illuminate our understanding of the Word and the Lord. **There will not be food provided for this series, but you are welcome to bring your own dinner if you so choose, as the tables will be set up.**

**EASTER CANDY:** This year's Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are asking church members to donate bags of individually wrapped candy for the eggs. Please have candy in to the office by today. Our Hen and Rooster Party to stuff eggs will be Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. Thank you!

**THE MEDIA COMMITTEE** is updating SPC's Online Directory and would love to refresh your family's photo if you'd like. Elizabeth Schweppe will have her camera and can quickly take your picture before or after worship today, March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. David Grose will be available before and after worship on Easter Sunday, April 9. In addition, if you have printed edits that need to be made please submit those to [bit.ly/SPCdirectoryupdate](http://bit.ly/SPCdirectoryupdate)

**SPC'S PROPERTY COMMITTEE** would like to invite the congregation to our March 25<sup>th</sup> church workday from 9:00 am to noon. We will tackle indoor and outdoor projects.

**THE MISSION AND MINISTRY COMMITTEE** is partnering with Rainbow Connection Preschool in collecting food for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. For the month of March, the Mission and Ministry Committee is asking for syrup donations. Our goal this year is to collect 100 bottles of syrup! Thank you for your support.

**NEW MEMBERS AND SPONSORS** save the date for the New Member Luncheon, on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, in Ellis Hall following the church service. This includes those new members who joined last fall and those who will be joining this spring, along with their sponsors. More details to follow.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available near the doors to the sanctuary and in the Narthex. This year's format is a weekly prompt, which you can do on Sunday or Monday to help guide you in the week, or you could read it and pray each day on it. Either way, this devotional or another, can help you in your Lenten journey.

**THIS WEEK (MARCH 19 - 25, 2023):**

Today	11:00 am	<b>Handbells</b> in Bell Room
	4:00 pm	<b>Confirmation</b> in Upper Room
	5:00 pm	<b>Youth Night</b> in Youth Room
Monday	<b>SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE</b>	
	<b>LILY ORDERS DUE</b>	
	9:00 am	<b>Rainbow Connection</b> closed
	9:30 am	<b>Hot Meal Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	<b>Boy Scouts</b> in Scout House
Tuesday	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall
	10:30 am	<b>Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Study
	5:30 pm	<b>Personnel Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	<b>Fellowship Committee</b> in Conference Room
Wednesday	6:30 pm	<b>Session Meeting</b> in Back Parlor
	12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service/Lunch</b> at Aldersgate UMC
	6:00 pm	<b>Passion &amp; Resurrection w/Susan Bell</b> in Ellis Hall
Thursday	6:00 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b> in Choir Room
	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir</b> Rehearsal in Choir Room
	6:00 pm	<b>Rainbow Art Show</b> in Ellis Hall
	8:00 pm	<b>AA &amp; AI-Anon</b> in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

**NEWS FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Our Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity plans to sponsor the Annual Women's Build again this year. Construction will be at "Young Oak Square" on the corner of Young and Oak Streets near the location of the former Graham Elementary School. The specific date has not been set yet, but should occur sometime in the next two months. Likely two Saturdays will be devoted to framing the house. Details and dates will be announced soon. Plan now to be part of this local mission project.

Planning continues for our Church Partnership Build. Details will be announced soon. This will be the second house built at "Young Oak Square." Five congregations have agreed to participate. They are Eastside Baptist Church, New Creation Church, Ryburn Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Shelby Presbyterian Church.

For more information about these mission projects, or about Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity, please contact Richard Hart at (229) 563-1253 or by e-mail at [rchart1121@gmail.com](mailto:rchart1121@gmail.com).



As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</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 20<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 \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Harriett Allen, Debra Blanton, Frank Bonner, Pat Birmingham, Amy Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Curt Collins, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, Robert Hilton, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Rick Steeves, Patty Thorne, Doreen Wacaster, 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.