



ORDER OF WORSHIP
CHRISTMAS DAY

Shelby Presbyterian Church
December 25, 2022
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* (arr. Bye) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP Margie Trivett

The King is born! **Alleluia!**

Jesus is here, Emmanuel, our God with us! **Alleluia!**

Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing! **Our Lord Jesus Christ is born!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE #133: *"O Come All Ye Faithful"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

On this day of celebration, let us come before the Holy One of Israel to silently confess our sins with contrite hearts. Let us tell the truth about our sins and then trust in the forgiveness we have received through the unmerited gift of grace that is our Lord, who was born a baby just like us.

SILENT PRAYER OF 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

Margie Trivett

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margie Trivett

By the light of the Holy Spirit shining in our midst, open our hearts and minds, O God, to your Word, present now and always for the sake of your holy name. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 52:7-15

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"* Sherry Thomas

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "Christmas Part 3: Unity Challenges Authority"

*HYMN #151: *"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith): **In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

CHRISTMAS LITANY

To my enemy, **I give you forgiveness.**

To my opponents, **I give you the benefit of the doubt.**

To my friends, **I give you my faithfulness.**

To my neighbor, **I give you my kind service.**

To every child, **I give you a good example.**

To all I meet, **I give you my love and grace.**

To myself, **I give patience and perseverance.**

To you O Lord, **I give you my whole self, all that I am.**

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: *"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"* (arr. Benkhe) 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

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 up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right to...

Therefore, with all creation we sing 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

Communion by Intinction

Prayer after Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #147: *"The First Nowell"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Joy to the World"* (arr. Wolz) Emily Monroe

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

Ushers: Jennifer Niblack, Mary Ann LaSelva, Caja Ormand,
Elizabeth Schweppe

CHILDCARE is available for infants through preschool in Room 102.

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. 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.**

THE ADVENT WREATH is placed in the sanctuary to the glory of God and in memory of Ferry E. "Ace" Richards by family and friends.

CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY WITH A \$10 GIFT CARD OFFERING for students at Turning Point Academy on Sunday, January 8th. Please bring gift cards in the amount of \$10 only, to place in the offering plates, during the service. The SPC's Turning Point Partnership team will give these to the school for use in motivational events for the students, for good attendance and good work. Some suggested gift cards include Chic-Fil-A, Cook Out, Dominos, Wal-Mart, and Sonic. Contact Molly Brownlee (704-477-8947 or brownleemolly@gmail.com) for more information.

HOLIDAY HOURS: Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th the Church Office will be closed. Office Hours for Wednesday, December 28th and Thursday, December 29th are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Friday, December 30th 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Monday, January 2nd the Church Office will be closed. The Office will return to normal hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3rd.

THIS WEEK (DECEMBER 25-31, 2022):

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	Office Closed
Wednesday	Office Hours 9:00 - 3:00
Thursday	Office Hours 9:00 - 3:00
Friday	Office Hours 10:00 - 12:00 noon

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

Amy Brown, Ann Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Carolyn Cooper, Melissa DeVane, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, David Kelley, David LeGrand, Cheryl Lutz, Ryder Moore, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruett, Cheryl Sisk, Rick Steeves, Patty Thorne, 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.