



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
May 25, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *Voluntary on "Old 100<sup>th</sup>"* (arr. Stanley) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

MINUTE FOR MISSION Anna Schweppe

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 14:5-7, 13:34) Michelle Moser

How can we know where we are going?

**Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."**

How can we answer the call to follow Jesus?

**Love one another, as I have loved you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #396: *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Michelle Moser

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Holy God, our hearts are often troubled by the world around us. The pressures we face and the suffering we see. Open our eyes to your presence with us. Forgive us for when we have not loved others as you have loved us in Jesus. Holy Spirit, remind us of your love for us and empower us to love others, so that we might know your presence with us and have peace. 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  
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Michelle Moser

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 67

ANTHEM: “*Holy Spirit, Come*” (Keen) Chancel Choir

*Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight,  
like the vigor of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might*

*Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit, you have chosen me to be  
You have drawn me to your wonder; you have set your sign on me.*

*Come O source of joy and gladness to the branches of the vine  
With the power to love and witness, until I am wholly thine.*

*Like a mother you enfold me. Hold my life within your own.  
Feed me with your very body; form me with your flesh and bone*

*Like a father you protect me. Teach me with discerning eye.  
Hoist me up upon your shoulder, let me see the world from high.  
Loving spirit, in your closeness, I am known and held and blest.  
In your promise is my comfort. In your presence I may rest.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 14:23-29 Drew Mangione

SERMON: “In the Midst of Your Challenges, God is with You”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #688: “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”

GRADUATE RECOGNITION Trey Goforth, Anna Schweppe  
Charlie Schweppe

LITANY OF COMMISSIONING (see insert) Carol Ann Hoard

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: “*Pastorale*” (Bach) 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 #341: “*O God, Show Mercy to Us*”

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: “*Eastertide Benediction*” (Moore)

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Seren Bryant

\*POSTLUDE: “*Song of Praise*” (M.E. Kerrick) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** Chip Blackley & Joe Petrilli

**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 the Nursery (Rm 102) and is staffed by Lilly Hamilton and Maggie Hohne. Please be sure your child is accompanied to the nursery 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.**

**MEET THE GRADUATES:** Join us TODAY after the service in the courtyard for fellowship with our graduates and enjoy light refreshments.

**SIGN UP FOR MONTREAT** TODAY to receive the Early Bird Discount. Brochures are in the narthex and your registration may be dropped off at the Church Office, mailed, or put in the offering plate.

**SPC WORKDAY SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>:** We are blessed with a beautiful building to worship and serve in; however, just like our own physical homes, there are always jobs to be done for upkeep and improvement. You are needed on Saturday, June 7, from 8:00 am to 12 noon to help. We have work for all skill levels: cleaning gutters, trimming bushes, pressure washing walls and sidewalks, detailed cleaning of pews and sanctuary, repair of pews, painting trim in narthex and fellowship hall and waterproofing walls. Please join us as “many hands make lighter work” – Property Committee

### **THIS WEEK (MAY 25-31, 2025):**

Monday **MEMORIAL DAY** – Church Office closed  
7:00 pm **Boy Scout Troop 100** in Scout House  
8:00 pm **AA** in Ellis Hall  
Tuesday 6:30 pm **Media Committee** in Back Parlor  
Thursday 8:00 pm **AA & Al-Anon** in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

**MAY MISSION FOCUS:** This month, the Mission and Ministry Committee is highlighting the Abuse Prevention Council - a local organization that assists women and children who are victims of abuse. APC needs supplies to provide care and comfort for its shelter guests. We are collecting items to help stock the shelter with necessary goods. Collection baskets are located in the narthex and outside of the office/Ellis Hall. Monetary donations are also appreciated and will be used to purchase items.

This is what is needed:

- Sports bras - various sizes
- Women's underwear - various sizes
- Women's deodorant, body wash, shampoo and conditioner

There are many ways that you can support the Abuse Prevention Council, and the women and children they serve. For more information, please check out their website: <https://www.abusepreventioncouncil.org/>

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

John Auten, Sid Bridges, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Randy Clark, Lou and Judy DuBois, Al Eatmon, Aaron & Megan Emory, Debbie Ferrell, Melton Gardner, Patrick Glenn, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Frances Greer Malcolm, Yvonne Couey Miller, Pauline Persing, Graham Phifer, Clay Pruett, Lin and Blannie Robinson, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Tiffany Timson, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Teresa Wingo, Michelle Woodruff, our homeless neighbors; victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine and Gaza; all in military service and families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our sister church, Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians worldwide who are persecuted for their faith.



All SPC ladies (including spouses, partners, and children of all ages) are invited to join together for the afternoon at Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard and Winery on Sunday, June 1 at 2:30pm-until. Bring a snack to share and a chair or picnic blanket.

Again, all SPC ladies are welcome, including spouses, partners, and children for this outing. This winery is very family friendly. Contact Mallory Brown with questions at 704-477-3349.

**Sunday, June 1 at 2:30pm**  
**Baker Buffalo Creek Vineyard & Winery**  
**3521 Fallston-Waco Road, Lawndale, NC**

Litany of Commissioning – Sending Graduates from SPC

Leader: Let us come before the Triune God and give thanks.

**People: Thank you, Lord, for the gift of these graduates.**

L: You instilled in them a curiosity for you, your world, and your people.

**P: This curiosity, this thirst for truth, has guided them to this point.**

L: And we are so grateful for the privilege of holding them close.

**P: We have seen them grow, struggle, persevere, discover and flourish.**

L: As they embark on this next chapter, bestow your grace.

**P: Fill them with a deep and abiding knowledge of your love for them and an awareness of your constant presence with them.**

L: And we, who remain here, help us to support them.

**P: Empower us with your deep and abiding love to continue loving them and supporting them as they move forward.**

L: So, we say to you: Trey Goforth, Anna Schweppe, Charlie Schweppe

**P: As you move into your next chapter, know that we hold you in our hearts, and that you carry this community with you.**

L: We commission you with the Holy Spirit in the love of the Father, who sent the Son to live in your humanity to die for you and rise again for you.

**P: May you tend to the world in which you live, and in service to Christ, reflect his image to help make this world a better place.**

L: May you have an open heart to feel the world's pain,

**P: And courage enough to not be overwhelmed by its suffering.**

L: May you pour out love to every person you encounter,

**P: Seeing the image of the God in every human.**

L: May you add beauty to this world through your imagination,

**P: Participating in the new creation of God so that you, and all who encounter you know the hope of resurrection.**

L: May you live in the moment, aware of God's call on your life,

**P: Because life does not begin with any milestone or achievement.**

L: We commission you to go forth from this place

**P: To be the light of the world and the salt of the earth.**

L: God, we thank you for giving us these graduates for your church.

**P: As Jesus sent his first disciples, so he sends you with the Holy Spirit to keep you in the knowledge of God's love for you. May the Spirit comfort you and transform you into the image of Christ and empower you to love God and love your neighbor. Amen.**