



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Shelby Presbyterian Church  
March 9, 2025  
10:00 a.m.

\*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *“The Glory of These Forty Days”* (arr. Trapp) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP (Deut. 30:11-15, Rom. 10:5-13) Claire McCullough  
God’s word is not in heaven so that we must ask, “Who will ascend to heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we might obey?”

**The word is near to us. It is in our mouth, and it is in our heart.**

Nor is God’s word beyond the depths of the sea, so that we must ask, “Who will go in the sea to the other side to get it and proclaim it so that we might obey?”

**The word is near to us. It is in our mouth, and it is in our heart.**

The message we proclaim is of life and goodness.

**We proclaim that Jesus is Lord, and we believe God raised him from the dead. This will not bring shame, but our rescue by the Lord our God.**

\*OPENING HYMN #166: *“Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

CALL TO CONFESSION Claire McCullough

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Lord Jesus, in the desert you were tempted far beyond what any of us might endure. In regular conditions, we too often struggle with our appetites, our desires for control and power, and our lack of trust in you. Forgive us Lord, and help us to set aside our wants, trust your power, and seek your grace, so that we might act in faith and love in your world. Amen. (*silent confession*)**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Claire McCullough

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

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Claire McCullough

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 91

ANTHEM: *"When We Are Tested"* (Moser) Peter Moore, solo  
Text in Glory to God hymnal, #783

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:1-13 Drew Mangione

SERMON "The Temptation of 'If Only'"

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN #735: *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed): **We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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: *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* (arr. Lau) 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 #43: *"On Eagles Wings"*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

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

\*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Annie Moser

\*POSTLUDE: *"The Glory of These Forty Days"* (arr. Powell) Emily Monroe

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

**Sound Board:** Patrick Glenn & 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 Room 102, staffed by

Lilly Hamilton, Maggie Hohne, & Heather Johnson

\*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 and gift.**

**PANCAKE SYRUP DONATIONS:** Over the next few weeks, we are asking for donations of pancake syrup for Feeding Kids Cleveland County. Big thanks to those who have already donated - currently, we have already received close to 100 bottles of syrup! These will be included in Spring Break deliveries. We are partnering with Rainbow Connection, as they collect pancake mix to go with our syrup. Feeding Kids is delivering to approximately 250 families in this delivery, so we still have a way to go to meet these needs. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and outside Ellis Hall - please bring donations by Sunday, March 23rd. Thank you!

**EASTER CANDY:** SPC's Easter Egg Hunt is at 2 pm on Sunday, April 6. We are asking church members to donate bags of candy for the eggs. Please have candy to the office by **Monday, March 24**. Our Hen and Rooster Party to stuff eggs will be Monday, March 31 at 10:00 am. Thank you!

**THREADS OF GRACE** – Started this week and will continue throughout Lent with five more sessions exploring how God’s grace connects and transforms us. Using the metaphor of threads weaving into a tapestry, these practical insights and engaging discussions on scripture are meant for all to help reflect on how our lives intersect. Whether you attend all six sessions or just one, you’re invited and welcome on this journey.

**March 16:** *The Gaze Thread – Seeing Others Through Grace*

**March 23:** *The Listening Thread – Hearing the Voice of the Other*

**March 30:** *The Breaking Thread – Tearing Down Barriers with Grace*

**April 6:** *The Weaving Thread – Grace in Action, Building Connections*

**April 13:** *The Tapestry Thread – The Vision of Grace in God’s Kingdom*

**THIS WEEK (MARCH 9 - 15, 2025):**

Sunday	11:00 am	<b>Handbells</b> in Bell Room
	11:00 am	<b>Deacon Meeting</b> in Back Parlor
	5:00 pm	<b>Youth</b> in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	<b>Food Ministry</b> in Ellis Hall
	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
Wednesday	12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Lunch Service</b> at Aldersgate UMC
	1:00 pm	<b>Clerk’s Council</b> in Pastor’s Study
	5:00 pm	<b>Property Committee</b> in Back Parlor
	5:45 pm	<b>Growing in Grace</b> Children eat supper
	6:00 pm	<b>Wednesday Night Supper</b> in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	12:00 pm	<b>Finance</b> in Back Parlor
	3:00 pm	<b>Cecilia Music Club</b> in Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	<b>Mission and Ministry</b> in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	<b>AA</b> in Ellis Hall & <b>AI Anon</b> in Back Parlor

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER:** This month, we are excited to offer a baked potato bar, salad, and ice cream with a variety of toppings. Jeff Hamilton and Zion Roberts will share their experiences from the Church Leadership School training through the Presbytery. There will be no fixed meal price, but donations are welcome.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** will meet in the private dining room at Pfeiffer’s Café for lunch on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00! If you can attend, please call or text Nancy Blackley at 704-692-8095.



**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM:** As is our custom, Easter Lilies will fill our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (after which you may take yours home). If you would like to order, each lily is \$15, and can be placed in the church 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 in

your form and check into the church office **by March 30<sup>th</sup>** or drop it in the offering plate by then.

I (We) would like \_\_\_\_\_ lily (or lilies) 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) . . .

The friends and family of Michael Southard, who died on March 4, 2025. Michael was under the care of Carol Ann Hoard late in his life.

The friends and family of Byron Hendrick, who died on March 5, 2025. Byron is the brother of Susan Melton.

Lyric Atkins, John Auten, Sid Bridges, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Rylan Carter, Lou and Judy DuBois, Al Eatmon, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Joan Hunt, Sandra James, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Doug Little, Yvonne Couey, Miller, Pauline Persing, Clay Pruet, Susan Reed, Lin and Blannie Robinson, Dot Roark, James Salvator, Larry Stern, Michael Southard, Bill & Patty Thorne, Tiffany Timson, Linda Ware, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Teresa Wingo, 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 persecuted for their faith.



Community  
Lenten Worship  
**SCHEDULE**

March 12	REV. WADE WALLACE MENU: CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP W/ CHEESE TOAST
March 19	REV. DAVID CHRISTY MENU: TOMATO LENTIL & SAUSAGE SOUP W/ PIMENTO CHEESE SANDWICH
March 26	REV. BRANDON MILES MENU: BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP W/ EGG SALAD SANDWICH
April 2	REV. EDDIE PADGETT MENU: CHICKEN CHILI W/ CORNBREAD
April 9	REV. CAROL ANN HOARD MENU: PASTA E FAGIOLI W/ PARMESAN BREADSTICKS
April 16	REV. CARROLL PAGE MENU: LOADED POTATO SOUP W/ CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH

**WORSHIP: WEDNESDAYS AT NOON ALDERSGATE SANCTUARY  
LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN THE EPWORTH GYM (\$8)**