



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Epiphany Sunday
Shelby Presbyterian Church
January 5, 2025
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Sing of God Made Manifest"* (arr. Hopson) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Carolyn Jackson

Behold the Priest! The child who was raised in the carpenter's home.

For him, they gave frankincense to mediate for us with God.

Behold the Prophet! This quiet child is the very Word of God.

For him, they gave myrrh to foreshadow his death.

Behold the King! A lowly child who was found in Bethlehem of Judea.

For him, they gave gold to represent the wealth of the nations.

All glory and honor to this child, fully God and fully human!

Let us worship the Lord Jesus, our priest, prophet, and king.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #147: *"The First Nowell"* verses 1, 2, 3

CALL TO CONFESSION Carolyn Jackson

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Holy God, you are the bringer of light, and your light chases away the darkness of sin and death. Too often, we cling to the darkness and close our eyes to your work in our lives. We pursue power, popularity, and prosperity as a goal, rather than trusting in your grace, love, and presence. By your light, help us to recognize and admit our sin, so we will accept your forgiveness. By your light, open our eyes to see your presence with us, so that we might share your gifts of grace and love. 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 Carolyn Jackson
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 Carolyn Jackson

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60: 1-6

ANTHEM "Set the Sun Dancing" (Orr/Murray) Chancel Choir
Set the sun dancing! New life has begun! Star, you must fade, for your journey is done, New Year rides onward now, Christmas is gone, carry the light with us as we move on. For the light that is shining is our light to hold, facing, embracing the darkness and cold, light that's not hidden where Good News is told: the hope that is born with Christ Jesus! Wise men with riches of knowledge and thought found greater treasure than ever they brought, rose from their knees and were clothed in this light --new understanding of power and right, we are the company, foolish and wise, rich in a faith that all reason defies, crossing the borders of culture and race, leading by lifestyle, forgiveness and grace, Peace is not born at the end of a gun, peace is a family gathered as one, here is Epiphany, wrapped in a shawl, Christ who is Light, who is wiser than all.

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2: 1-12 Drew Mangione

SERMON "Recognizing Jesus"

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Colossians 1:15-20): **Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "From Heaven Above" (arr. G. Young) Emily Monroe
Please place your gift cards for Turning Point Academy in the offering.

*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 #744: "Arise, Your Light is Come!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Drew Mangione

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Arise! Your Light has Come!" (Moser)

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Annie Kate Brown

*POSTLUDE: "Arise, Your Light Is Come" (arr. Berghout) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: John Brotherton & David Grose

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.**

ALL OFFICERS: Past and Present Officers: If you have finished using your Officer Training and/or Officer Retreat notebooks, please return them to the office for recycling. If there is information you need and can remove easily, that would be helpful.

ALL ELDERS AND DEACONS will be gathered for leadership training this Saturday, January 11th, from 9 am to 3 pm to discuss the vision for Shelby Presbyterian Church in the coming year. Please pray for your church officers as they prepare to lead your church in the coming year.

CATECHISM CLASS Sunday, January 12th at 3:30 for 5th graders and middle school students who haven't taken the class.

NEXT SUNDAY, January 12th, your newly elected elders and deacons will be ordained and installed to their three-year terms as the Class of 2027. All past and present elders and deacons are invited to wear red to match the color of the paraments indicating the special action of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK (JANUARY 5-11, 2025):

Today	5:00 pm	Youth Bible Study in Youth Room
Monday	9:00 am	Rainbow Connection resumes
	9:30 am	Food Ministry in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Discipleship Committee in Back Parlor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 100 in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
Wednesday	11:00 am	Member Life in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Supper children @ 5:40
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace resumes in Ellis Hall
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room
Thursday	6:00 pm	Mission & Ministry in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall AI – Anon in Back Parlor
Saturday	8:00 am	Officers' Retreat at Baptist Mission Camp

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

Lyric Atkins, John Auten, Ed Blake, Sue Breen, Sid Bridges, Allen Callahan, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Rylan Carter, Betty Clark, Randy Derwin Clark, Kay Clark-James, Lou DuBois, Al Eatmon, Debbie Ferrell, Tim Hamrick, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Scot Horton, Andi Houser, Joan Hunt, Kevin Jones, Chuck Laughlin, Cheryl Lutz, Brooke McCurry, Nancy Minor, Lisa Perkins-Dodrill, Pauline Persing, Tommy Price, Clay Pruett, Susan Reed, Dot Roark, Larry Stern, Bill & Patty Thorne, Linda Ware, Amanda Warfield, Jackie Weathers, Jack Weller, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine and Gaza; 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.