



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday after Epiphany

Shelby Presbyterian Church
January 22, 2023
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: "Ye Servants of God" (Callahan) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Drew Mangione, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1, 4, 8) Steve Sisk

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord: This alone shall I seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to seek in his temple.

Seek for yourself my face, says the Lord.

From our hearts, let us seek the face of the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #12: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Sisk

Let us confess our sins before God, admitting our sins to grow in our trust of the source of our life, our love, our salvation, and forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Lord Jesus, you are our King. As God in our flesh, you were crucified, died, and rose again for all humanity. You call us to be fishers of every nation, ideology, ethnicity, and tribe, so that we become one people regardless of human made boundaries. In our wisdom, we have called the fullness of this gospel foolish. In our pride, we have stumbled over what this means for our superiority. Forgive us Lord, that we may humbly set down our wisdom and pride, to trust in your reign now and forever. 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 Steve Sisk
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Michelle Moser

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Steve Sisk
God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:12-23

ANTHEM: *"The Lord is My Light"* (Courtney) Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Drew Mangione

SERMON: "A Scandalous and Foolish Kingdom"

*HYMN #372: *"O for a World"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Belhar Confession*):

We believe in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; and that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; and that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open possibilities of life for society and the world.

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: *"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"* (Martin) 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 #721: *"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Trumpet Tune"* (Young) Emily Monroe

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

Sound Board: Patrick Glenn & David Grose

Ushers: Andy Brown, Claire McCullough, Michelle Moser,
Lori Wehmuller

CHILDCARE is available for infants through preschool in Room 102 and is staffed by Lindsay Carter and Lilly Hamilton.

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 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY immediately after the worship service. This meeting is to elect two at-large members to the Nominating Committee; to vote on changes to the terms of call (salary package) for the pastor; and to hear a brief report on the 2023 budget.

THIS WEEK (JANUARY 22-28, 2023):

Today	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Youth Night in Youth Room
Monday	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
Tuesday	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Study
	6:30 pm	Media Committee in Back Parlor
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
Thursday	8:00 pm	AA & AI-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS UPDATES: On Sunday, Jan. 22, the F3 class will begin their study of Adam Hamilton's 24 Hours That Changed the World. Each week the discussion will be facilitated by a different class member using the provided Leader Guide, book, scripture, and DVD.

“No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this book, Adam Hamilton guides us through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life. Each chapter is designed to help us experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death in a way we have never done before. All are invited to join us as we retrace the last 24 hours of Jesus' life.”

THE CHRISTIAN ISSUES CLASS will be starting a new study on Sunday, February 5. It will consist of a DVD series titled The Lives of Great Christians. The class meets in the back parlor and would welcome new members or visitors to join us.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Beginning Sunday, February 5th at 9:00 in Ellis Hall Pastor Drew will lead a study on our Christian Faith, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of SPC. If you are a visitor interested in discerning whether to become a member, you are encouraged to attend this five-week class. Please email the church office at miranda@shelbypres.org, if you plan to attend.

Wednesday Night Supper

February 1, 2023

Children at 5:30 Supper and Program at 6:00
Dinner: Chicken Spaghetti with green beans, salad, bread and desserts.
Program: Amy Allen with Habitat for Humanity
 *Everything is provided no need to bring sides. Donation will be collected for Habitat for Humanity instead of a set meal price.

Cleveland County
Habitat for Humanity

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, February 21st from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

- To make an appointment:
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive>
- To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly?SPCblood22>

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Shannon Blackley and family on the death of her mother Melissa DeVane on January 13, 2023. Melissa had been a member of SPC for 32 years.

Frank Bonner, Amy Brown, Ann Brown, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Carolyn Cooper, 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.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for Elder, Class of 2026, and Deacon, Class of 2026. There are 4 positions available for Elder and 4 positions available for Deacon. Qualifications for serving as an officer of Shelby Presbyterian Church are:

- Officers should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both in the church and in the world.
- Officers should be knowledgeable about the life of our church based upon active participation as a Shelby Presbyterian Church member in some area of the life of the church for a period of not less than two years.
- Officers should be able to work well with others in decision-making groups and to serve as chair of a committee.

Please give prayerful consideration as you make recommendations to the Nominating Comm. Remember it will not be possible to nominate all qualified persons recommended by the congregation. For this reason, it is best not to contact the person being recommended. If you need more space to discuss your reasons for recommending an individual, you may add an attachment to the form below.

Please mail or email (miranda@shelbypres.org) your recommendation(s) in to the office by Monday, January 30th.

NOMINATION FOR ELDER

Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Elder because: _____

NOMINATION FOR DEACON

Name of Nominee: _____

I feel that this individual would be a dedicated and effective Deacon because: _____

Below is a list of the 2023 officers:

ELDERS: Fred Blackley, Kimberly Dixon, Scoot Dixon, Roger Holland, Susan Bell, John Schweppe Jr., Cheryl Sisk, Larry Wilson, Richard Dedmon, Bill Jobe, Laura Lampley, and Tom Martin

DEACONS: Kyle Aldinger, Mary Ann LaSelva, Elizabeth Schweppe, Lori Wehmuller, Andy Brown, Claire McCullough, Jennifer Niblack, Holly Petrilli, Debbie Hart, Thomas Monroe, Michelle Moser, and Trey Warrick.

Turn in your suggestions by January 30th to the church office.

SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2023 Approved Budget compared with 2022 Budget

	2023 Budget	2022 Budget
REVENUES	Amount	Amount
Pledged offerings	\$497,856	\$459,738
Unpledged offerings	87,000	80,000
Other revenues	60,150	50,588
Total	\$645,006	\$590,326
EXPENSES		
Church programs	\$34,725	\$32,875
Property & maintenance	114,900	75,000
Benevolences	94,549	93,749
Personnel costs	337,723	334,729
Administrative expenses	59,609	48,473
Equipment purchases	3,500	5,500
Total	\$645,006	\$590,326

Annual Meeting Agenda

The meeting will begin at the end of the postlude.
Please remain in your seats.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer	Drew Mangione, Moderator
Report on 2023 Annual Budget	Scoot Dixon, Finance Chair
Presentation of Agenda Items	John Schweppe, Clerk
Agenda Item #1 – Nominating Committee nominations	
Agenda Item #2 – Terms of Call for the Pastor	
Close of Business and Closing Prayer	Drew Mangione, Moderator

*All confirmed members have voting rights in Congregational Meeting.
Corporation Meeting voters must be 18 years of age by law.*