



THE CHURCH VOICE

A Publication of Shallotte Presbyterian Church



Vol. 37

March, 2025 No. 3

Atonement is defined as reparation for a wrong or injury. Scripture describes Christ's atonement for the sins of humankind in a variety of ways: As a good shepherd [Jn. 10:11-14], a religious sacrifice [He. 7:26-28], a legal ruling [II Co. 5:18-20], the settlement of a debt [I Co. 7:21-24], and a military victory [I Co. 15:24-26]. And in the centuries to follow, theologians would build upon this imagery to articulate what atonement is and how it works.

Irenaeus of Lyons (130-202) would borrow Paul's image of Christ as the "New Adam", promoting the idea of *recapitulation* – that Christ's perfect obedience to God's will reverses the original sin, and through our union with Christ through faith, humanity is redeemed. **Anselm of Canterbury** (1033 –1109) was among the first to promote *substitutionary atonement* – the idea sin constitutes a debt to God compounded over time that we can never repay. Christ's obedience to God fully accounts for the sins of humanity and wipes out our collective debt. **John Calvin** (1509-1564), an attorney by trade, adapted Anselm's theory using legal language, creating *penal substitution*, arguing that, because of our sins, God has rendered a legal judgment against us justly deserving of death – a sentence that Christ would serve in our place through his death on the cross.

As we've noticed with other theological mysteries, each theory of atonement possesses strengths and weaknesses. While these theories reflect common Christian beliefs, they're often criticized for failing to account for the whole witness of scripture, instead focusing on select parts. If the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, we must bear in mind how God's wrath is another expression of God's great love. While we may struggle to articulate the mystery of atonement, how it works is far less important than the fact that it does work – for us. Unlike other religions where human beings are expected to make a sacrifice to a god, we trust in a God who sacrifices *everything* for us. It's a sacrifice by God, for God, on behalf of God's people!

The Season of Lent invites Christ's followers to faithfully consider the mystery of atonement, and how principles of forgiveness, grace, and unconditional love shape our identity as the community of God's chosen – ransomed, redeemed, and called into God's service as a people holy and beloved. Through his obedience to God's will, Christ provided us the perfect model to imitate in our lives together, as we use sacrifices we offer gratitude to the Lord for all we have freely received.

Join us for our **Ash Wednesday** service on **March 5 at 11:30am** in the SPC Sanctuary as we begin our journey toward the empty tomb!

"Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith." – Romans 3:23-25*

Grace & Peace,

George

Looking Ahead for Worship

Transfiguration of the Lord

March 2, 2025

8:30 am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

11 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43a



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2025

11:30am Worship

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



1st Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

8:30 am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

Luke 4:1-13; Romans 10:8b-13

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

ONE Service

Celebrate Gifts of Women



3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

11:00am Worship

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Isaiah 55:1-9

4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

8:30am Worship

9:45-10:30am Sunday School

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 11 Corinthians 5:16-21

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for you to leave your donations.

For **March**, we are collecting: socks, underwear, playdoh



Shallotte Presbyterian Church
Rev. George Chapman III, Pastor

The Session (Elders)

Class of 2025

Kitty Green
Sarah Henry
Rusty Russ
Linda Stackhouse

Class of 2026

John Cardwell
Kim Smithwick
Steve Wingfield
Lynne Young

Class of 2027

Patsy Calhoun
Mike Clawson
Eric Lehmann
Mac Warner

Kitty Green, Clerk of Session

The Board of Deacons

Class of 2025

Barbara English
Carol Kauffman
Brenda Lewis
Rosalee Rockafellow

Class of 2026

Lurae Albert
Leslie Claiborne
Tobin Henry
Susan Lehmann

Class of 2027

Linda Black
Sarah Braddock
Sarah Cook
Bart Norwood

Tobin Henry, Moderator Susan Lehmann, Clerk of Deacons



Sunday Worship Services

Services are offered at the church at
8:30am and 11:00am

**March 16th we will have
ONE service at 11:00am**

*The 11am service is streamed live on our
Facebook page and on our
YouTube channel.*

The **Nursery** is available during Sunday
School and 11am service.

Adult/Children Sunday School
from 9:45-10:30am



WORSHIP SERVICE
Wednesday, March 5th
11:30am Shallotte
Presbyterian Church
Sanctuary
Rev. George Chapman III

GSMA Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays, 12:00 Noon

March 5: St. Brendan (Ash Wednesday) - Joe Needham
March 12: Calvary Baptist - Terry Williams
March 19: Seaside UMC - George Chapman
March 26: Shallotte Presbyterian - Chris Eichhorn
April 2: St. Luke Lutheran - Katherine Moore
April 9: Embracing Christ Fellowship - Fran Salone-Pelletier



Sisters
Of
Strength

Please call **Elizabeth Lewis**
for more information
910-754-8493

Come Have Some Fun with the Girls!
*It's no secret that an afternoon outing with the girls.....
(movies, lunches, shopping, etc.)
....is one of the things we gals enjoy most!*

*If you're interested in joining in on the fun,
we would **LOVE** to have you join our growing group!*

Friday, March 28, 2025
11:30am at Purple Onion (Shallotte)



Greeters, Ushers, Liturgist & Welcome Table - March 2025 - Can you Volunteer?

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Welcome Table	Liturgist
3/2	Linda & Mike Black	Steve Wingfield & Linda Stackhouse	Patsy Calhoun	Susan Lehmann
3/9	Bart Norwood	Mike Clawson & Patsy Calhoun	Susan Lehmann	Lurae Albert
3/16	Barbara Martin & Donna Trest	Mabel Winslow & Elizabeth Lewis	Janet Norwood	Sarah Henry & Carol Kauffman
3/23	Brenda Lewis	Dave & Kitty Green	Mac & Martha Warner	Barbara Montague
3/30	Don Lewis	Sarah & Tobin Henry	Brenda Lewis	Kim Smithwick



Celebration Circle Update

First, the great news: Shallotte Presbyterian will celebrate the gifts of women on Sunday, March 16th, so **SAVE THE DATE**. Myra Chapman will preach. Ushers, greeters. Liturgists, and choir will be **all** women on that Sunday. So get ready to wear "pink." And pink is not just for the ladies, so fellows, a pink tie or shirt, or both would be fantastic!

PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Celebration Circle met on February 12th. Margaret Causey opened the meeting with the lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer. Thirty-eight members were in attendance. Suzanne Simpson led the Bible study, Lesson 6, Climate Change from Let Justice Roll Down. God has mandated us to be stewards of the earth. We need to ask what work is needed, what are our strengths, and what brings us joy. Talking about why climate change matters, we can work together and reduce the consequences.

Following the Bible Study, Secretary Susan Alley noted that the minutes from the January meeting were emailed to members. Mindy Cardwell, treasurer, reported a balance of \$1677 in the operating budget. Ruth Owens presented a report from Missions and Benevolences highlighting the many outreach missions of SPC. Celebration Circle donated \$449 to Streetreach in January. The February mission focus is the Vicki Blount Memorial Scholarship.

Beautiful handmade Valentine's cards with \$25 gift cards were sent to our seven college students. (Thanks to Debbie Wingfield for the cards and Molly Frederick for getting those in the mail.)

In new business, members nominated their choice for Life Membership. Those will be counted at the PWCT meeting in March and the results shared at circle next month.

We are searching for ladies to fill vacancies in the PWCT and Celebration Circle for next year. PWCT will need a Vice-Moderator and a secretary. Celebration Circle also needs a Vice-Moderator and a secretary. These positions are all two-year commitments. The Vice-Moderator moves into the Moderator position in the second year of the term. Please let PWCT know if you would be interested in a leadership role: Deb Claxton, Gail Thomas, Carol Kauffman, Molly Frederick, Suzanne Simpson, Debbie Wingfield, Margaret Causey.



Update from Maximus & Hendrix Montague: The boys have started Pre-k, they have a teacher come one day a week then they get taken to the school one day a week, so they can experience school in the school setting. Maximus and Hendrix are in physical and psychological therapy as well as monthly skin grafts. After the skin grafts the doctors have started laser surgery. They have had two laser surgeries and plan to have one a month. In March the boys will begin to have ortho surgery on their hands and arms, a cast will be placed on them. Hendrix has recovered from his latest bout with the flu and severe infection. We cannot express to you how much your love, prayers, calls and cards are so appreciated

Jackie, Chip, George and I are still in mourning for little Oakley. Maximus & Hendrix are still

very much little boys and love to stay active and play.

Love,
Barbara Montague



MISSION AND BENEVOLENCE: SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION CHILDREN'S HOPE ALLIANCE



Founded in 1891, Children's Hope Alliance is the result of several nonprofit mergers over the last twenty years – the most significant included Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children – each over 130 years old. CHA is known for high quality services, positive outcomes, and effective practice models – all essential to providing hope, health, and healing for generations. They are committed to helping children and families of all shapes, sizes, and definitions through a vast array of community-based services. Their comprehensive programs are designed to give hope to North Carolina's children and families by providing a safe home, healing their hurt, and encouraging a healthy start toward a bright future.

The world is changing and children's needs are changing along with it. Whether biological or foster, family may look different for each of us. Children's Hope Alliance believes that family connections are essential to raising healthy kids. They have a long history of growing, adapting and changing to meet the needs of today's children. A family unit is the very definition of home – not a building, campus, or institution. CHA's community-based service is innovative and successful and growing.

Please visit www.childrenshopealliance.org for more insight into their mission and services. Thank you to our congregation for continuing to faithfully support this worthy cause through our Missions and Benevolences funding.



While all tasks at **The Lord's Food Pantry** are necessary, two tasks are absolutely critical: **Intake**: Interacting with clients to gather their information and needs) and **Input** (entering the client visit information into Link2feed database) enable the Pantry to meet requirements of the Food Bank and maintain the integral association between Pantry and Food Bank.

Up until now SPC has been performing these functions by either Deb & Mike or by asking volunteers from other churches to help us out during SPC's turn at the Pantry. To be able to fully function as a supporting SBIC entity we need volunteers to fill these roles during SPC's turn (once every other month) at The Lord's Food Pantry. The number of volunteers needed on Saturday's are **Intake (2-3) Input (2-3)**.

There is online training for each of these critical tasks (zoom recordings) and OJT (on -the-job training). If you have any questions on either of these tasks please contact Mike or Deb (mikeclaxton50@gmail.com 443-904-0512 or dmclaxt@yahoo.com/443-904-0516).

Dearest Church Family,

Thank you for sharing your love & support after the sudden illness and deaths of my brother, Bud Rand.

The cards, messages, phone calls and hugs are so appreciated.



Bud's children, Lee and Harrison, join me and my family in thanking you.

Love,
Sarah Braddock



*Confirmation
Classes
Begin*

**Wednesday,
March 19th**

At 3:30pm



Please Pray for the Individuals Below and Their Families

Pat Bell, Bella Black, Pat Dobbins, Kimmie Durham, Nancy Elwell, Frances Farmer, Bob & Nancy Gorman, Charles Greene, Michelle & Charles Griffin, Charlotte Guker, Rosemary Hall, Carole Harris, Richard Hilton, Christian Huffman, Mary Mac Holcombe, Peggy Lackey, Josh Long, Bob Mayhew, Ann & Bill McPhaul, Chip & Jackie Montague, George & Barbara Montague, Maximus & Hendrix Montague, Laura Morrison, Sharon Nault, Pat O'Neil, Chuck Partridge, Harry Simpson, Kaitlyn Smith, Donna Sullivan, Cindy Wilson, Lou Zimmerman.

If you have placed a name on the list below and it needs to be removed,
please call or email the Church Office, 910-754-6929, church@atmc.net



A Note from the Stewardship/Finance Committee

The following is a brief summary of our giving and related expenditures of the Operating Fund for the 1 month ended January 31, 2025 with comparative amounts for 2024 and 2023

	<u>2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	\$ 28,961.53	\$36,019.71	\$ 31,760.93
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	17,002.12	15,218.30	16,114.12
Local Program Ministry	655.66	822.15	488.12
Property and Grounds	6,890.25	8,453.47	8,107.36
Administration	1,890.03	1,412.58	1,447.83
General / Sessional	363.24	0.00	0.00
Missions and Benevolences	5,211.00	5,161.00	4,987.00
Total Expenditures	<u>32,012.30</u>	<u>31,067.50</u>	<u>31,144.53</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	\$ <u>(3,050.77)</u>	\$ <u>4,952.21</u>	\$ <u>616.40</u>

A thought to consider....

“Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field”
Deuteronomy 14.22

Reminder:

When making a contribution to a specific fund or purpose, please make your check payable to Shallotte Presbyterian Church and indicate on the memo line which fund you are contributing to. By doing this you will enable us to credit the contribution to the proper fund and insure you get credit for your contribution on your giving statement. We are unable to deposit checks that aren't made payable to Shallotte Presbyterian Church. Also, the bank has requested checks be written in dark blue or black ink, as the electronic check scanners have difficulty reading other colors correctly.

Thank you from the Finance Committee, especially Linda Rowell, Treasurer.

Thank you,
The Finance Committee



SPC teen completes Eagle Scout Project

Spencer Agner, a member of SPC, was awarded the highest rank in Boy Scouts during worship Sunday, January 12. Spencer was awarded the Eagle Scout badge by leaders of Troop 201, who noted his impressive sash of merit badges. He is the son of Nathan and Kristen Agner of Ocean Isle Beach. Congratulations to Spencer and the Agner family.



Spencer's impressive sash shows his 45 merit badges.



Spencer Agner for his Eagle Scout Service Project refurbished the Waccamaw School sign that was damaged after a car crashed into it in August. Agner attended Waccamaw School for nine years, which was a big inspiration in choosing to refurbish it for his project, and is currently a senior at West Brunswick High School.



Spencer with mom Kristen and dad Nate



Shallotte Presbyterian Church was thrilled to celebrate Scouts on Sunday, February 16th with Troops 262 and 1262. With a reception following worship service.

Scout Master Dustin Luptin and Cub Master Brandon Clemmons lead the Scouts every Monday here at SPC.

6:00pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Scouts



Wade Clemmons assists during worship service.



Shallotte Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

P. O. Box 3256

Shallotte, NC 28459

Phone: 910-754-6929

E-mail: church@atmc.net

www.shallottechurch.org

Non-Profit Organization

U.S. Postage Paid

Shallotte, NC

Permit #140

ADDRESS RETURN REQUESTED

March, 2025



Scan with your Smartphone to Access
our NEW Online Giving Web Portal!



www.facebook.com/shallottepresbyterian



JOIN US FOR A SEVEN-WEEK LENTEN STUDY SERIES BASED ON *Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects,* by Jill J. Duffield

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem. This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

Two opportunities for Small Group Devotions during this Lenten season will be offered. Choose the day of the week and the time that works for you!

Mondays at 11:30 beginning **March 3**
in the church parlor led by Mac McCall

Tuesdays at 1:00 beginning **March 4**
at the home of Helen Odom led by Mike Claxton
Join us as we take this journey of spiritual renewal together!
Books are not required, but a limited number are available in the church office.