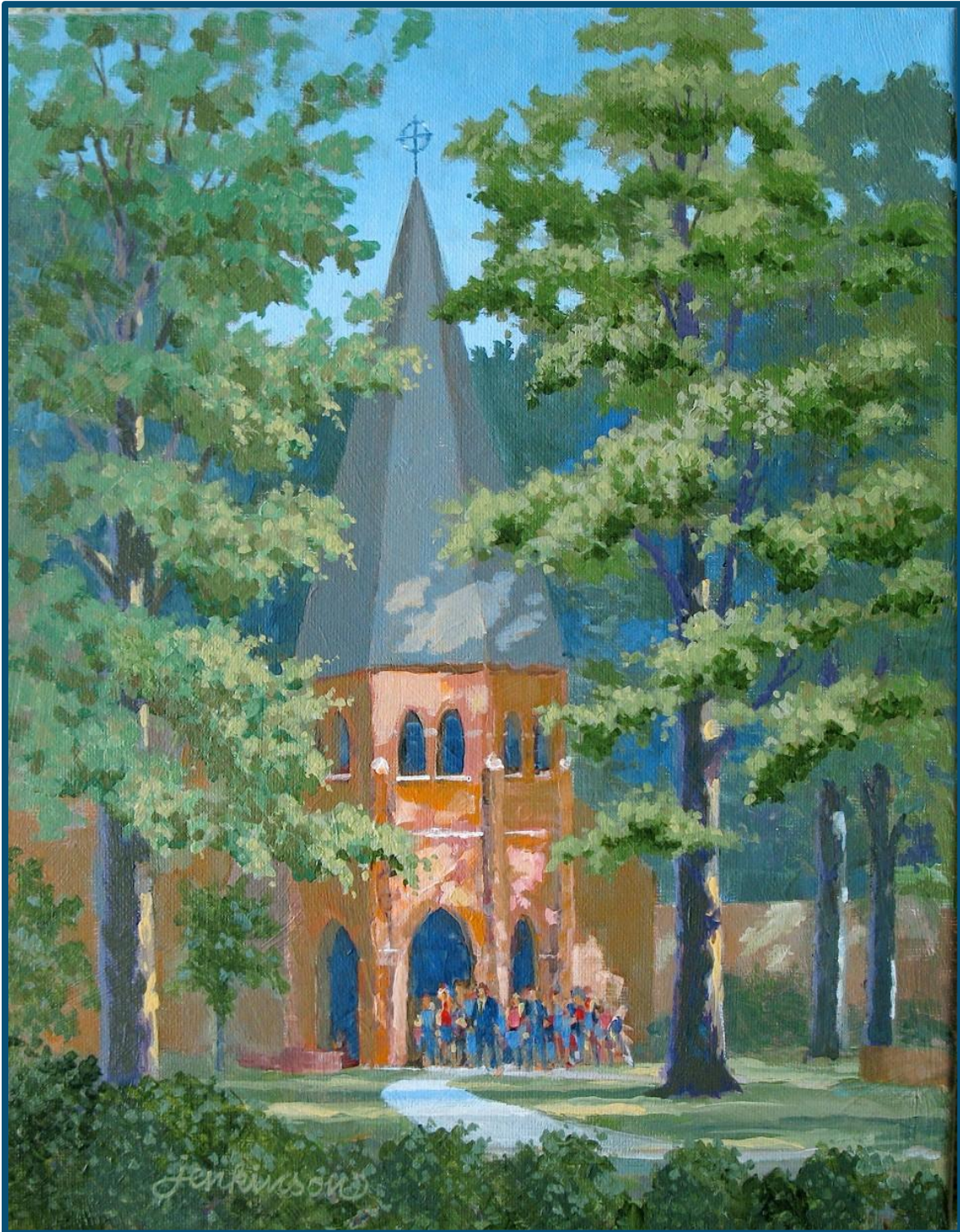


Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | JANUARY 4, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



Celebrating Christ's gift of salvation, our grateful worship of God guides the three-fold mission of Sharon Presbyterian Church:

Invite All Seekers, Teach the Gospel, and Serve Human Need.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Welcome to our guests today! Please sign the Friendship Pad when it is passed down the pew.

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship. Infants through 4-year-olds are welcome in the nursery from 8:15am to 11:45am. Children's worship activity bags are in the back of the sanctuary.

Subscribe to our E-Blast newsletter to learn what is happening in the life of the church!

SUBSCRIBE



Prelude | ***Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella*** | Harris | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Arise, shine for your light has come.

A child has been born, a king is among us.

The glory of the Lord shines upon us.

The long awaited Messiah has come.

As we begin this new year,

know and trust God is with us always.

+ Hymn No. 152 | ***What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Ever loving God

we long for your Christmas peace and joy to last forever.

Yet, even just days after your birth

we forget the power of your presence.

Forgive us when our fear is louder than your love.

Forgive us when we only see the shadows.

Give us courage to search for your light

and offer our very best gifts to you.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

God's love for us is boundless.

We are surrounded by God's grace.

The Christ child is born and

the world will never be the same again.

Live in freedom and trust in God's light.

In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we are forgiven.

+ Hymn of Response | ***While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***

**"All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease,
begin and never cease!"**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Children's Worship: After the Children's Sermon, young children ages 3 through 7 are invited to a special worship time in the Barbara Ward Building, where parents and guardians can meet them after worship.

Scripture | Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem | ***And the Stars Sang Alleluia*** | Wagner | Chancel Choir

Scripture | Matthew 2:1-12

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Your Light Has Come*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 508 | ***Come to the Table***

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

Minute for Gratitude | Stewardship | Burgin Hardin

You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup as directed by the ushers. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. An elder or pastor will place bread into your hand and you are invited to dip the bread into the cup. If you are more comfortable remaining in your pew, elders will come to serve you.

ONLINE GIVING



Giving Thanks

You may give by placing gifts in the offering plates, texting sharonpc to 73256, or scanning the QR code

+ Doxology | ***As with Gladness Men of Old***

**As they offered gifts most rare
at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

If you are seeking a church home and would like to learn more about Sharon Presbyterian, please speak to a pastor after the service or contact the church office.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 744 | ***Arise, Your Light Is Come!***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***Christmas Benediction*** | *Banyard* | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***The First Noel*** | *Arr. Varner*

+ All who are able may stand

Please see an usher for hearing aids, large print Bibles, and hymnals.

Today's Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Walkup Bird, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Ron E. Nelson, *Associate Pastor*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Zack Nelli, *AV & Production Coordinator*; Nathan Bird, *Liturgist*.

Remember in Prayer: Notra McNatt, Mary Ann Unferth, Lee Shrum, Bill Moorefield, Ginny Long, Ken Sumner, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Chris Price, Our Homebound Members, Rachel Badgley (Miriam and David Wilson's granddaughter), James Johnson (Dave Johnson's son), Lee Manning (Jo Ann Manning's son), Puriyninchik and Our Peru Mission Partners, and Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar (Frontera de Cristo, US-Mexico Border). *The prayer list is reset on the first Sunday of each month. To submit or resubmit a prayer request, please contact Rev. Nelson at ron@sharonpcusa.org. By request, prayer concerns may remain private and will not appear in the published list.*

THIS WEEK AT SHARON

Today, January 4th

11:45 am Ron's 30 Years of Ministry Celebration (CLAB)

Thursday, January 8th

10 am Book Club (Barnes and Noble, 4020 Sharon Rd.)

Friday, January 9th – Saturday, January 10th

Room in the Inn (CLAB)

Sunday, January 11th

10:30 am Service of Ordination & Installation of Elders (Sanctuary)

2:30 pm *The Chosen* Viewing & Discussion (S5E1)

THIS MONTH AT SHARON

Tuesday, January 13th

3:30 pm Faith and Fitness Yoga (CPOC, Meeting Room)

Sunday, January 18th

2:30 pm *The Chosen* Viewing & Discussion (S5E2) (CLAB, Trinity Room)

Monday, January 19th

Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 22nd

6 pm Men's Fellowship: Trivia Night! (CLAB)