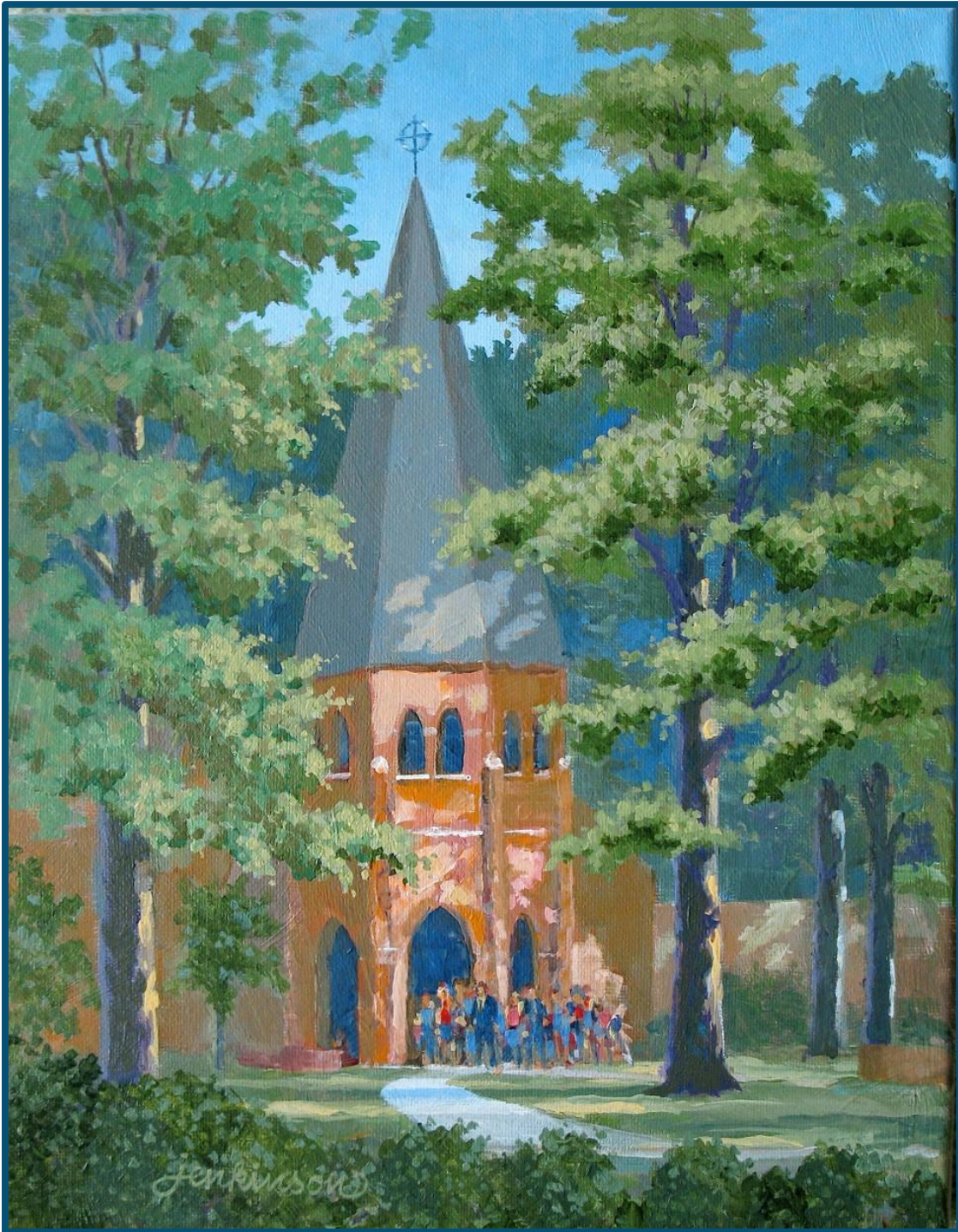


Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | JANUARY 11, 2026 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

*Rooted in God's grace, Growing in faith,
Sharing the joy of Christ, Loving and serving all*

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.

Prelude

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

We come to follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

We come to dwell in the Light.

Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

We come, leaving behind any obstacles to faithful living.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

+ Hymn No. 307 | ***God of Grace and God of Glory***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,

your mercy overflows in our lives.

While we are eager to receive grace,

we are slow to offer it to others.

We stray from wholehearted living

allowing envy and fear to distract us from

loving and serving all your people.

Return us to wholeness

and make our path clear

with the light of your love. Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

God's grace will always be sufficient for you.

Through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ we are given a Savior who knows our pain and weakness and offers us salvation and new life.

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Hymn of Response | ***Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me***

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3x)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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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 42:5-9

Anthem | ***Light of the World*** | *Marrolli* | Chancel Choir

¹ Light of the world, you loose the bonds of night.
Once we walked in darkness; now bursts forth your light.
Christ, in your glory, come to the light the way;
teach us how to follow.

² Light of our paths, you walk with us in strife.
Where conflict darkens, bring the light of life.
Christ in your mercy, come to show us love.
Teach us how to follow.

³ We must be your hands, lent to heal and bless.
We must be your light, rending wide the darkness.
Christ in your image, we will greet the world;
this is how we follow.

⁴ Light of our days, we feel your dawning call;
send us forth to serve and bring your light to all!
Christ, you have claimed us; you have made us one.
We will always follow.

Scripture | Matthew 3:13-17

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | Mission Statement Series Part I: ***Rooted in God's grace*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 687, verses 1, 2, 3 | ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

Giving Thanks

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

+ Doxology | ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+ Prayer of Dedication 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 glory forever. Amen.

ONLINE GIVING



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Elders being Ordained and Installed: Laura Christie, Melanie Hudson, John Miller, Scott Nelson

Elders being Installed: Alan Christian, Burgin Hardin, Reese Presson

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Do we, the members of this church, accept these elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the head of the church? Do we?

We do.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace, we thank you for the gift of Christ's church. Bless the elders you have called to serve you. May they lead with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. May they always trust the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Give us trust and confidence in their leadership. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

+ Hymn No. 543 | ***God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading*** | *Hovland* | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Festive Intrada*** | *Fey*

+ 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*; Kiana Bargeman, *AV Technician*; Dennis Grills, *Liturgist*.

Remember in Prayer: Jo Ann Manning, Mary Jo Parnell, 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.*

Congratulations in Christ to Joseph and Amber Shealy on the birth of twins, Luke Joseph and Noah David Shealy, born on January 7, 2026. Darrell and Robin Shealy are the proud grandparents.

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Aimee Barnhill in the death of her grandfather, Eddie Keith Allen, who died on January 3, 2026.

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Greg Lewis in the death of his mother, Kay Plemmons Lewis, who died on January 4, 2026.