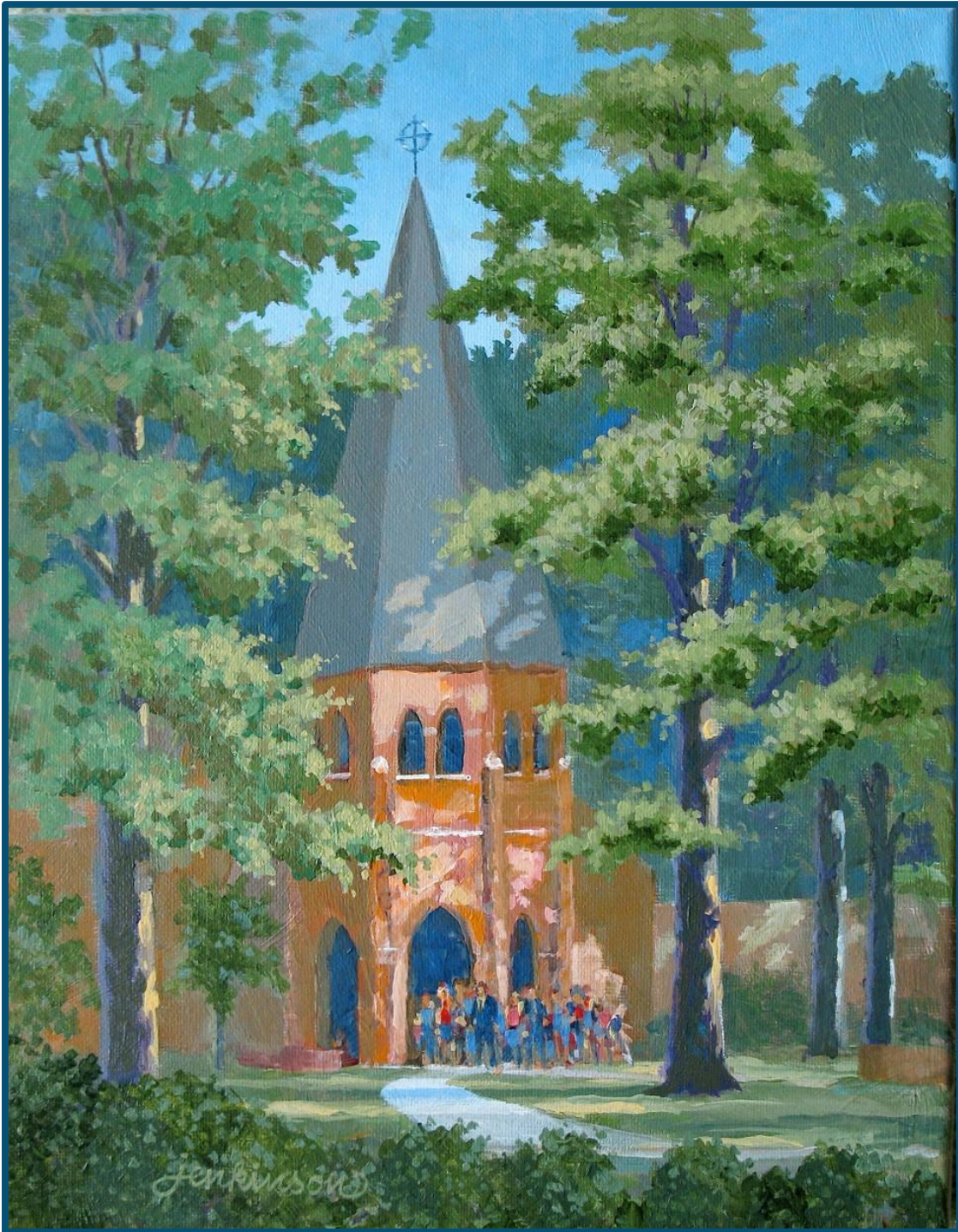


Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | JANUARY 18, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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 | **Gavotte** | *Boyce* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Rooted in God's grace

God's grace overflows in our lives

Growing in faith

Jesus calls us to follow him

Sharing the joy of Christ

The Holy Spirit inspires us to share the good news of Jesus

Loving and serving all

Everyone is a part of God's beloved community.

+ Hymn No. 267 | ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

God of all wisdom

we like to think we know everything

and assume there is nothing new to learn.

We flaunt our knowledge

without valuing the wisdom of others.

**We fail to honor your voice within our discernment,
our decisions or our priorities.**

Forgive us, God of abundant mercy.

Help us grow in faith and depend fully upon you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Rooted in God's grace, our foundation is strong.

Having received the mercy of God, we grow in the Light of Christ.

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 49:5-7

Anthem | ***I Believe*** | Miller | Chancel Choir; Crystal Stroupe, mezzo-soprano

Scripture | John 1:35-42

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | Mission Statement Series Part II: ***Growing in Faith*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 475 | ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith: The Confession of 1967

**We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.**

**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.**

**In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us,
moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**We believe that the new life takes shape in a community
in which we know that God loves and accepts us
in spite of what we are.**

**We, therefore, accept ourselves and love others,
knowing that no one has ground on which to stand,
except God's grace.**

+ 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 glory
forever. Amen.**

Giving Thanks

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

ONLINE GIVING



+ 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!

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. 339 | ***Lift Every Voice and Sing***

+ Charge and Benediction

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

+ Postlude | ***"Allegro maestoso" from Water Music with Come, Thou Fount*** | *Handel/Arr. Perks* | R. Lance Burnette

+ 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*; Jackson Owens, *AV Technician*; Allison Wieland, *Liturgist*.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Rochelle Hisey Utsman by her family.

Remember in Prayer: Ken Sumner, Jo Ann Manning, Mary Jo Parnell, Notra McNatt, Mary Ann Unferth, Lee Shrum, Bill Moorefield, Ginny Long, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Chris Price, Our Homebound Members, Chris Thomas (Martha Jane Thomas' son), 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

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,
(Trinity Room))

Sunday, January 25th

6 pm Evening Prayer Worship Service (Chapel)

NEXT MONTH AT SHARON

Sunday, February 1st

9:15 am Presbyterian Women CWS Blanket Sale

11:30 am (Narthexes)

11:30 am Sunday Funday for Families (CPOC, Meeting
Room)

2:30 pm *The Chosen* Viewing & Discussion (S5E4)
(CLAB, Trinity Room)

5:30 pm Chili Cook-Off (CLAB, Gym)

Friday, February 6th to Sunday, February 8th

Church Retreat (Montreat, NC)