

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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 | ***Boundless Hope*** | *Matthew Compton* | Spirit Ringers

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Listen people of God

Hope is found here.

Listen people of God

God calls you by name here.

Listen people of God

Love abides here.

In a world full of noise, may we listen carefully

For God is still speaking.

Let us worship the Lord our God.

+ Hymn No. 32 | ***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

too often we tune in to your Word only when convenient.

Our minds are full of notifications, news and nonsense.

We tend to gravitate toward the voices that sound like ours,

while ignoring the voices being silenced

and ignoring your voice.

Forgive us for failing to listen.

Forgive us for being lured by distractions.

Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.

Turn us once again toward you,

with earnest hearts we pray. Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Even when we fail to listen

we are still held by God.

Nothing can separate us from God's love.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

We are loved,

we are held in grace,

we belong to God.

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+ Hymn of Response | ***O Lamb of God***

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God,
and grant us your peace.**

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 | Genesis 3:1-7

Scripture | Matthew 4:1-11

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | ***Shut De Do*** | *arr. Mark Hayes* | Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Asking faithful questions*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 783 | ***When We Are Tested*** | *Sung to Hymn No. 450 tune*

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

+ Affirmation of Faith written by Rev. Dorothy McRae-McMahon

**We believe in God who is never confined to our imagining,
is never bondage to our beliefs
and never held fast in our dwelling places.**

**Our God is the Mystery of divine and human bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.**

**Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and costly 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.

ONLINE GIVING



Giving Thanks

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Offertory | **Meditation on "Let Us Break Bread Together"** | Wagner | Spirit Ringers

+ Doxology | **A Lenten Doxology** | Bourgeois

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And Praise the Spirit who imparts God's love
in Christ into our hearts. 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.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 774 | **There Is Now a New Creation**

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | **Turn Away from Sin** | Manolo | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | **Fanfare Postlude on "St. Thomas"** | Wagner | 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*; David Tibbals, *Liturgist*.

Remember in Prayer: Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Jo Ann Manning, Mary Jo Parnell, Notra McNatt, Bill Moorefield, Ginny Long, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Mark Lewis (Greg Lewis' brother), Chris Thomas (Martha Jane Thomas' son), 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.*

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Bev Johnson in the death of her brother, Henry W. Neale, who died on February 14, 2026.

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