

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND 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 | ***Nearer, Still Nearer*** | *Payne* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

This morning we rise to worship
and begin a new day with hope.

**May we find God in our seeking
and learn as we go.**

May we be brave enough to ask challenging questions
and seek holy guidance.

**May we be bold enough to follow where Christ leads
and trust in his wisdom.**

Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

+ Hymn No. 15 | ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

**God of new life
you call us into unknown places
and we bury our heads in the sand.
You promise all the stars in the sky
and we doubt it can be true.
You speak of new life in the Holy Spirit
and we tell ourselves we have missed the chance.
Over and over again you invite us closer to you.
Show us the way.
Forgive our mistakes.
Give us courage to begin again.
In the name of Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.**
(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

There is grace within God's love that is
wider and deeper than we can imagine.

Today we are made new.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ 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.**

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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 | Genesis 12:1-4a

Anthem | **God So Loved the World** | *Stainer* | Chancel Choir

Scripture | John 3:1-17

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | **Beginning again** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 692 | **Spirit, Open My Heart**

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

+ Affirmation of Faith: From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

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.

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always available in
the narthex and
church office!

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+ 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. 702 | ***Christ Be Beside Me***

+ Charge and Benediction

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

+ Postlude | ***The Rock of Salvation*** | *Ritter* | 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*; Zack Nelli, *AV & Production Coordinator*; Paul Osowski, *Liturgist*.

Sign up to sponsor the worship flower arrangement for an anniversary, birthday, memorial/honorarium, or special occasion using the clipboard in the narthex.

Remember in Prayer: Notra McNatt, Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Jo Ann Manning, Mary Jo Parnell, Bill Moorefield, Ginny Long, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Raphael G (Maud Meulstee's son), 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.*

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