

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | MARCH 8, 2026 | THIRD 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 | ***O How He Loves You and Me*** | Arr. Hayes | Nancy Lucas

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

We gather together

**As pilgrims on the Lenten journey
seeking hope and light.**

We gather together

**Bringing our curious questions
seeking truth and wisdom.**

We gather together

**Thirsty for waters that never run dry
hoping for justice.**

Come to the well and thirst no more.

+ Hymn No. 4 | ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
we thirst.**

**We thirst for justice,
yet wait for others to act and speak.**

**We thirst for equality,
yet wait for others to welcome and include.**

Forgive our fragile hearts.

**Remind us that we find life-giving water
in you alone.**

**Hear our prayers, O Lord,
and pour out your mercy upon us.**

Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news of the gospel.

Christ lived for us. Christ died for us.

Christ was raised from the dead for us.

We are forgiven.

Thanks be 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.**

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SCAN TO VIEW



Physical copies are
always available in
the narthex and
church office!

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 | John 4:7-15

Anthem | **O For a Heart to Praise My God** | Sorenson | Chancel Choir

O for a heart to praise, to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free, that's sprinkled with the blood, freely shed for me.

O for a heart resigned, submissive and meek,
My great Redeemer's throne, where Christ is heard to speak, where Jesus reigns alone.

O for a heart to praise my God.

O for a humble contrite heart that believing true and clean, which life nor death can part from him that dwells within. A heart that's filled with love divine, a copy Lord of thine.

Thy nature gracious Lord, o Lord, impart; come quickly from above, and write thy name on my heart. Thy new best name of love.

O for a heart to praise, o for a heart to praise my God.

Scripture Reading | Exodus 17:1-7

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | **Wilderness Questions** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 479 | **Ho, All Who Thirst**

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

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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Giving Thanks

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

+ 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. 546 | **Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | **Turn Away from Sin** | *Manolo* | Jessica Fincher, Soprano

+ Postlude | **Recessional on "Llangloffan"** | *Arr. Ashdown* | 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*; Kiana Bargeman, *AV Technician*; Brittany Mercado, *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, Ethan Lewis, Patty Blackburn, Dawn Utsman, Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Mary Jo Parnell, Bill Moorefield, Ginny Long, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Eugene Segreti (Tony Segreti's brother), 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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