

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | MARCH 15, 2026 | FOURTH 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 | **Holy, Holy, Holy** | Arr. Bober | Charlie DeLucia, piano

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ | Avery Pentz, Lucy Brewer

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship | McRae Adams

Let us face the north, where the cold winds blow. Even there, God's light warms us.

God, shine your light in the cold places.

Let us face the south, where the sun burns brightly. Even there, God's light brings peace.

God, shine your light in the overwhelming places.

Face the east, where the sun rises. God's light gives us hope.

God, shine your light on our new beginnings.

Now face the west, where the sun sets. God's light gives us rest.

God, shine your light on what is yet to come.

+ Hymn No. 673 | **Jesus, Light of Joy**

+ Call to Confession | Truman Talley, Turner Berzinis, Jackson Kriener

+ Prayer of Confession | Turner Berzinis

God of the journey,

we let go of what weighs us down and open ourselves to your presence.

Help us to trust your light even when the path feels unclear,

to see that the darkness is not the end,

and to know that we are never alone. Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace | Jackson Kriener

The light of Christ shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

+ 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)

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon | Lily Fincher, Maris Adams

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 | Ruth 1:11-18 | Annie Hardin, Lydia Bird, Ansley Flordelis, Lily Fincher

Anthem | **Christ We See You** | *Medema* | Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading | Isaiah 2:2-5 | Charlie DeLucia

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination | Brody Evans

Sermon | **Youth Reflections** | Brody Evans, McRae Adams, Lydia Bird

+ Hymn No. 458 | **Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet**

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

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

+ Affirmation of Faith: From the Faith Statements of the Confirmation Class of 2026

Maris Adams, *Mentor: Megan Talley*
Turner Berzinis, *Mentor: Amanda Buchanan*
Lucy Brewer, *Mentor: Beth Flordelis*
Ben Fincher, *Mentor: Tim Brown*
Lily Fincher, *Mentor: Amanda Buchanan*
Rey Flordelis, *Mentor: Jeff Brewer*
Jackson Kriener, *Mentor: Robin Shealy*
Avery Pentz, *Mentor: Robin Shealy*
Truman Talley, *Mentor: Mike Adams*

Celebration of Confirmation

As members of the Body of Christ, we welcome you.

As followers of Jesus, we will worship, serve, and learn with you.

As siblings in Christ, we will pray for you.

Our hands and hearts join with yours, as together we grow in faith, hope, and love.

Welcome to life together in Jesus Christ!

Prayers of the People | Ben Fincher, Rey Flordelis

For those who feel lost or uncertain,

God, light our way.

For those facing difficult decisions,

God, be our guide.

For times when shadows cloud our vision,

God, light our way.

For the world, longing for peace and healing,

God, be our guide.

When we carry one another through valleys,

God, light our way.

For celebrating milestones along the path,

God, be our guide.

For this community, as we journey together in faith,

God, light our way.

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 | Brinley Evans

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

Offertory | **Sonata No. 11 in A Major** | Mozart | Charlie DeLucia, piano+ 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.**

+ Prayer of Dedication | Daniel DeLucia

+ Hymn No. 853 | **We Are Marching** | "Marching," "Singing," "Siyahamba"

+ Charge and Benediction | Brody Evans, McRae Adams, Lydia Bird

+ Choral Benediction | **Turn Away from Sin** | Manolo | Chancel Choir+ Postlude | **Postlude in G** | Haan | R. Lance Burnette

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.

+ 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*; Sonia Lee, *Director of Christian Education*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Kiana Bargeman, *AV Technician*; Maris Adams, McRae Adams, Turner Berzins, Lydia Bird, Lucy Brewer, Charlie DeLucia, Daniel DeLucia, Brinley Evans, Brody Evans, Ben Fincher, Lily Fincher, Ansley Flordelis, Rey Flordelis, Annie Hardin, Jackson Kriener, Avery Pentz, Truman Talley, *Youth Worship Leaders*.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all the women of Sharon Presbyterian Church by the Presbyterian Women Moderators.

Easter lily order and dedication forms are in the narthex. Checks and order forms may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. Make checks payable to Sharon Presbyterian and earmark for Easter Lilies.

Remember in Prayer: Don Welch, Ethan Lewis, Patty Blackburn, Dawn Utsman, Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Mary Jo Parnell, Bill Moorefield, 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.*

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Ralph McNatt in the death of his wife, Notra Weaver McNatt, who died on March 9, 2026.