

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | MARCH 22, 2026 | FIFTH 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 | ***Cantabile*** | *Emily Li* | Spirit Ringers

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Rooted in God's grace

We breathe the breath of new life

Growing in faith

We learn from God's wisdom

Sharing the joy of Christ

We follow Jesus into paths unknown

Loving and serving all

We seek justice and compassion for God's people

Let us worship God.

+ Hymn No. 81 | ***Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Jesus our Lord,

we confess we forget that you know how we feel.

We forget that you, too, have wept and have lost.

We forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, grieved for a friend,

and felt the sting of humanity.

Forgive us for trying to create distance between us.

Pour our your grace upon us.

Bring dry bones back to life.

With gratitude we pray. Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, God loves us.

Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved.

So hear and believe this good news:

We are saved by grace through faith.

We belong to God. We are not alone.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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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



Paper 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 Reading | John 11:1-45

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem | ***My Song in the Night*** | *Hagenberg* | Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Do you believe this?*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 795 | ***Healer of Our Every Ill***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

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

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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.

Minute for Gratitude | **Rehab the CLAB** | Bill McClure

Giving Thanks

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

Offertory | ***Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*** | *Arr. Mark Arnold* | Spirit Ringers

ONLINE GIVING



+ 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

+ Hymn No. 213; verses 1, 2, 5 | **In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

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.

+ Charge and Benediction

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

+ Postlude | **Trumpet Recessional on "Hanover"** | *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*; Jackson Owens, *AV Technician*; Tim Gilbert, *Liturgist*.

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.

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: Nancy Davis, 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), Puriyinchik 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 Gary Foard in the death of his father, Richard McCall Foard, who died on March 13, 2026.

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