

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | APRIL 5, 2026 | EASTER SUNDAY



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.

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Prelude | **Easter Carillon** | *Powell* | Brass Quartet, Timpani

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

A new day has begun,
the tomb is empty,
the sting of death is no more.

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

Shattered hearts are made whole,
wounded souls are healed,
life is stronger than death.

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

Hope is stronger than despair,
love is more powerful than hate,
all creation awakes to sing glory to God.

Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!

+ Hymn | **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!**

Choir Only:

Jesus lives! Sing your Alleluias!

Heav'n and earth rejoice in praise!

Jesus Christ is risen today! Allelu, Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Choir Only:

Jesus lives! Sing your Alleluias!

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Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ



+ Call to Prayer

+ Prayer of Adoration

**God of abundant life,
your love is too strong,
too wide and too deep
for death to hold.**

Jesus, the light of the world, is alive forever.

**In his resurrection, we are promised
your eternal love.**

**So may your Easter light live in us,
inspiring us to rejoice in hope,
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who calls us by name,
and sends us into a world hungry for good news.
Amen.**

+ 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)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

April at Sharon
Presbyterian

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 20:1-10

Anthem | ***Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning)*** | *Steven Strite* | Brass Quartet & Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading | John 20:11-18

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***He Is Risen*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird



+ Hymn | **Christ Is Alive!**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love drowned in death shall never die.**

Choir Only:

*Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now
And touching every place and time.*

**In every insult, rift and war,
Where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
And lives, where even hope has died.**

**Christ is alive! And comes to bring
Good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
With joy and justice, love and praise.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and cup. Hand sanitizer is available in the narthex. An elder or pastor will place bread into your hand and you are invited to dip the bread into the cup. If you are more comfortable remaining in your pew, elders will come to serve you.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion



LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

Giving Thanks

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

ONLINE GIVING



+ Doxology | ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn | ***Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise***

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!

enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!

lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!

He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!

take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Choir Only:

Lo the heavn' its Lord receives, Alleluia!

Yet He loves the earth He leaves; Alleluia!

Though returning to His throne,

still he calls us all His own, Alleluia!

See! He lifts His Hands above; Alleluia!

See! He shows the prints of love; Alleluia!

Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!

Blessings on His Church below. Alleluia!

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***Our Strength and Our Song*** | *Patterson* | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** | *Arr. Payne* | R. Lance Burnette

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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*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Jackson Owens, *AV Technician*; Burgin Hardin, *Liturgist*.

Today's Guest Musicians: Bobby Plair, *Trumpet I*; Lillie Smith, *Trumpet II*; Kevin Dugat, *Trombone I*; Paul Smit, *Trombone II*; Douglas Rowe, *Percussion*

Guest musicians today have been made possible through the Esther Brown Fund. Esther was a lifelong member of the choir and friend of the music ministry. Please consider donating to the fund today. Without the support of this and other funds, guest musicians would not be possible! (Please write "Esther Brown Fund" in the Memo line of a check).

Artwork for today's bulletin was created by Jane Jendron (11), Lily Christie (4), and Frances Mercado (4).

Remember in Prayer: Blanche Bjorneboe, Bob Jendron, Nancy Davis, Don Welch, Patty Blackburn, Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Mary Jo Parnell, Bill Moorefield, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Eleanor Golden (Aimee Barnhill's grandmother), 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 Nina Sumner in the death of her father, Charles "Charlie" R. Meacham Jr., who died on March 25, 2026.

Liturgy adapted from *A Sanctified Art* | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org



EASTER MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

SHARON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NC

2026 EASTER MEMORIAL GIFTS

The lilies have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Eddie Allen and Rich Golden, *by Aimee Barnhill and Family*

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bain, *by Pam Ward*

Arthur and Joyce Bird, *by Adrian, Julie, Nathan, and Lydia*

Susan and Ed Boone, *by Sarah, Tim, and Winslow Brown*

Jim and Jeff Brown, *by Sarah, Tim, and Winslow Brown*

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burnette, Sr., *by R. Lance Burnette*

Dean and Martha Colvard, *by The Opdyke Family*

Elgie and Hazel Davis, *by Bruce and Delbra Davis*

Mr. and Mrs. William Digh, Sr., *by R. Lance Burnette*

Hunter Garbee, *by R. Lance Burnette*

R.E. Jewel Griffin, *by Bob and Linda Griffin*

Jim Griffin, *by Bob and Linda Griffin*

Pat Griffin Voss, *by Bob and Linda Griffin*

Ray and Jane Grills, *by Dennis and Susan Grills*

Jerry and Wendy Holton, *by Pat and Russ Holton*

Clarence and Florrie Irwin, *by Dennis and Susan Grills*

Nancy Ann Johnson RN, *by David Johnson*

Jim Kallam, *by Kathie Kallam*

Ron and Evelyn Kallam, *by Kathie Kallam*

Mary Keith and Larry Keith, *by Larry and Carolyn Keith*

Marjorie Kimmel "Oma", *by Marjorie (Margo) Cornetta and Family*

Charles and Joyce Koker, *by Bruce and Delbra Davis*

Wilma McClure, *by Jolie McClure*

Notra McNatt, *by R. Lance Burnette*

Art Nelson, *by Ashley and Scott Nelson*

Lee Nelson, *by Ashley and Scott Nelson*

Francis and Enid Olson, *by Wendy and Tony Segreti*

Dick Opdyke, *by The Opdyke Family*

Our Parents: Johnny and Cindy Parker, Bob Measamer, *by Ken and Suzanne Parker*

Billy Pearce, *by Suzanne Pearce*

Armand Perez, *by Ginny Perez*

Mr. Richard A. Pfarrer, Jr., *by David A. Pfarrer*

Walter and Annamay Pollard, *by Suzanne Pearce*

Joyce Rea, *by Robin, Dan, Beth, and Haley Rea; Jessica, Christian, and Darcy McCullen*

Lewis Rea, *by Robin, Dan, Beth, and Haley Rea; Jessica, Christian, and Darcy McCullen*

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Rounds, *by Pete and Myra Rounds*

Anthony, Sophie, and William Segreti, *by Wendy and Tony Segreti*

Josephine and Jim Skinner, *by Linda and Tom Skinner*

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart, *by Pete and Myra Rounds*

Roger Suiter, *by Sarah Fligel and Steven Suiter*

John Thompson, *by Sarah, Tim, and Winslow Brown*

Rochelle H. Utsman, *by her loving family*

George W. Vieth, *by The Cornetta Family*

Bill and Harriet Vivrett, *by Kathie Kallam*

Glen W. Walker, *by Nancy, Andrew, Matthew, Rebecca, and Sara Walker*

Dot and William Walkup, *by Linda and Tom Skinner*

Marvin S. Ward Jr., *by Pam Ward*

2026 EASTER HONOR GIFTS

The lilies have been given to the glory of God and in loving honor of:

Our Boys: Andrew and Caitlin Parker, Johnathan and Maria Parker, Grant Parker,
Tristan Wigant, Holden Parker, *by Ken and Suzanne Parker*

Ellen Brown, *by Sarah, Tim, and Winslow Brown*

The "Raleigh Browns", *by Sarah, Tim, and Winslow Brown*

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Burnette, *by R. Lance Burnette*

Cade and Margo Cornetta, *by your parents who love you!*

Our Children, *by Paige and Bill McClure*

Our Grandchildren, *by Paige and Bill McClure*

Our Grandones: Elliot, Eva, Shepherd, Lenior, Siena, *by Ken and Suzanne Parker*

Our six grandchildren: Sophie, Samantha, Sonja, Owen, Jesse, and Tyler, *by Claudia
and Lee Fanning*

Our eight grandchildren, *by Bruce and Delbra Davis*

Rosemary Hill, *by Presbyterian Women Circle 1*

Carol Howie, *by the Wednesday Women's Bible Study*

Sonia Lee, *by Ellen Shrum*

Suzanne's Mom: Linda Measamer, *by Ken and Suzanne Parker*

The Talley Family, *by Pete and Myra Rounds*

Mrs. Richard A. Pfarrer, Jr., *by David A. Pfarrer*

Sonya Stanford, *by R. Lance Burnette*

Sherrill Suiter, *by Sarah Fligel and Steven Suiter*

Egg Hunt: Look for the Balloons!

Preschoolers and younger (Green Balloons): Playground

Kindergarteners and 1st Graders (Blue Balloons): Grassy area between the Sanctuary and the Charles Little Activity Building (the "old" gym)

2nd & 3rd graders (White Balloons): Grassy area on the driveway side of the Sanctuary

Listen for the air horn that will sound to begin the egg hunt. When you're finished hunting, bring the eggs you've collected to the fountain in front of the Sanctuary to pick up a special bag of treats!

Extra baskets are available for those who may need one; please see a volunteer.

