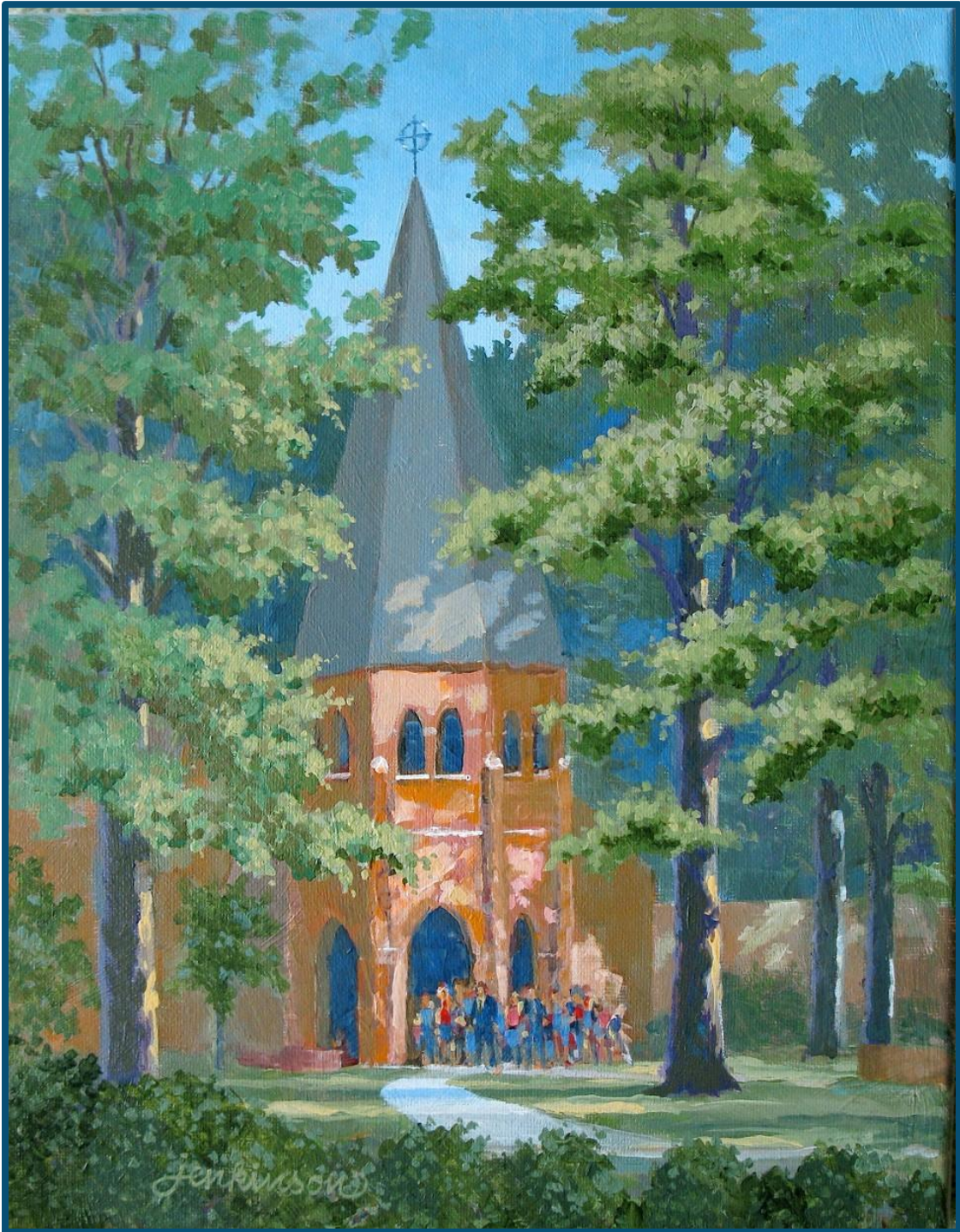


Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | APRIL 19, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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 | ***Christ Is Alive!*** | Arr. Payne | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

We gather in humility.

We are humble in heart as we trust in God's mercy.

We gather in hope.

We find hope in the promises of God.

We gather in joy.

We know joy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God with humility, hope and joy.

+ Hymn No. 305 | ***Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

God of grace,

our vision is limited

and we confess we see only what we want to see.

You stand before us with new life

yet we only see problems to solve

and tasks to accomplish.

Forgive us for failing to see

the needs of our neighbor

and opportunities to love as you have loved us.

Open our eyes that we may see your glory

and share your light with others

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Jesus says, "Peace be with you."

In Christ we know God's deep peace and abiding love.

By God's grace, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! 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.

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 | Luke 24:13-27

Anthem | ***The Abundance of God's House*** | *Eugene Butler* | Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading | Luke 24:28-35

Sermon | ***A Fork in the Road*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 248 | ***Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

+ Affirmation of Faith: From *A Declaration of Faith*

**In the death of Jesus Christ God's way in the world seemed finally defeated.
But death was no match for God.
The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death.
In Christ's resurrection is the promise of ours.
We are convinced the life God wills for each of us
is stronger than the death that destroys us.
Nothing, not even death, can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ 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.

Giving Thanks

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

+ 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!**

April at Sharon
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SCAN TO VIEW



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

ONLINE GIVING



+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 837 | ***What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine***

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 | ***Our Strength and Our Song*** | Patterson | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Postlude on "Madrid"*** | Lasky | 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*; Audra Nelson, *Liturgist*.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the anniversaries of David and Merrill Tibbals and Sam and Helen Fowler, Merrill's parents.

Mother's Day 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 Mother's Day.

Remember in Prayer: Mark Earnhardt, Merrill Tibbals, Blanche Bjerneboe, Bob Jendron, Nancy Davis, Don Welch, Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Ava Thomas (Tammy Bagyi's mother), 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.*