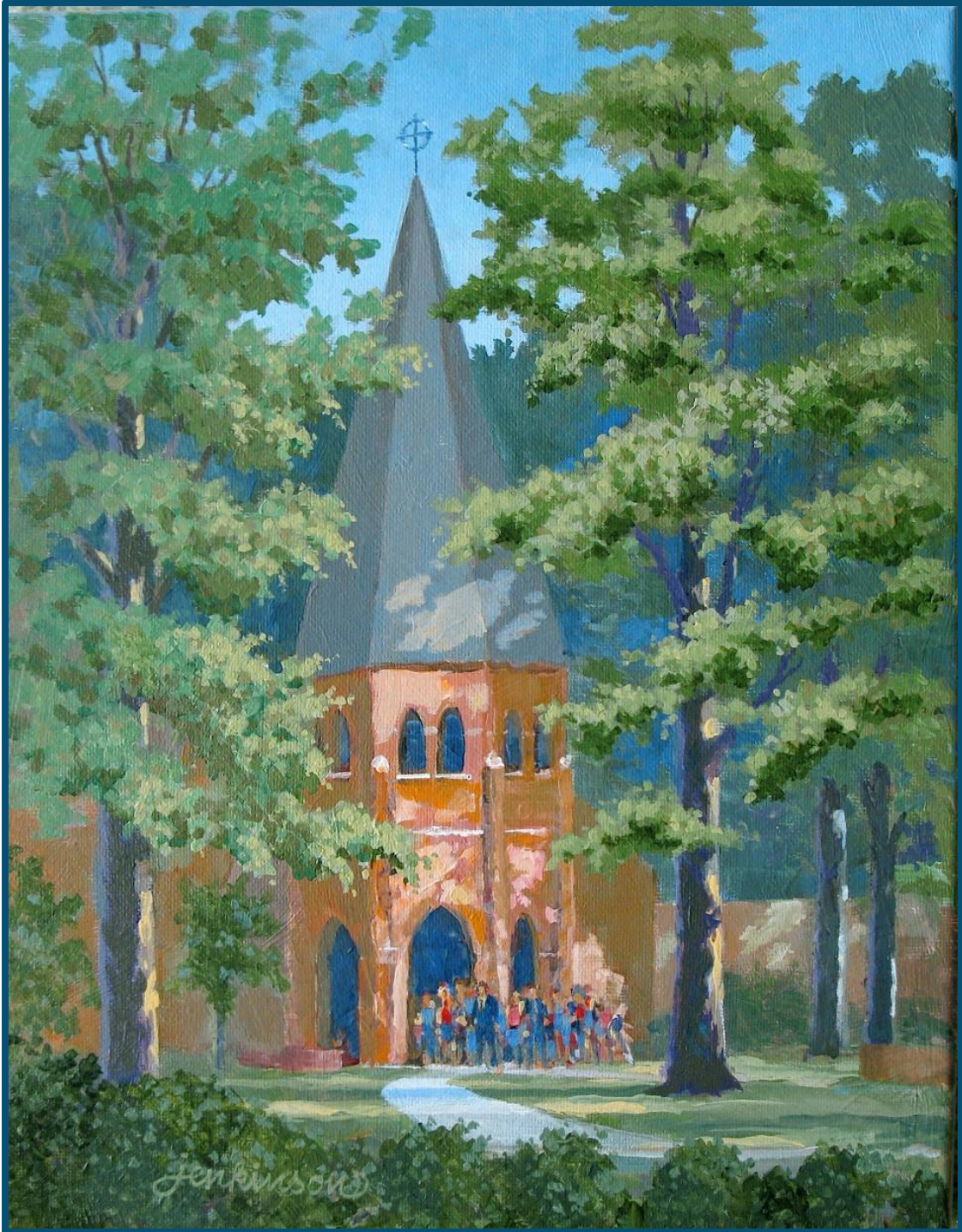


Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | MAY 17, 2026 | SEVENTH 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.

Prelude | **Grace** | *Smith* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

We are the people of God.

We grow in faith,

we name the truth

we know the joy of community.

We are the people of God.

We work toward a common dream

of a new heaven and a new earth

where all God's people abide in Christ's love.

We are the people of God.

We trust in the love of God

the grace of Jesus Christ

and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

+ Hymn No. 611 | ***Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Creating God

**we find it easy to point out the mistakes of others
without looking closely at ourselves.**

**We water down your truth
to suit our own needs.**

We turn away from those in need.

**We ignore your call to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.**

Forgive us O Lord.

Reshape our lives in your mercy

that we would follow the way of Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

Subscribe to our E-Blast newsletter to learn what is happening in the life of the church!

SUBSCRIBE



+ Assurance of God's Grace

Rooted in God's grace
we are growing in faith.

Trust in the mercy and love of Jesus
given to free us from our sin.

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ 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.**

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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 17:1-5

Anthem | ***You Are Not Alone*** | *Molly Ijames* | Chancel Choir

When the sun spills glory on the road ahead,
or when looming rainclouds in the sky are spread,
ev'ry path is charted, ev'ry step is known,
I am walking with you; you are not alone.

Do not be afraid, My beloved child,
do not be dismayed.
I am still your God, I will never leave you;
Trust the truth you know.
I will journey with you everywhere you go.

When the shadows deepen in the moonless night,
and the mist surrounds you, hiding stars from sight,
with the dark descending, dimming all you see,
look up, My beloved, lift your eyes to Me.

When the winds of summer freshen youthful days,
When the autumn splendors fill mid-life with praise.
When the snows of winter burden age with care,
Through each turning season, you will find Me there.

Do not be afraid, My beloved child,
do not be dismayed.
I am still your God, I will never leave you;
Trust the truth you know.
I will journey with you everywhere you go.

Scripture Reading | Acts 1:6-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Absence and Presence*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

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

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

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.

Recognition of Graduates

We thank God for the homes and families in which these graduates have been nurtured.
For times they have grown, learned, and experienced the wonder of life.

We thank God who has guided them through life's challenges and opportunities.
For teachers, friends, and mentors, who have helped and encouraged them.

We thank God for giving them a spirit of curiosity.
For minds to seek truth, understanding, and creativity to imagine new possibilities.

We thank God for their many talents which they can use to cultivate healthy community.
By God's grace, may they come to know your will in this world.

May God bless these graduates as they begin their new journey.

May they serve Jesus Christ by loving, respecting, and serving others with joy.

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!

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 634 | ***To God Be the Glory***

+ Charge and Benediction

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

+ Postlude | ***Chant Heroique*** | *Blake* | R. Lance Burnette

ONLINE GIVING



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.

Congratulations in Christ is Extended to the Graduating Class of 2026

High School Graduates

McRae Alexander Adams

Son of Mike and Carmen Adams
South Mecklenburg High School
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Lydia Evelyn Bird

Daughter of Adrian and Julie Bird
Providence High School
Elon University

Brody Ray Evans

Son of Joe and Courney Evans
South Mecklenburg High School
The United States Military Academy at West Point

Morgan Lucille Green-Haines

Daughter of Alicia Green
South Mecklenburg High School
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Reid Alexander Nesbitt

Son of Natalie Nesbitt
Providence High School
Cape Fear Community College

Jane Campbell Perry

Daughter of Jay and Lynne Perry
Myers Park High School
University of Alabama

Battle Watson Wall

Son of Kemp and Lauren Wall
Carmel Christian School
East Carolina University

Higher Education Graduates

Hayes Buchanan

Son of Chris and Amanda Buchanan
Appalachian State University
Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science

Lily Mae Cochell

Daughter of Sandra Cochell
Vanderbilt University
Bachelor's Degrees in Psychology and Medicine, Health, & Society

Abby Doak

Daughter of Travis and Marcy Doak
University of Tennessee
Bachelor's Degree in Food & Agriculture Business

Max Doak

Son of Travis and Marcy Doak
Central Piedmont Community College
Associate's Degree in Welding Technology

Cole Howard

Son of Ross and Jennifer Howard
North Carolina State University
Master's Degree in Nuclear Engineering

Wills Koeniger

Son of Scott and Lynne Koeniger
Appalachian State University
Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Design

Myree Kromer

Daughter of Andrew and Sarah Kromer
Davidson College
Bachelor's Degrees in Chemistry and Studio Art

Kacey Liang

Family Friend of Jeannie Satterfield
Wake Forest University
Bachelor's Degree in German

David Osowski

Son of Paul and Beth Osowski
Catawba College
Master's Degree in Sports Management

Juniper Rogers

Daughter of Jeff and Dawn Rogers
Roanoke College
Bachelor's Degree in Creative Writing

Elliott Tibbals

Son of David and Merrill Tibbals
Appalachian State University
Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management

Today's Worship Leaders: Rev. Julie Walkup Bird, *Senior Pastor*; Sonia Lee, *Director of Christian Education*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Zack Nelli, *AV Technician*; Mike Adams, Lydia Bird, Lynne Perry, *Liturgists*.

Remember in Prayer: Ann Bryant, Mark Earnhardt, Merrill Tibbals, Bob Jendron, Don Welch, Ava Howard, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, David Wilson, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Jewell Parker (Norris Parker's mother), 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), 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 the family and friends of Nancy E. Davis, who died on May 13, 2026.



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