

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | AUGUST 30, 2026 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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*

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 9:15am to
11:45am.
Children's
worship activity
bags are in the
back of the
sanctuary.

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learn what is
happening in the
life of the church!



GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude | **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** | Arr. Lamb | Spirit Ringers

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

Choral Introit | **Rise Up, Come On and Get Ready!** | Pepper Choplin | Chancel Choir

+ Call to Worship

In new beginnings,
in fresh starts,
in unexpected detours,

God is with us.

In excitement and joy,
in anxiety and uncertainty,
in scarcity and abundance,

God is with us.

In solitude and community,
in individual angst and global conflict,
and here, now in this place,

God is with us.

Let us worship God together!

+ Hymn No. 301; verses 1, 2, 3 | **Let Us Build a House**

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

**God of grace,
we gather with great expectations
and with cautious hesitancy.
We know you call us to follow you,
and yet we are often afraid of what that means.
We fear the unknown.
We fear the stranger.
We fear the change this requires from us.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Keep calling us to be your people in this world,
and give us the courage to follow you.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace: Adapted from Ephesians 1:17-18

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we may know what is the hope
to which Christ calls us.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

We are forgiven and free, thanks be to God.

+ Hymn of Response No. 582 | ***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.**

September at
Sharon
Presbyterian

SCAN TO VIEW



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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon: Blessing of the Backpacks

Scripture Reading | Matthew 16:21-26

Anthem | ***The Spirit Leads On and On!*** | Arr. Beck | Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading | Romans 12:9-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Holy Rhythms*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 726; verses 1, 2, 5 | ***Will You Come and Follow Me***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

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.

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.

ONLINE GIVING



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. 610; verses 1, 2, 3 | ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***Walk Along Beside Me*** | *Besig* | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Processional March*** | *Fey* | 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*; Lily Fincher, *Liturgist*.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Rochelle Hisey Utsman by her husband, Bob Utsman.

Remember in Prayer: Barbara Rivers, William Thomas, Don Presson, Doug Allen, Malda Kenyon, Ann Cannon, Pam Beers, Bob Jendron, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Lee Manning (Jo Ann Manning's son), Sarah Fligel (Sherrill Suiter's daughter), 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 David Williamson and family in the death of his wife, Sharon Williamson, who died on August 27, 2026.