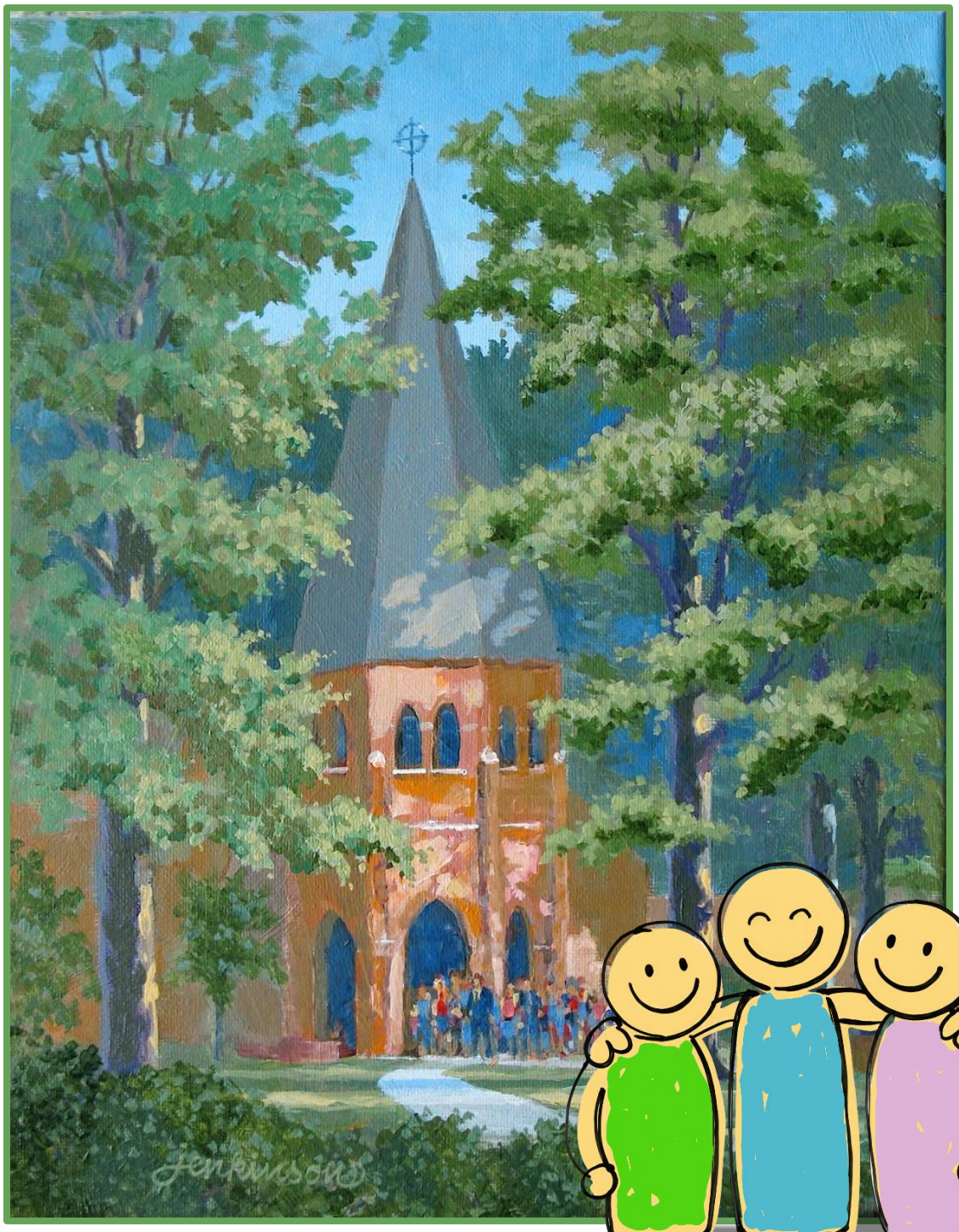
Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | EIGHTEENTH 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

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 | ***Aria*** | *Rawsthorne* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

Congregational Meeting | Nominating Committee Report

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love and mercy endure forever.
Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us in your truth.
Give us humble hearts, ready to repent and obey.
Let every tongue confess the good news:
Jesus Christ is Lord.
Let us worship God!
Glory be to God!

+ Hymn No. 475 | ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that our words and our actions
do not always agree.
We say we trust you,
yet we often choose our own way.
Forgive us for our pride, our disobedience,
and our reluctance to follow you.
Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths.
Let us be no longer bound by sin,
but released, restored, and set free
to worship and serve you in freedom.
Through Jesus 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!

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+ Assurance of God's Grace

Hear the good news:
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love.
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

+ 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

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 | Philippians 2:3-11

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading | Matthew 21:23-32

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon | ***Questioning the Question*** | Rev. Ron E. Nelson

+ Hymn No. 644 | ***Give Thanks, O Christian People***

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.

Minute for Stewardship | **NAMED & CLAIMED: SHARING GOD'S GIFTS**

Liz Clasen-Kelly, CEO of *Roof Above*

Giving Thanks

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

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.

+ Doxology | ***Give Thanks***

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (2x)
And now let the weak say, "We are strong";
let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"
Give thanks. Give thanks.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 263 | ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***God is So Good*** | *Anon.* | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Postlude in G*** | *Bottazzo* | R. Lance Burnette

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+ 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*; Alan Christian, *Liturgist.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Martin Pusser by his mother, Jenny Pusser.

There will be a Congregational Meeting today during the Traditional Worship service to hear a report from the 2026 Nominating Committee. The Nominees for the Elder Class of 2029 are Mary Elizabeth Coley, Jessica Fincher, Jonathan Kromer, Griff Kuremsky, Robin Rea, and Bill Thompson. The Nominees for Congregation Members at Large for 2027 Nominating Committee are David Barker, Charlie Furr, Jenny Pusser and Megan Talley.

Remember in Prayer: Kathie Kallam, Barbara Rivers, Doug Allen, Malda Kenyon, Pam Beers, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Daniel Reed (Sydney Fanning's grandson), Sarah Fligel (Sherrill Suiter's daughter), Mark Lewis (Greg Lewis' brother), Raphael G (Maud Meulstee'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.*