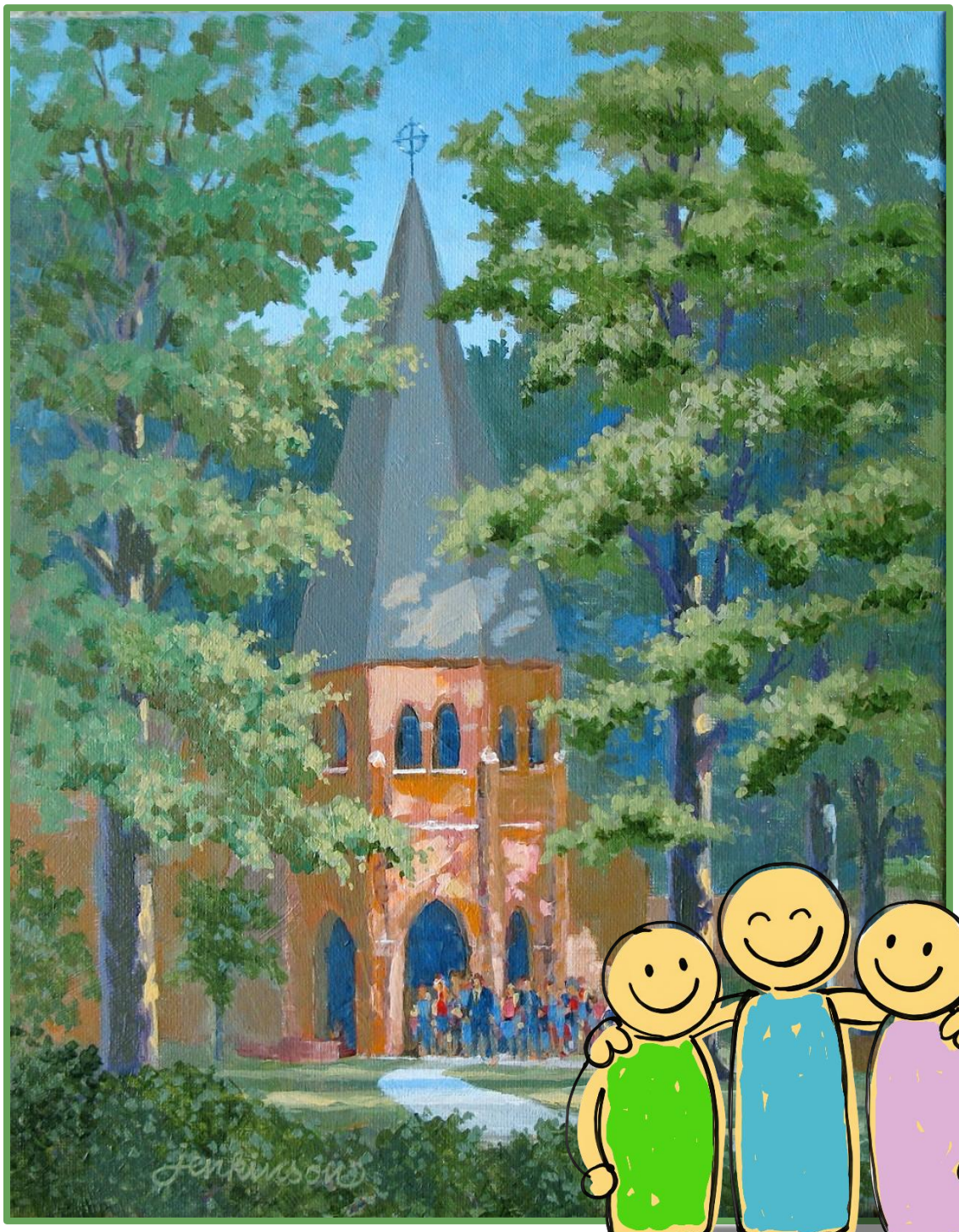
Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | OCTOBER 4, 2026 | WORLD COMMUNION 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.

Prelude | ***Tangobello*** | *Kliever* | Spirit Ringers

Life of the Church

\+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

\+ Trinity Chimes

\+ Call to Worship

From all continents and countries,
we gather to praise the Lord.
Among various cultures with beautiful languages,
we gather to praise the Lord.
Alongside shady riverbanks and within towering cathedrals,
we gather to praise the Lord.
We are God's one people, celebrating one bread and one cup.
God has named and claimed us as God's own.

\+ Hymn No. 12 | ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

\+ Call to Confession

\+ Prayer of Confession

God of visions and dreams,
you desire a community where north and south,
left and right, rich and poor, live together in unity.
Forgive us for tightening our grip
on what we consider to be ours,
rather than celebrating your generosity for all.
May the love of Jesus transform us
to be faithful and generous disciples. Amen.
(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

\+ Assurance of God's Grace

Siblings in Christ,
we are united as members of the household of God,
and recipients of God's lavish grace.
Through the grace of Jesus, our Lord and Savior,
we are forgiven.
Hallelujah! Amen.

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SUBSCRIBE

\+ Hymn of Response No. 659 | ***Know That God Is Good (Mungu ni mwema)***

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.
Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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 3:7-9

Anthem | ***Cornerstone*** | *Shawn Kirchner* | Chancel Choir

O the stone that the builders rejected
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.
A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground
and suffered through the winters cold,
only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousand fold.
O the stone that the builders rejected
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.
Never can our journey fail, a little child will lead the way.
Whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day.
O the stone that the builders rejected
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.
The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing,
"Grave, where is thy victory? Death, o death, where is thy sting?"
O the stone that the builders rejected
became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading | Matthew 21:33-42

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon | ***Obsession with Possession*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 507; verses 1, 2, 3 | ***Come to the Table of Grace***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

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

Giving Thanks

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

Offertory | ***Hope in God*** | *Mallory* | Spirit Ringers

+ 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.

October at Sharon Presbyterian

SCAN TO VIEW

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

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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.

+ Hymn No. 765 | ***May the God of Hope Go with Us***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*** | *SOUTH AFRICAN* | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Cortège de Triomphe*** | *Wilson* | 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*; Sonia Lee, *Director of Christian Education*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Jackson Owens, *AV Technician*; Harris Milkey, *Liturgist.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Keith by her son, Larry Keith.

Remember in Prayer: Alan Christian, George Hitchcock, Kathie Kallam, Barbara Rivers, Malda Kenyon, Pam Beers, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Ward McKeithen (Ashley Nelson's father), 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.*