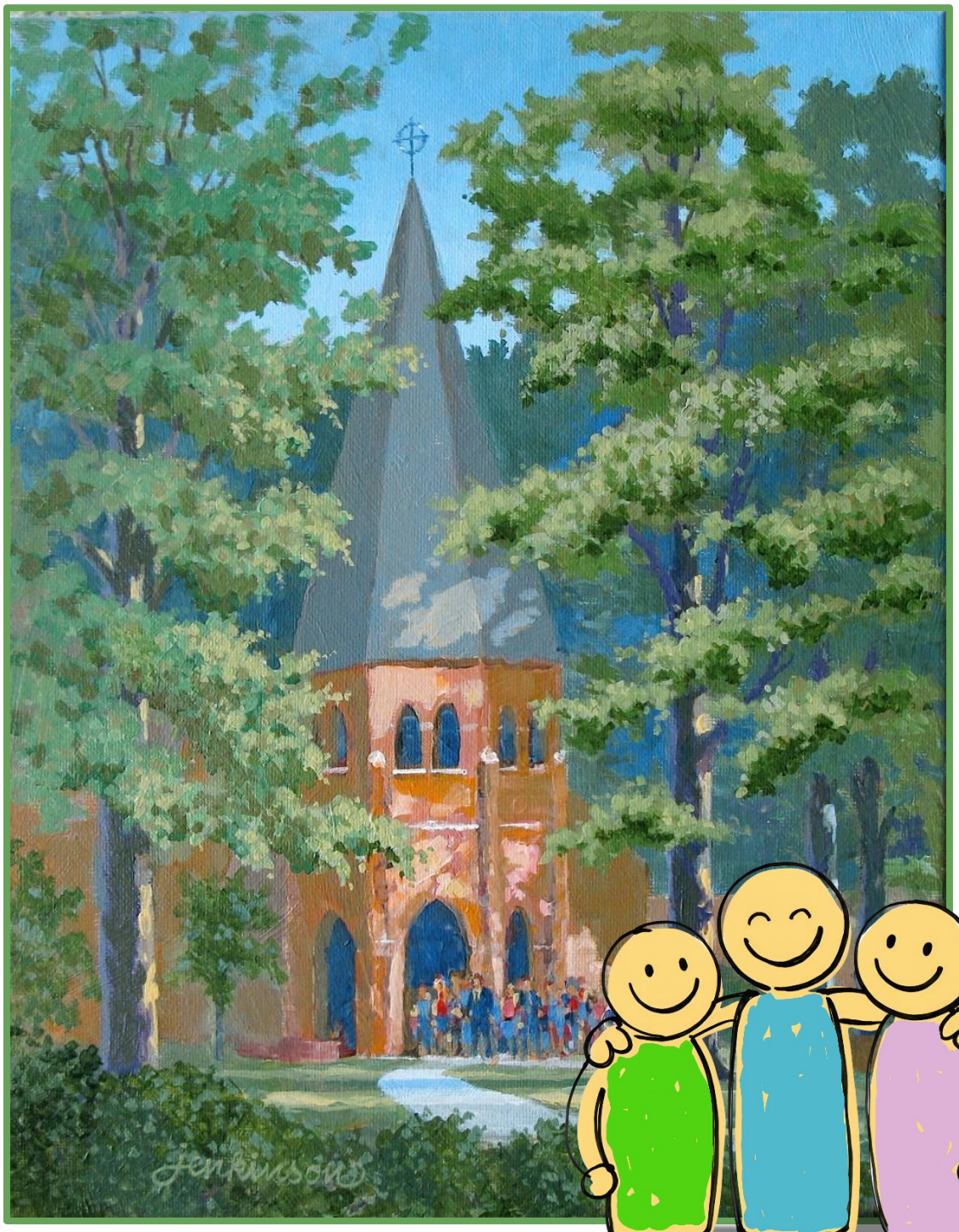
Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | OCTOBER 11, 2026 | TWENTIETH 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 | ***Chancel Radiance*** | *Kern* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

We begin this day with gratitude,
giving thanks for this life and all its potential and possibility.
We begin this day with trust,
knowing we are created for loving encounter.
We begin our day with hope,
trusting the day can hold love, kindness, forgiveness, and peace.
So may we be fully present in this day,
this time, this space, and give thanks.

+ Hymn No. 403 | ***Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,
when you had nothing left to give,
you gave yourself to us.
Everything about you
teaches us grace and gratitude.
Yet we continue to hoard, judge others,
and take your good gifts for granted.
We assume we are entitled to more than we have.
Once again, teach us what faithful living looks,
sounds, and feels like.
Keep claiming us as your own,
as we keep trying to follow you. 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

When the disciples were afraid
and hiding in an upstairs room,
Jesus appeared and said, "Peace be with you."
God's peace expands our hearts.
God's grace welcomes us home.
Because of God's endless love,
we are named and claimed, forgiven and freed.

+ 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.

October 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 4:4-9

Anthem | ***God Is Lord of All*** | *Hopson/Handel* | Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading | Matthew 25:14-30

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon | ***Good and Faithful*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 729; verses 1, 4 | ***Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

Commissioning of Frontera de Cristo Mission Trip Participants

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** | Melanie Hudson

Giving Thanks

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

+ Doxology | ***Give Thanks***

ONLINE GIVING

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.

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.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 295 | ***Go to the World!***

+ Charge and Benediction

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

+ Postlude | ***Postlude Cantique*** | *Dubois* | 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*; Zack Nelli, *AV Technician*; Lily Fincher, *Liturgist.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Peggy Crowder and in celebration of her birthday on October 10, by her son, Mike McGarity.

Veteran's Day flower 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 Veteran's Day.

Remember in Prayer: Alan Christian, Jack and Carol Turner, George Hitchcock, Kathie Kallam, Barbara Rivers, Malda Kenyon, Pam Beers, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Lisa Davis (Marion Moir's daughter), Joe Hogan (Dina Mueller's father), 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.*