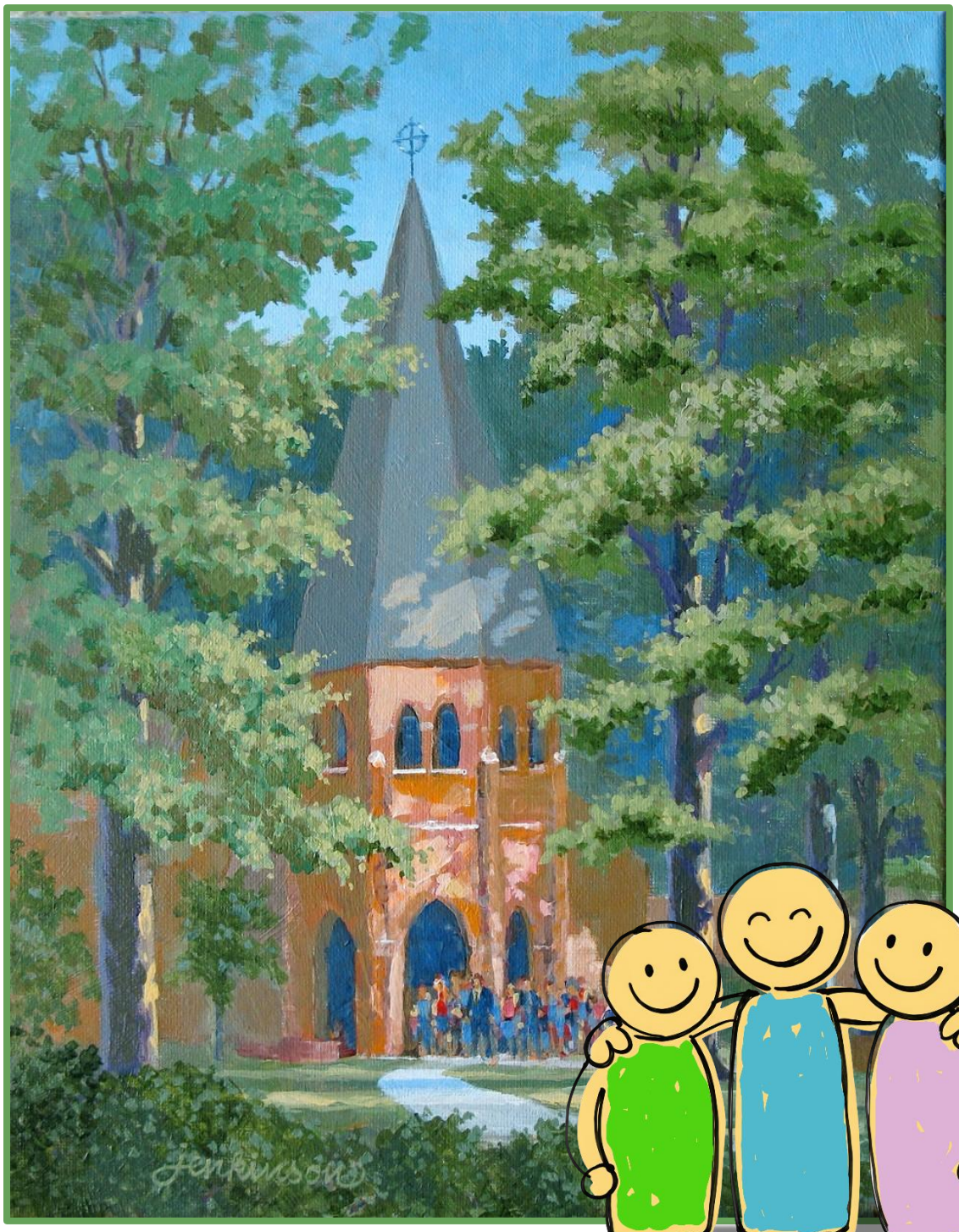
Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | OCTOBER 18, 2026 | DEDICATION 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 | ***Festive Intrada*** | *Fey* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

God says, "I am about to do a new thing!"
God makes a way in the wilderness
and creates rivers in the desert.
"See, I am making all things new."
God is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.
The angel said, "I am bringing you good news of great joy."
Glory to God in the highest heaven!
By an empty tomb, Jesus called Mary by name.
May the God of newness bless our worship this day.

+ Hymn No. 619 | ***Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

God of new life,
we confess we often become stuck in our ways.
We grow tired from old routines, limited perspectives and worn-out ideas.
We fail to see the new life you offer
or how following you brings endless possibilities.
Too often we doubt you can create new life, even from death.
Forgive us O Lord.
Renew our hearts 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

Anyone in Christ is a new creation.
The old life is gone. A new life has begun.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.
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.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

October at Sharon Presbyterian

SCAN TO VIEW

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

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 | Acts 9:1-9

Anthem | ***All Things New*** | *Elaine Hagenberg* | Chancel Choir

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wandering, praise after tears

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear,
He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after wandering, life after tomb.

Scripture Reading | Acts 9:10-19a

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Newness in Christ*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 702 | ***Christ Be Beside Me***

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Dedication of Gifts | **NAMED & CLAIMED: SHARING GOD'S GIFTS**

Giving Thanks

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

+ Prayer of Dedication

God, you have named us and claimed us.
Bless the gifts we bring
use the talents we offer
multiply the treasures we give
deepen the connections we nurture
so that our lives would reflect your kingdom
on earth as it is in heaven, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

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

+ Charge and Benediction

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

+ Postlude | ***Trumpet Fanfare in C*** | *Fey* | 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*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Jackson Owens, *AV Technician*; Greg Lewis, *Liturgist.*

A Musical Note from the Director of Music: Today's choir anthem, *All Things New* by Elaine Hagenberg, celebrates the newness of God and God's promise to renew and restore all things. The text is drawn from *Right*, a poem by Francis Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), the beloved hymn writer best known for *Take My Life and Let It Be* and *I Gave My Life for Thee*. Through Hagenberg's expressive setting, the words proclaim the hope that God is continually at work, bringing restoration, transformation, and new life to God's people. As we reflect on the letter N in SHARON, representing Newness, today's reading from Acts 9 reminds us of Saul's dramatic encounter with Christ and the new life that followed. Like Saul's transformation into Paul, *All Things New* proclaims that no life is beyond God's power to renew and restore.

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Rochelle Hisey Utsman and in celebration of her birthday on October 21, by her daughters, Michele Dougherty and Dawn Utsman.

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: Marge Morgan, 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.*