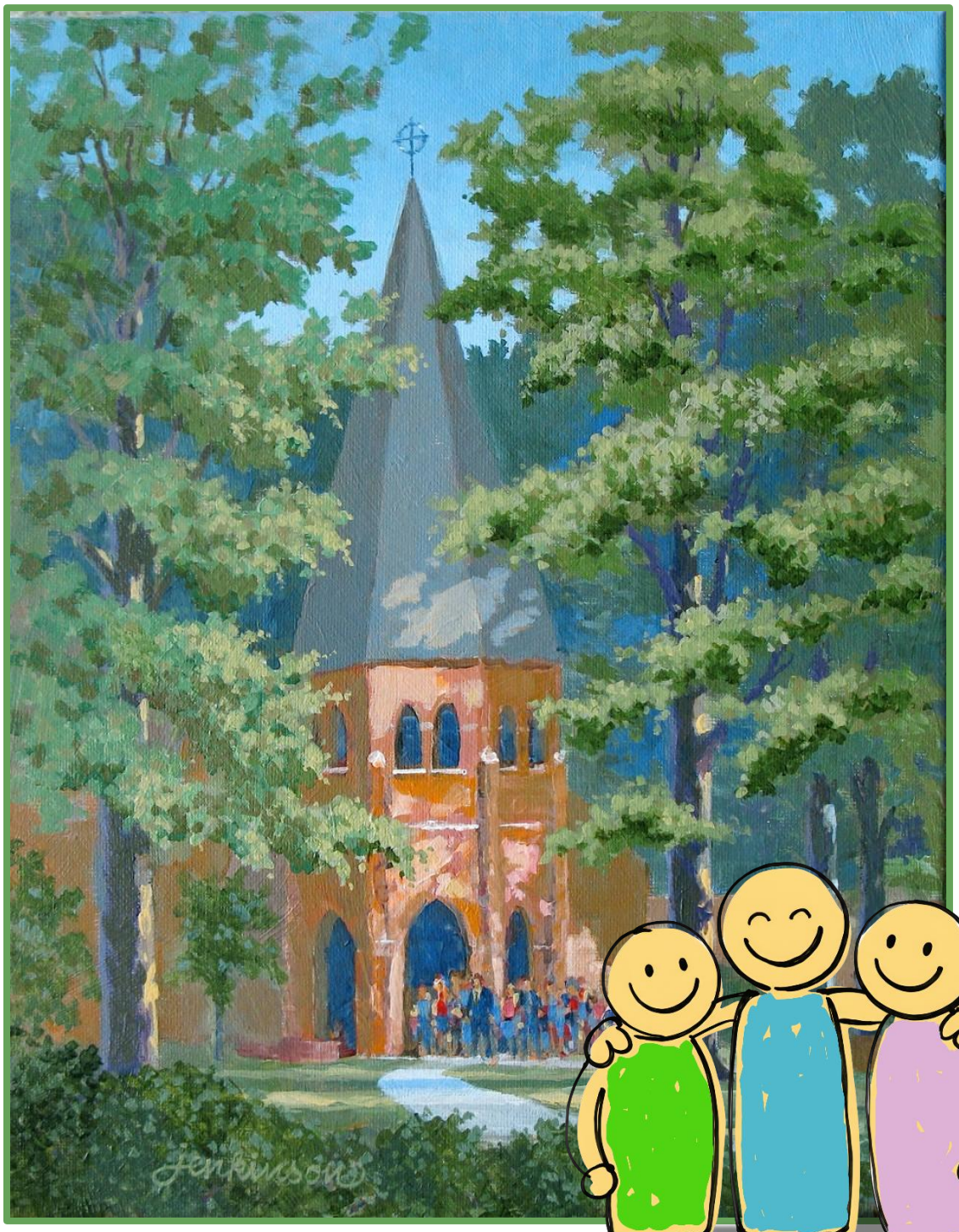
Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | OCTOBER 25, 2026 | TWENTY-SECOND 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 | ***Pastorale on "Lasst uns erfreuen"*** | *Lasky* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

The Lord has been our dwelling place
through all generations.
We dwell in God's presence,
bringing our faith and our doubt.
Before the mountains were brought forth
or God formed the earth,
from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord is our God.
Come gather within God's grace
and be nourished by God's wisdom.

+ Hymn No. 309 | ***Come, Great God of All the Ages***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
you call us to be instruments of your peace
and proclaim your good news.
When we bury our talents, forgive us.
When we hide your light under a basket, forgive us.
When we condemn others
without examining our own behavior, forgive us.
Lead us in your ways,
so that what we do
and what we say
would illustrate your love. 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!

SUBSCRIBE

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Do not be afraid. The Lord is with us.
Nothing will separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.
The good news of Jesus Christ sets us free
to be the people God created us to be. Hallelujah!

+ 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

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 | Deuteronomy 34:1-8

Anthem | ***The Greatest of These*** | *Jane Marshall* | Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading | Matthew 22:34-40

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Always Love*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 62 | ***Love the Lord Your God***

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.

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SCAN TO VIEW

Paper copies are always available in the narthex and 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 Hymn No. 607 | ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. 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.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 772 | ***Live into Hope***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Choral Benediction | ***God Be With You Till We Meet Again*** | *Tomer* | Chancel Choir

+ Postlude | ***Grand Choeur in C*** | *Chauvet* | 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*; Zack Nelli, *AV Technician*; Laura Christie, Paul Osowski, *Liturgists.*

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Rachel King by her parents, Don and Reese Presson.

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.

It's not too late to make your pledge of time, talent, and treasure for the 2027 season! Support for Sharon's stewardship campaign, **NAMED & CLAIMED: SHARING GOD'S GIFTS**, is vital to all aspects of the church, from missions and maintenance to utilities and congregational care. Please consider making a pledge for 2027 today. Pledge cards can be found in the narthex and church office, or you can visit *sharonpcusa.org/giving* to pledge online.

Remember in Prayer: Dennis Grills, Mary Wain Ellison, Alan Christian, Jack and Carol Turner, George Hitchcock, Barbara Rivers, Malda Kenyon, Pam Beers, Lisa Cline Riley, Bill Moorefield, Lance Burnette, Our Homebound Members, Lisa Davis (Marion Moir's daughter), 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.*

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Dina Mueller in the death of her father, Joe Hogan, who died on October 19, 2026.