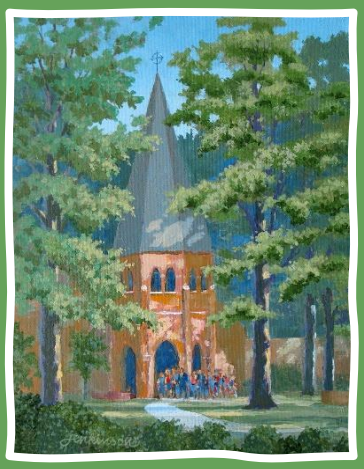


Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | NOVEMBER 8, 2026
TWENTY-FOURTH 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 | ***Adagio*** | *Liszt* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

In this time, in this space, among these people,
we know the Lord is good.
In times of uncertainty, in spaces of distrust, in the midst of the unknown,
we proclaim the truth of the gospel.
From the beginning of time until the end of time,
Jesus Christ is Lord.
Children of God, come hear and know
the promises of our faith.

+ Hymn No. 666 | ***O Splendor of God's Glory Bright***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we have regrets, we feel guilt, and we want to be more faithful.
Forgive our small actions that made a negative impact on others.
Forgive our big words that made others feel small.
Forgive our indifference to the way things are,
rather than nurturing a commitment
to make things better.
Direct our gaze back to you, O Lord.
Remind us that your grace alone will save us.
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

Jesus' love mends our brokenness.
Jesus' grace restores our souls.
Jesus' hope is with us always.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.

+ 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 | 1 Thessalonians 2: 5-12

Anthem | ***Walk Along Beside Me*** | *Besig* | Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading | Joshua 24:14-18

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | ***Choose this day*** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 695 | ***Change My Heart, O God***

LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

November at Sharon Presbyterian

SCAN TO VIEW

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

+ Affirmation of Faith: From the *Confession of 1967 (9.15)*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of
the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of
power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving sinful human beings.
The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator
who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

ONLINE GIVING

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 Mission | **Shelter Meal Ministry** | Megan Talley

Giving Thanks

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

Offertory | ***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*** | *Arr. Ray* | Nancy Lucas

+ 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. 450 | ***Be Thou My Vision***

+ Charge and Benediction

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

+ Postlude | ***March*** | *Schreiner* | R. Lance Burnette

+ 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*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Nancy Lucas, *Pianist*; Zack Nelli, *AV Technician*; Griff Kuremsky, *Liturgist.*

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 campus 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: Margaret Hartman, Dennis Grills, Mary Wain Ellison, Jack and Carol Turner, George Hitchcock, 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.*

The rose in our worship space today is in celebration of the birth of Rose Eleanor Jones, daughter of Kathryn and Matt Jones, who was born on October 17, 2026. Randy and Sherry Ross are proud grandparents.

2026 VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL GIFTS

The flowers have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Marjorie Wheatley Bade, *by Pamela Bade Beers*
Warren Bade, *by Pamela Bade Beers*
Robert Cottom, *by Jean Cottom*
William H. Davenport, Maj. US Army WWII, *by Bill and Carol Thompson*
Elgie Davis, *by Bruce and Delbra Davis*
John R. Dinsmore, *by Ginny Perez*
Retired Lt. Col. Gerald H. Hayter, *by H. David Williamson*
Maj. Dan Hickney, USAF, *by David U. Johnson, Jr., S/SGT USAF*
P.O. 2nd Class David U. Johnson, Sr., USN Seabees, *by David U. Johnson, Jr., S/SGT USAF*
Charles Koker, *by Bruce and Delbra Davis*
Reuben M. Morgan, *by Chip and Marge Morgan*
Robert Pegram, *by Don and Reese Presson*
Arthur Pierce, *by Jolie McClure*
Leon Presson, *by Don and Reese Presson*
Paul Snyder, *by Mary and John Miller*
Robert Snyder, *by Mary and John Miller*
John W. Thompson, 1stSGT, US Army, WWII, *by Bill and Carol Thompson*
Rev. Jerry Utsman, *by The Utsman and Dougherty Families*
Glen W. Walker, *by Nancy, Andrew, Matthew, Sara, and Rebecca Walker*
Henry F. Williamson, Jr., *by H. David Williamson*
David Wilson, *by Miriam Wilson*
Spencer H. Young, *by Chip and Marge Morgan*

2026 VETERANS DAY HONORARIUM GIFTS

The flowers have been given to the glory of God and in loving honor of:

Bruce Davis, *by The Davis Family*
Rob Davis, *by Bruce and Delbra Davis*
Lt. Col. Dan A. Johnson, USA, *by David U. Johnson, Jr., S/SGT USAF*
1st Lt. James H. Johnson, USA, *by David U. Johnson, Jr., S/SGT USAF*
Lt. CMDR. Kenneth D. Johnson, USN, *by David U. Johnson, Jr., S/SGT USAF*
Retired Cols. John and Becky Morgan, *by Chip and Marge Morgan*
Frances J. Palermo, *by The Utsman and Dougherty Families*
Douglas Snyder, *by Mary and John Miller*
Robert B. Utsman, *by The Utsman and Dougherty Families*
H. David Williamson, *by Thomas, Anna, and Rebecca*
John W. Thompson, Jr., 1st Lt. US Army, *by Bill and Carol Thompson*
John W. Thompson, III, CPT, USA Gulf War, *by Bill and Carol Thompson*