

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Celebrating Christ's gift of salvation, our grateful worship of God guides the three-fold mission of Sharon Presbyterian Church:

Invite All Seekers, Teach the Gospel, and Serve Human Need.

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 | **Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming** | arr. Hayes | Nancy Lucas

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

Raise your voices, lift up your hearts
prepare the way of the Lord.

**God is healing and creating
redeeming and saving
guiding our feet in the ways of peace.**

Christ is coming, reshaping the world
so that all will know of God's abundant love.

**O Come, Emmanuel
bring hope, bring peace
and bless our worship.**

+ Hymn No. 88, verses 1, 2, 6, 7 | **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,
we confess we are often
too certain to be surprised
too confident to learn something new
too anxious to listen for your guiding voice.
You give us peace, yet we sow violence.
You offer us direction, yet we wander without purpose.
Reveal your light so that we would
walk with love and hold tightly to hope.
With open hearts we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**
(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

In our honesty we are heard.
In our worries we are held.
In our failings we are forgiven.
The love and mercy of Jesus Christ is forever.

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+ Hymn of Response No. 113 | **Angels We Have Heard on High**

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Lighting the Advent Candle | **Peace** | The Gonzalez Family

Advent Chorus | **A Child Will Come** | *Patterson*

A child will come to lead us.

The Savior will soon be here.

A child will come to lead us;

Keep watch for the time is near.

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 | Isaiah 43:19-21

Anthem | **Emmanuel, to Thee We Sing** | *Purifoy* | Chancel Choir

Scripture | Matthew 11:1-11

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | **Go and Tell** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 92 | **While We Are Waiting, Come**

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.

Minute for Gratitude | Dahlia Grove | Gayle Smith

Giving Thanks

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

The Advent Wreath is a visual reminder of the journey through Advent as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. The blue candles represent hope, peace, and love. The pink candle, lit on the third Sunday of Advent, represents joy. The white center candle is lit on Christmas Eve and represents Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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.

- + Doxology | ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*** | *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
 Creator, Lord, and Holy Ghost.**
- + Prayer of Dedication
- + Hymn No. 93 | ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***
- + Charge and Benediction
- + Choral Benediction | ***An Advent Blessing*** | *Megan Faith & Jon Paige* | Chancel Choir
- + Postlude | ***Concerto in C*** | *Fey* | 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*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Nancy Lucas, *Pianist*; Jackson Owens, *AV Technician*; Bob Young, *Liturgist*.

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Travis, Marcy, Abby, and Max Doak in honor of Travis's parents, Stan Doak, Marcia Mullett, and Danny Mullett.

Remember in Prayer: Jean Harvey, Sherry Meacham, Marion Moir, Bill Moorefield, Bob Moore, Ginny Long, Ken Sumner, David Wilson, Nancy Davis, Lance Burnette, Chris Price, Our Homebound Members, Ed Kelly (Charles Alley's brother-in-law), Liz and Ward McKeithen (Ashley Nelson's parents), Lee Manning (Jo Ann Manning'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.*

THIS WEEK AT SHARON

Sunday, December 7th

11:30 am Sunday Funday for Families (Price Outreach Center)
7 pm Jazz Carolin' (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 12th

4 pm Room in the Inn (Charles Little Building)

Saturday, December 13th

9 am Campus-Wide Workday (Church Grounds)

THIS MONTH AT SHARON

Sunday, December 21st

10:30 am Lessons & Carols (Sanctuary, *One Service Only*)

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

5 pm Family Worship Service (Sanctuary)

8 pm Candlelight & Communion Worship (Sanctuary)

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