

Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD 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 | ***Come, All Ye Shepherds*** | *Roger's* | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

In the beginning,
in the midst of chaos
as fear was growing
God said, "Let there be light."
When hope appeared lost
when peace seemed impossible
when joy was nowhere to be found
God said, "Let there be light."
We wait in the shadows
trusting in God's life among us
looking for joy everywhere we go
God's light will shine and guide our path.

+ Hymn No. 147, verses 1, 2, 3, 4 | ***The First Nowell***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

God of joy
you invite us to follow, serve and honor you.
Within those invitations comes lasting joy.
Yet we create excuses, serve ourselves
and honor the latest call for our attention.
Within those distractions come only
fleeting, feel-good moments.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Dispel our fear. Spark courage in us.
Remind us we have gifts to offer
and saying yes to you
brings meaning and purpose.
Renew us by your grace, in Jesus' name.
Amen.
(A moment for personal reflection and confession)

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, regardless of our past journey, today is a new day in Christ.
We are known. We are forgiven.
We are sent to serve others in Jesus' name. Thanks be to God!

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happening in the life
of the church!

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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 | **Joy** | The Christie 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.

Anthem | **On This Silent Night** | *Schram* | Children's Choir

Scripture | Jeremiah 1:4-10

Anthem | **This Child Shall Be Our Peace** | *Molly Ijames* | Chancel Choir

Scripture | Luke 1:26-38

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

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon | **Let it Be** | Rev. Julie Walkup Bird

+ Hymn No. 100 | **My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout**

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.

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. 86, verses 1, 2, 5 | ***The People Who Walked in Darkness***
- + Charge and Benediction
- + Choral Benediction | ***An Advent Blessing*** | *Megan Faith & Jon Paige* | Chancel Choir
- + Postlude | ***Fling Wide the Door*** | *Greene* | 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*; Melinda Boyle, *Children's Music Director*; Zack Nelli, *AV & Production Coordinator*; Burgin Hardin, *Liturgist*.

Remember in Prayer: Jean Harvey, Sherry Meacham, Marion Moir, Bill Moorefield, 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 MONTH AT SHARON

Sunday, December 21st

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

Wednesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

5 pm Children's Worship Service (Sanctuary)

8 pm Candlelight & Communion Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, December 25th & Friday, December 26th

Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!

Sunday, December 28th

10:30 am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary, *One Service Only*)

NEXT MONTH AT SHARON

Sunday, January 4th

11:45 am Ron's 30 Years of Ministry Celebration (CLAB)

Friday, January 9th – Saturday, January 10th

Room in the Inn (CLAB)

Sunday, January 11th

10:30 am Service of Ordination & Installation of Elders (Sanctuary)

2:30 pm *The Chosen* Viewing & Discussion (S5E1) (Trinity Room)

Liturgy adapted from *A Sanctified Art* | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

