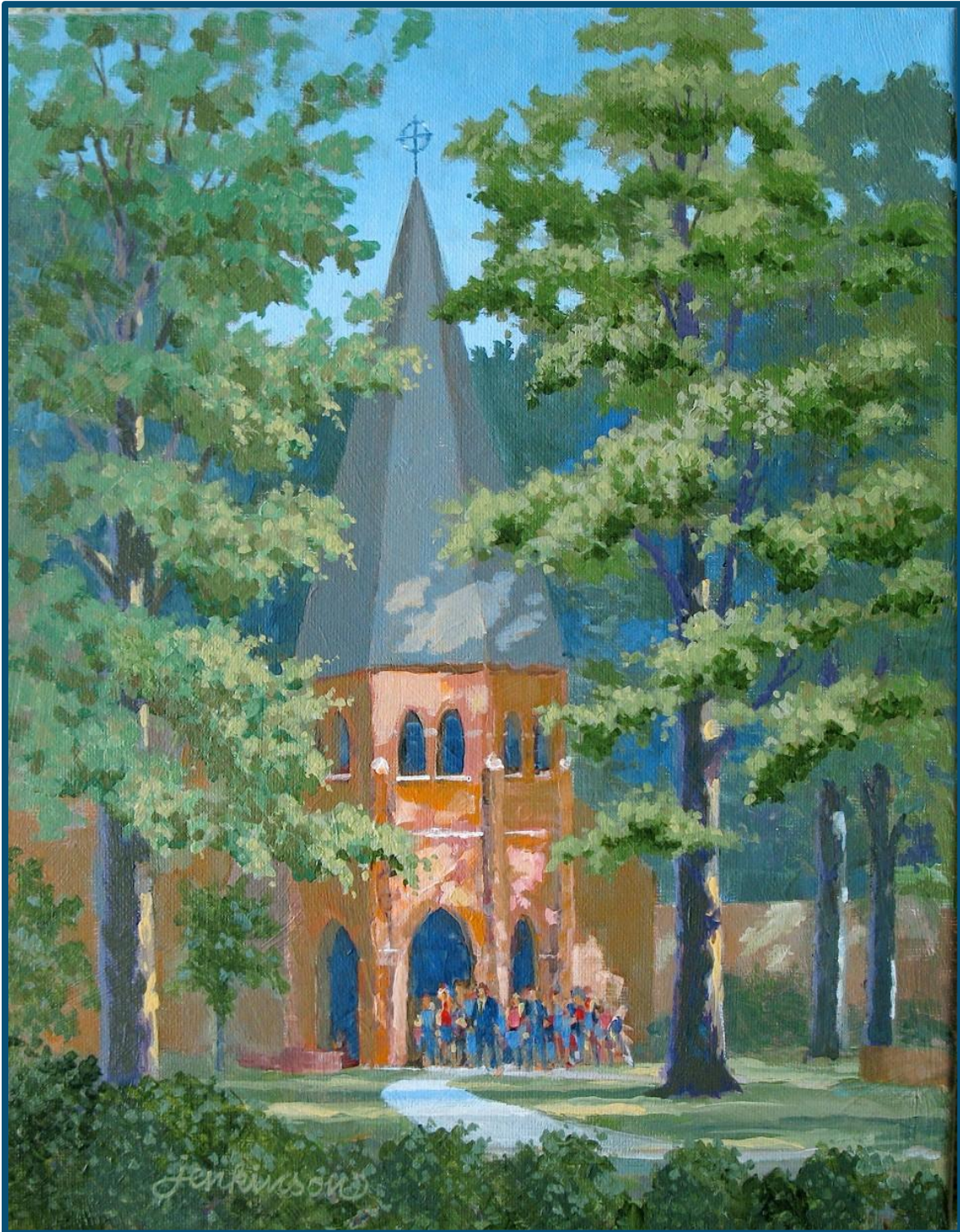


# Sharon Presbyterian Church

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 10:30 AM | DECEMBER 28, 2025 | FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



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

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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.

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Prelude | ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** | arr. Rouse | R. Lance Burnette

Life of the Church

+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

+ Trinity Chimes

+ Call to Worship

There is good news of great joy for all!

**Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.**

We will proclaim the gracious deeds of God,

**the praiseworthy acts of our merciful God.**

The steadfast love of the Lord is great.

**Let us worship God!**

+ Hymn No. 143 | ***Angels, from the Realms of Glory***

+ Call to Confession

+ Prayer of Confession

**God-with-us,**

**we confess that we have not embraced the fullness of your love.**

**We forget your great mercy**

**and seek other saviors.**

**We grow complacent about the violence around us**

**and ignore those who weep.**

**Forgive us, loving God.**

**Unite us in your Spirit,**

**sharing with all your children**

**the good news of great joy**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(A moment for personal reflection and confession)*

+ Assurance of God's Grace

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

In Christ's grace, we have become children of God and heirs to the hope of eternal life.

Hear again the good news!

**In the name of the Christ Child, we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn of Response | ***While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***

**"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will to all from highest heaven  
begin and never cease,  
begin and never cease!"**

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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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 63:7-9

Anthem | ***The Work of Christmas*** | *Dan Forrest* | Todd Barnhill, Tenor

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture | Matthew 2:13-23

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon | ***Thank God the Angels Sing!*** | Rev. Ron E. Nelson

+ Hymn No. 123 | ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear***

## LIVING INTO GOD'S WORD

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+ Affirmation of Faith | From *A Declaration of Faith*

**We testify that God is faithful.  
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
The Lord still brings from oppressed and uprooted peoples  
riches of insight and daring visions  
that can judge and bless the world.  
We can have confidence in God's coming kingdom  
even in the darkest times.**

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

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 | ***As with Gladness Men of Old***

**As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy manger, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Hymn No. 132 | ***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice***

+ Charge and Benediction

+ Postlude | ***Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts from Christmas Oratorio*** | *Saint-Saëns*

+ All who are able may stand

Please see an usher for hearing aids, large print Bibles, and hymnals.

**Today's Worship Leaders:** Rev. Ron E. Nelson, *Associate Pastor*; Todd Barnhill, *Director of Music*; R. Lance Burnette, *Associate Director of Music and Organist*; Kiana Bargeman, *AV Technician*; Reese Presson, Aspen Nelson, *Liturgists*.

**Remember in Prayer:** Mary Ann Unferth, Lee Shrum, Jean Harvey, Sherry Meacham, Bill Moorefield, Ginny Long, Ken Sumner, David Wilson, Nancy Davis, Lance Burnette, Chris Price, Our Homebound Members, James Johnson (Dave Johnson's son); 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.*

Deepest sympathy in Christ is extended to Carolyn Hutton in the death of her mother, Cathy McMillan, who died on December 19, 2025.

### THIS WEEK AT SHARON

**Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

Church Office Closed – Happy New Year!

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

### THIS MONTH AT SHARON

**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**10 am** Book Club (Barnes and Noble, 4020 Sharon Rd.)

**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Room in the Inn (CLAB)

**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30 pm** Faith and Fitness Yoga (CPOC, Meeting Room)

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**2:30 pm** *The Chosen* Viewing & Discussion (S5E2)  
(CLAB, Trinity Room)