



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Susan C. Lindblade, Pastor

Sunday, February 4, 2024 – 11:00 AM

“Take Your Candle, Go Light Your World”



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.

People: God of heaven and earth, we long to be truly free.

Leader: In this hour of worship, help us to grasp the freedom that comes from seeing you more clearly and loving you more dearly.

All: Day by day, you give us strength and courage to be your people in this place and in this time.

*Hymn of Praise

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CH 435

Scripture Reading

Psalm 18:1-2, 18

Danielle Skinner

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Without Him”

Choir

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

CH 460

Scripture Lesson

John 8:12 and John 14:6-7

Sermon

“Light For the World”

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (In Unison)

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living followers of your Son, Jesus, and have fed us with spiritual food in this holy meal. Send us now into the world and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Closing Hymn

“Because He Lives”

CH 358

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

“Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

On Screen/CH 231

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(*) Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Feb. 4	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Sunday Fellowship Luncheon Happy Birthday to Debra Elliott
Mon. Feb. 5	Happy Birthday to Craig Williams
Wed. Feb. 7	1:00 pm – Connect Church Meeting with potential teacher 2:00 pm – UMW Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting Happy Birthday to Carole Mangham
Thurs. Feb. 8	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Sun. Feb. 11	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – SPRC Meeting

WORSHIP TEAMS

FEBRUARY 4

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: Jan Eanes & AB Donski
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Ken & Jan Edgar
Flowers: Deb Chambers
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Mager Kirk

FEBRUARY 11

Acolyte: Ken Edgar
Greeters: Patricia Leary & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Joyce Jagucki
Ushers: Bob & Barbara Gadkowski
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar
Trustee: Mager Kirk

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **UMW Meeting - Wednesday, February 7, 2:00 pm** – We are getting ready to launch our 2024 UMW/UWF year. We will meet on Wednesday, February 7th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to plan out our year. We will have light snacks. All women welcomed.
- **Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 14 at 12:00 pm** – Join us for an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary.
- **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** – As you receive communion, we invite you to pause at the altar for a time of prayer and if you feel led to share in this discretionary fund, please leave change or money at the altar rail.
- **Mailboxes** – Please be sure to check the mailboxes in the Mail Center in the library. You never know when a card with your name on it may appear!
- **Red Wagon Ministry (located in the Mt. Zion parking lot)** – The Red Wagon ministry is in need of **Baby Diapers** and **Feminine Hygiene Products**. A collection container has been placed in the entryway.
- **Recorded Worship Services** – Each week the recorded Worship Service is posted to our YouTube Channel. If you missed a service or would like to watch past services, you can visit our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028. You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website www.sharon-umc.org.
- **Altar Flowers 2024** – If you would like to place altar flowers in the church "in memory of" or "in honor of" a special person, please contact Iris Meekins at imeekins14@gmail.com or (252) 202-6401.

ALTAR FLOWERS



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of
my father and mother, Emerson and Louise McKnett Smith by Deb Chambers*



FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2024 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (January)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,088.42	\$6,876.00	\$1,805.00

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