



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, December 15, 2024 – 11:00 AM
Third Sunday of Advent



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Marshall Cherry
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Julie Cherry
Leader:	When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.	
People:	<i>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."</i>	
Leader:	The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.	
People:	<i>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.</i>	
Leader:	Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.	
*Affirmation of Faith	"The Nicene Creed"	On Screen/UMH 880
*Hymn of Praise	"Emmanuel"	CH 243
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 12:2-6	Julie Cherry
Lighting the Third Candle of Advent – JOY		Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy
Children's Message		
Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns		
Dedication of the Angel Tree Gifts		Sylvia Kirk, Outreach Chair
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	"Candles of Advent"	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</i>	
	<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Hymn	"Star-Child"	TFWS 2095
Scripture Lesson	Luke 3:7-18	
Sermon	"Good News?"	
*Closing Hymn	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	CH 250
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" vs. 2	On Screen /CH 196
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Dec. 15	Third Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Dec. 16	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Tues. Dec. 17	12:00 pm – UMW Christmas Social (BJ's)
Wed. Dec. 18	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program Happy Birthday to Sue Collie
Thurs. Dec. 19	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Cantata Rehearsal
Sat. Dec. 21	3:00 pm – Cantata Rehearsal Happy Anniversary to Bob & Barbara Gadowski Happy Anniversary to Phil Kratzer & Linda Kimble
Sun. Dec. 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Christmas Cantata - Jesus, There's Something About That Name) 3:00 pm – Christmas Cantata 3:45 pm – Christmas Reception Happy Birthday to Jason Forbes

WORSHIP TEAMS

DECEMBER 15

Acolyte: Marshall Cherry
Greeters: Jan Eanes & Sylvia Kirk
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Joyce Jagucki
Trustee: Mager Kirk

DECEMBER 22

Acolyte: Julie Cherry
Greeters: Joyce Jagucki & Deb Chambers
Worship Leader: Preston Murray
Ushers: Janet & Kasey Fairley
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Danielle Skinner & Jeanne Murray
Trustee: Mager Kirk



UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Custodian** – The SPRC is currently accepting applications for a custodial position for our church. The application will be available on our website, Facebook page, and sent by email. For more information, please contact Sylvia Kirk at sjdkirk@gmail.com or 252-202-6648.
- **Card Ministry** – The card ministry is looking for folks to help with sending the congregation birthday and anniversary cards. If you are interested, please contact Jan Eanes beach4jan@gmail.com or (252) 619-1075.
- **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!
- **Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 22, 11:00 am and 3:00 pm** – Celebrate the joy of the season at Sharon UMC on Sunday, December 22, as the Choir presents the Cantata "Jesus, There's Something About That Name" during the 11:00 am worship service and again at 3:00 pm.
- **Christmas Reception, Sunday, December 22, 3:45 pm** – Please join us for a time of fellowship for a Christmas Reception in the Fellowship Hall following our 3:00 pm Cantata. Donations of light refreshment type finger food and desserts would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your food items and place them on the kitchen counter. The kitchen will be open during Sunday School and church that morning and prior to the Cantata. For more information, please contact Sylvia Kirk at 252-202-6648.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service, Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 pm** – It will be a beautiful Christmas Communion Service. Please come and invite friends and family!
- **United Methodist Women Prayer Partners 2025** – Turn in forms to Cathy Forbes by December 22, 2024.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2024 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (November)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,088.42	\$5,854.00	\$1,530.00