



**Sharon United Methodist Church**  
*Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor*  
**Sunday, December 22, 2024 – 11:00 AM**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



Bringing in the Light of Christ		Julie Cherry
Prelude		Anita Cotton
Opening Prayer		Rev. Toni Wood
Words of Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		Preston Murray
Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!		
<b>People: O come, let us adore him.</b>		
Leader: And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!		
<b>People: O come, let us adore him.</b>		
Leader: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising		
<b>People: O come, let us adore him.</b>		
*Hymn of Praise	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	UMH 238
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:39-55	Preston Murray
Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent - LOVE		Jeanne Murray
Christmas Cantata	“Jesus, There’s Something About That Name”	Choir
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory		
*Doxology		
<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.</b>		
<b>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>		
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Closing Hymn	“The First Noel”	UMH 245
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		
*Benediction		
*Sending Forth	"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" vs. 1	On Screen /CH 196
*Postlude		Anita Cotton

(\* Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Dec. 22</b>	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
<b>Tues. Dec. 24</b>	7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service Happy Birthday to Lib Donski
<b>Wed. Dec. 25</b>	<b>Merry Christmas!!</b>
<b>Thurs. Dec. 26</b>	CANCELED - 7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) CANCELED - 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
<b>Sun. Dec. 29</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship Happy Birthday to Edward Donovan

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### 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

### DECEMBER 29

**Acolyte:** Rosalie Jones  
**Greeters:** Linda Kimble & Donna Steigelman  
**Worship Leader:** Danielle Skinner  
**Ushers:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Julie Cherry & Sue Collie  
**Trustee:** Mager Kirk

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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!
- **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!
- **United Methodist Women Prayer Partners 2025** – Turn in forms to Cathy Forbes by December 22, 2024.
- **Cookbooks** – We still have our Sharon UMC cookbooks, *More Kitchen Classics*, available for \$20.00 per cookbook. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, please contact Cathy Forbes at (252) 202-1952.
- **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](http://www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028). You can also click the YouTube link at the bottom of our website [www.sharon-umc.org](http://www.sharon-umc.org).

## FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2024 Monthly Budget</b>	<b>Received Last Month (November)</b>	<b>Received Last Sunday</b>
\$6,088.42	\$5,854.00	\$607.00