



Sharon United Methodist Church
 Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, December 8, 2024 – 11:00 AM
Second Sunday of Advent



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

People: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Affirmation of Faith

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We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testament as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the church, those who are united in the living Lord for the purpose of worship and service. We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

CH 244

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Jeanne Murray

Lighting the Second Candle of Advent – PEACE

Marshall Cherry

Children’s Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“Blessed Be the Child”

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

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

CH 277

Scripture Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

Sermon

“Are You On His List?”

*Closing Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

CH 245

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" vs. 3

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*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Dec. 8	Second Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Dec. 9	11:30 am – SPRC Meeting 2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Tues. Dec. 10	Happy Birthday to Ian (Tink) Chambers
Wed. Dec. 11	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program Happy Birthday to Jay Dienn
Thurs. Dec. 12	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Dec. 13	Happy Birthday to Rosalie Jones
Sat. Dec. 14	Happy Anniversary to Craig & Mandy Williams
Sun. Dec. 15	Third Sunday of Advent 9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

DECEMBER 8

Acolyte: Kasey Fairley
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Jeanne Murray
Ushers: Sylvia Kirk & Danielle Skinner
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Mager Kirk

DECEMBER 15

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

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 Angel Tree** – Please bring your **unwrapped gift**, with your Angel included or attached to your gift, to the church by **Sunday, December 15th** and place it in the container in the library. For more information, please contact Sylvia Kirk at sjdkirk@gmail.com or (252) 202-6648. Thank you so much for your support.
- **Christmas Cookies** – The Outreach Team is asking for your help in donating cookies that will be delivered to local Fire Stations & EMS in Waterlily and Grandy for Christmas. Please bring your cookies to church on **Sunday, December 15th**. We will be packing the cookie containers in the Fellowship Hall directly after church for delivery that afternoon. For more information, please contact Julie Cherry at (252) 207-3651.
- **UMW Christmas Social - Tuesday, December 17, 12:00 pm at BJ's Carolina Cafe** – All the women of the church, along with spouses and other guests, are invited to celebrate Christmas with the UMW at BJ's Carolina Cafe on Tuesday, December 17th at noon. If you have a prayer partner, bring your gifts to the lunch. We will also elect our 2025 officers. We really need someone to step up to be our secretary. Call Jeanne Murray at (252) 423-0851 if you are thinking about it or have questions. Join us for fellowship and fun!
- **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.
- **United Methodist Women Prayer Partners 2025** – If you would like to participate in this ministry and enjoy the blessings of praying for someone else and having someone remember you in prayer throughout the year, please contact Cathy Forbes by December 22, 2024 at forbescat101@gmail.com or (252) 202-1952.

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2024 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (November)	Received Last Sunday
\$6,088.42	\$5,854.00	\$1,454.00