



Sharon United Methodist Church
Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor
Sunday, February 2, 2025 – 11:00 AM
Communion Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 71)

Leader: The Lord, almighty God, is our hope;

People: *God is our trust from when we were young.*

Leader: The Lord is to us a rock of refuge,

People: *a strong fortress to save us.*

Leader: May our lips shall be filled with God's praises all the days of our life.

All: *Come, let us worship God!*

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

On Screen/UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Hymn of Praise

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UMH 384

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Julie Cherry

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"He Calls the Stars by Name"

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

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH 620

Scripture Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Sermon

"Love"

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408 (vs. 3)

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

"The Family of God"

On Screen/CH 419

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Feb. 2	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
Mon. Feb. 3	10:00 am – SPRC Meeting
Tues. Feb. 4	Happy Birthday to Debra Elliott
Wed. Feb. 5	7:00 pm – SPM Zoom Meeting Happy Birthday to Craig Williams
Thurs. Feb. 6	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray)
Fri. Feb. 7	Happy Birthday to Carole Mangham
Sun. Feb. 9	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Mark Jackson

WORSHIP TEAMS

FEBRUARY 2

Acolyte: Marshall Cherry
Greeters: Donna Steigelman & Bobbie Piper
Worship Leader: Julie Cherry
Ushers: Danielle Skinner & Jan Edgar
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Julie Cherry & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

FEBRUARY 9

Acolyte: Rosalie Jones
Greeters: Janet Fairley & Mandy Williams
Worship Leader: Danielle Skinner
Ushers: Bob Gadkowski & Joe Coriaggio
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Bob Gadkowski

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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!
- **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.
- **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.
- **Altar Flowers 2025** – 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.
- **Online Giving** – We have established an online giving method for SUMC. We encourage you to continue giving in the manner that is most convenient for you, but know that this online giving option is available. Feel free to share this new way of donating to our church with others. You can donate by using the link on our website at <https://www.sharon-umc.org/> or by scanning the QR Code below.

AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN
faith, hope & love
 BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE
 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2025 Monthly Budget \$ 7,502.38	Received Last Month (January) \$6,159.00	Received Last Sunday \$1,389.00	