



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, January 5, 2025 – 11:00 AM

Communion/Epiphany Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Kamryn Young

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer

Rev. Toni Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Based on Isaiah 60)

Jan Edgar

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;

People: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

Leader: The nations shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*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

“We Three Kings”

UMH 254

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

Jan Edgar

Children’s Message

Installation of 2025 Leaders and Team Members

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem

“In the Name of Love”

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

“I Come with Joy”

UMH 617 (vs. 1-4)

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

“Wise Men Still Seek Him”

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn

“I Come with Joy”

UMH 617 (vs. 5)

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Benediction

*Sending Forth

"Bind Us Together"

On Screen/CH 425

*Postlude

Anita Cotton

(* Please stand as you are able

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Sun. Jan. 5	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Installation of 2025 Leaders and Team Members)
Mon. Jan. 6	Epiphany 2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Tues. Jan. 7	Happy Birthday to Donna Steigelman
Wed. Jan. 8	2:40 pm – SUMC Literacy Tutoring Program
Thurs. Jan. 9	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 6:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Deb Chambers
Sun. Jan. 12	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship

WORSHIP TEAMS

JANUARY 5

Acolyte: Kamryn Young
Greeters: Marshall & Julie Cherry
Worship Leader: Jan Edgar
Ushers: Deb Chambers & Danielle Skinner
Flowers: Deb Chambers
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski
Trustee: Anita Cotton

JANUARY 12

Acolyte: Danielle Skinner
Greeters: Deb Chambers & Joe Coriaggio
Worship Leader: Ken Edgar
Ushers: Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Sylvia Kirk & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Anita Cotton

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.
- **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.
- **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.

ALTAR FLOWERS



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



FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

2025 Monthly Budget	Received Last Month (December)	Received Last Sunday
\$ 7,502.38	\$6,974.25	\$1,260.25