



# Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, January 11, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Baptism of the Lord Sunday



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Kasey Fairley

Prelude

Gay Statler

Opening Prayer

Rev. Toni Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (From Psalm 29)

Julie Cherry

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O mighty ones,

**People: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;

**People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

**People: The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord in the splendor of God's holiness!**

\*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

"His Name Is Life" and "His Name Is Wonderful"

CH 117 & 118

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Julie Cherry

Children's Message

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Holy Ground"

Jeanne Murray & Cathy Forbes

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 of Preparation

"Baptized in Water"

CH 465

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

"Baptism of Jesus"

\*Closing Hymn

"Jesus, Our Lord and King"

CH 466

\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*Benediction

\*Sending Forth

"The Family of God"

On Screen /CH 419

\*Postlude

Gay Statler

(\* ) Please stand as you are able

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

<b>Sun. Jan. 11</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship
<b>Thurs. Jan. 15</b>	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice Happy Birthday to Jim Zettersall
<b>Fri. Jan. 16</b>	Happy Birthday to Dorothy Sellers
<b>Sat. Jan. 17</b>	Happy Birthday to Danielle Skinner
<b>Sun. Jan. 18</b>	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Blessing of the School Supply Bags)

## WORSHIP TEAMS

### JANUARY 11

**Acolyte:** Kasey Fairley  
**Greeters:** Donna Steigelman & Mark Jackson  
**Worship Leader:** Julie Cherry  
**Ushers:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Jeanne Murray & Barbara Gadkowski  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

### JANUARY 18

**Acolyte:** Joe Coriaggio  
**Greeters:** Marshall & Julie Cherry  
**Worship Leader:** Jeanne Murray  
**Ushers:** Mark Jackson & Madelyn Conroy  
**Flowers:** OPEN  
**Counters:** Julie Cherry & Sue Collie  
**Trustee:** Anita Cotton

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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](http://www.youtube.com/@sharonumcpoplarbranchnc9028).
- **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 2026** – 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](mailto:imeekins14@gmail.com) or 252-202-6401.
- **Online Giving** – You can donate by using the link on our website at <https://www.sharon-umc.org/> or by scanning the QR Code below.



## FINANCES OF THE CHURCH

<b>2026 Monthly Budget</b> \$6,030.25	<b>Received Last Month (December)</b> \$7,116.58	<b>Received Last Sunday</b> \$1,636.00	