



Sharon United Methodist Church

Rev. Toni C. Wood, Pastor

Sunday, January 18, 2026 – 11:00 AM



Bringing in the Light of Christ

Joe Coriaggio

Prelude

Anita Cotton

Opening Prayer

Rev. Toni Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 40)

Jeanne Murray

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

People: He drew me up from the desolate pit, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

People: Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

Leader: Let us Worship the LORD Most High.

*Affirmation of Faith "A Statement of Faith of The United Church of Canada" On Screen/UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

"God Is So Good"

CH 193

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Jeanne Murray

Children's Message

Blessing of the School Supply Bags

Sharing our Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

"Worthy of Worship"

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 of Preparation

"Lamb of God"

CH 302

Scripture Lesson

John 1:29-42

Sermon

"Lamb of God"

*Closing Hymn

"Take the Name of Jesus with You"

CH 235

*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. Jan. 18	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship (Blessing of the School Supply Bags)
Mon. Jan. 19	7:00 pm – Finance Zoom Meeting Happy Birthday to Beth Childers
Thurs. Jan. 22	7:30 am – Seekers Bible Study (Facilitated by Jeanne Murray) 4:00 pm – Choir Practice
Fri. Jan. 23	Happy Birthday to Ruby Creason
Sun. Jan. 25	9:45 am – Christian Journey Class 10:00 am – Bryan Morris Class 11:00 am – Worship 12:15 pm – SPRC Meeting

WORSHIP TEAMS

JANUARY 18

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

JANUARY 25

Acolyte: Bob Gadkowski
Greeters: Linda Kimble & Joe Coriaggio
Worship Leader: Marshall Cherry
Ushers: Rosalie Jones & Patricia Leary
Flowers: OPEN
Counters: Jeanne Murray & Patricia Leary
Trustee: Anita Cotton

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Book/Bible Study, Monday, February 2, 11:00 am** – Join us for a study of Adam Hamilton's *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* on Mondays at 11:00 am beginning on Monday, February 2 in the Learning Center. Please see Jeanne Murray for a copy of the book.
- **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.
- **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 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

2026 Monthly Budget \$6,030.25	Received Last Month (December) \$7,116.58	Received Last Sunday \$532.00	